
Community and Natural Environment Committee

Te Komiti Haapori me te Oranga o te Taiao

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Community and Natural Environment Committee held in the Council Chamber and via Audio-Visual Link, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton on Tuesday 10 September 2024 at 9:30am.

PRESENT

Chairperson Cr Kesh Naidoo-Rauf
Heamana

Deputy Chairperson Cr Anna Casey-Cox
Heamana Tuarua

Members

- Mayor Paula Southgate
- Deputy Mayor Angela O’Leary
- Cr Maxine van Oosten
- Cr Moko Tauariki
- Cr Ewan Wilson
- Cr Mark Donovan (via Audio Visual Link)
- Cr Louise Hutt
- Cr Andrew Bydder
- Cr Geoff Taylor
- Cr Sarah Thomson
- Cr Emma Pike
- Cr Maria Huata
- Cr Tim Macindoe
- Maangai Olly Te Ua

Todd Nochowitz from the Waikato Interfaith Council opened the meeting with a prayer.

The Committee had a moment of silence in memory of Kiingi Tuheitia and the Chair acknowledged the new monarch Nga wai hono i te po.

1. **Apologies – Tono aroha**

Resolved: (Cr Naidoo-Rauf/Cr Casey-Cox)

That the apologies for partial attendance from Cr Hutt, Cr Macindoe, and Cr Donovan, and for lateness from Mayor Southgate and Cr Tauariki are accepted.

2. **Confirmation of Agenda – Whakatau raarangi take**

Resolved: (Cr Naidoo-Rauf/Cr Casey-Cox)

That the agenda is confirmed.

3. Declarations of Interest – *Tauaakii whaipanga*

Cr Macindoe declared an interest in Item 7 (Community Occupancy Applications Report - Hamilton Marist Rugby Football Club, Shinjokai Karate-Do Association and Waikato Chinese Association). He took part in the discussion and voted on the matter.

4. Public Forum – *Aatea koorero*

Rachel Karalus and Lale Ieremia (K'aute) spoke to item 8 (General Managers Report) in particular the status of the development in and around the K'aute Pasifika village property. They responded to questions from Members concerning funding, the early learning centre, events programme, and primary health services.

Hazel Scandlyn spoke to Item 7 (Community Occupancy Applications Report - Hamilton Marist Rugby Football Club, Shinjokai Karate-Do Association and Waikato Chinese Association) in support of the Shinjokai Karate-Do Association lease application and youth use of their services.

Selam Simon spoke to Item 7 (Community Occupancy Applications Report - Hamilton Marist Rugby Football Club, Shinjokai Karate-Do Association and Waikato Chinese Association) in support of the Shinjokai Karate-Do Association lease application and the impact the club had on their daughter's confidence.

Kewa Low (New Zealand Chinese Association – Waikato Branch) spoke to Item 7 (Community Occupancy Applications Report - Hamilton Marist Rugby Football Club, Shinjokai Karate-Do Association and Waikato Chinese Association) in particular the impact the club had in the Chinese community and requested a 15-year lease.

Deputy Mayor O'Leary left the meeting (9.40am) during the discussion of the above item.

5. Confirmation of the Open Community and Natural Environment Committee Minutes - 11 June 2024

Resolved: (Cr Naidoo-Rauf/Cr Casey-Cox)

That the Community and Natural Environment Committee confirm the Open Minutes of the Community Committee Meeting held on 11 June 2024 as a true and correct record.

6. Chair's report

The Chair took report as read. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning age friendly facilities.

Staff action: *Staff undertook to confirm the upcoming Information Session which would include Age Friendly and Celebrating Centre progress.*

Resolved: (Cr Naidoo-Rauf/Deputy Mayor O'Leary)

That the Community and Natural Environment Committee receives the report.

Deputy Mayor O'Leary re-joined the meeting (10.02am) during the discussion of the above item. She was present when the matter was voted on.

7. Community Occupancy Applications Report - Hamilton Marist Rugby Football Club, Shinjokai Karate-Do Association and Waikato Chinese Association

The Sports & Community Manager provided an update on draft lease agreements, funding request and changes to existing agreements. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning the Community Occupancy Policy, uses of community facilities, and accounting of all Council spaces for use.

Staff Action: *Staff undertook to provide Members with further information on the modernised booking system.*

Staff Action: *Staff undertook to provide Members a timeframe for the updates of the Council website, which would include contact list for Community facilities, that they could promote to the Community.*

Resolved: (Cr Pike/Cr Bydder)

That the Community and Natural Environment Committee:

- a) receives the report,
- b) approves the addition of 3,000m² of land (junior artificial turf) to *Hamilton Marist Rugby Football Club Incorporated* draft community occupancy lease agreement, under section 54(1)(b) of the Reserves Act 1977, making the new total land area for artificial turfs at Marist Park, 13,958m². The additional land being Section 8 SO 462723, as shown in **Attachment 3**;
- c) notes that final approval of the community occupancy agreement for the artificial turf and floodlights was delegated to the General Manager Customer and Community at the 26 October 2023, Community and Natural Environment Committee Meeting;
- d) approval to grant a new *community group lease*, under s54(1)(b) of the Reserves Act 1977, to *Shinjokai Karate-Do Incorporated* for Frankton Railway Institute Hall, being 307m² on Frankton Railway Park, as shown on **Attachment 4**, being part of lot 1 DPS 37471, subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - i. Term – 10 years;
 - ii. Rent - \$1,535 plus GST per annum
 - iii. All other terms and conditions in accordance with the Community Occupancy Policy and Community Occupancy Guidelines.
- e) approval to grant a new *community group lease*, under s54(1)(b) of the Reserves Act 1977, to *The NZ Chinese Association Incorporated - Waikato Branch* for land area of 346m² at Glenview Park, as shown in **Attachment 5**, being Part Lot 72 DPS 9791, subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - i. Term – 15 years;
 - ii. Rent - \$261.19 plus GST per annum, in accordance with the Community Occupancy Policy; and
 - iii. All other terms and conditions in accordance with the Community Occupancy Policy and Guidelines.

8. General Managers Report

The General Manager Customer & Community took report as read. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning the timeframe around opening the space that surrounds K'aute's Fale.

Resolved: (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor O'Leary)

That the Community and Natural Environment Committee:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) notes the deferral of the Art in Infrastructure Policy briefing to a future meeting in early 2025.

The meeting was adjourned 10.48am to 11.07am.

9. Libraries Strategy Update

The Libraries Director provided an update on the progress of the library's programmes and services. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning usage changes across the network, prevention methods to control Anti- Social behaviour, Dementia accreditation, play spaces for the children, and the Matariki programme.

Resolved: (Cr Naidoo-Rauf/Cr Hutt)

That the Community and Natural Environment Committee receives the report.

10. Playgrounds Programme Update

The Parks & Recreation Unit Director provided an update on plans for delivery of the Play Space Programme and recommended improvements in the parks space. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning fencing, pedestrian traffic data in garden place, and options to improve offerings to attract families to the Central City.

Staff action: *Staff undertook to invite all Members to the future Playgrounds Working Group Meetings.*

Resolved: (Cr Naidoo- Rauf/Mayor Southgate)

That the Community and Natural Environment Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves the delivery of the renewals' projects included in **Attachment 1**; and
- c) approves, **subject to d below**, the delivery of recommended playground improvement projects as detailed in **Attachment 1** of the staff report;
- d) requests staff undertake the following, to ensure the right level of prioritisation and cost-effectiveness:
 - i. work with the Playgrounds Working Group to confirm priorities, locations, and timing for level of service improvement projects;
 - ii. along with the Working Group, work with central city developers and external funders to explore opportunities to partner in the delivery of Central City play space(s); and
- e) notes that:
 - i. community engagement will be undertaken on each project prior to design being confirmed; and
 - ii. final designs and delivery of play projects will incorporate community views.

Cr Macindoe retired from the meeting (12.02pm) during the discussion of the above item. He was not present when the matter was voted on.

11. Animal and Dog Control Review Programme – Approval to Consult

The Strategy & Policy Advisor provided took report as read. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning resourcing, consultation questions and opportunities for cross organisation upskilling in infringements such as city safe team being upskilled in Animal Control matters. **Staff action:** *Staff undertook to provide Members with further information on purpose and relevance for the Ethnicity question in the consultation document.*

Resolved: (Cr Naidoo-Rauf/Cr Oosten)

That the Community and Natural Environment Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves the draft Statement of Proposal (**Attachment 1**);
- c) approves for public consultation the:
 - i. Proposed amended Dog Control Policy (**Attachment 2**),
 - ii. Proposed amended Dog Control Bylaw (**Attachment 4**),
 - iii. Proposed amended Animal Nuisance Bylaw (**Attachment 6**); and
- d) approves public consultation from 18 September 2024 to 18 October 2024.

12. Reserve Classification and Naming (*Recommendation to the Council*)

The Business and Planning Graduate took the report as read.

Resolved: (Cr Hutt/Cr Tauariki)

That the Community and Natural Environment Committee:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) recommends that the Council **approves:**
 - i. the classification of the reserves set out in Schedule One as recreation reserves, subject to the Reserves Act 1977, and approves the names, in accordance with Council's Naming of Roads, Open Spaces and Council Facilities Policy:

Schedule One: Recreation Reserves

Proposed Reserve Name	Area (ha)	Legal Description	Attachment Reference	New Reserve or Addition to Existing Reserve
Tuna Kai Park	0.1201	Lot 200 DP504587	Map 1	New Reserve
Whakapakari Park	6.4427	Section 6 SO 478480 Section 7 SO 478480	Map 2	New Reserve

- ii. the classification of the reserves set out in Schedule Two as local purpose (esplanade) reserves, subject to the Reserves Act 1977;
- iii. the proposed names, in accordance with Council's Naming of Roads, Open Spaces and Council Facilities Policy:

Schedule Two: Local Purpose (Esplanade) Reserves

Proposed Reserve Name	Area (ha)	Legal Description	Attachment Reference	New or Addition to Existing Reserve
Mangaiti Park	0.2845	Lot 13 DP 494366	Map 3	Addition to Existing Reserve
Mangakotukutuku Esplanade Reserve	4.7283 4.3996	Section 2 SO 544662 Section 2 SO 514748 Section 2 SO 517435	Map 4	Addition to Existing Reserve
Te Awa O Katapaki Esplanade	3.2215	Lot 20 DP 490815 Lot 411 DP 490815 Lot 28 DP 481186	Map 5	Addition to Existing Reserve
Mangaharakeke Esplanade	0.2845 0.56	Lot 13 DP 494366 Lot 2 DPS 57602	Map 6	New Reserve
Mangaonua Esplanade	0.115	Lot 4 DP 513776	Map 7	Addition to Existing Reserve

Minute Note – 13/12/2024

Following the adoption of these minutes on 13/13/2024 the changes in blue above were made to reflect the correct Legal Description and Area Mangakotukutuku Esplanade Reserve and Mangaharakeke Esplanade

The meeting was declared closed at 12.36pm.