



Community and Services Committee

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Community and Services Committee held in Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton on Tuesday 21 February 2017 at 9.30am.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Cr P Southgate
Deputy Chairperson	Cr P Yeung
Members	Mayor A King
	Deputy Mayor M Gallagher
	Cr M Bunting
	Cr J R Casson
	Cr S Henry
	Cr D Macpherson
	Cr G Mallett
	Cr A O’Leary
	Cr R Pascoe
	Cr G Taylor
	Cr L Tooman

In Attendance:	Chief Executive – Richard Briggs
	General Manager Community – Lance Vervoort
	General Manager City Growth – Kelvyn Eglinton
	General Manager Strategy and Communications – Sean Hickey
	General Manager City Infrastructure – Chris Allen
	General Manager of Venues, Tourism and Major Events – Sean Murray
	Parks and Open Spaces Manager – Sally Sheedy
	Parks Planning and Assets Team Leader – Renee McMillan
	Community Occupancy Advisor – Karen Kwok
	Communications Advisor – Jeff Neems
	Economic Growth and Planning Unit Manager – Luke O’Dwyer
	Hamilton Gardens Manager – Peter Sergel
	Community Business Manager – Helen Paki
	Principal Planner – Nathanael Savage
	Strategy Programme Manager – Julie Clausen
	Transportation Operations Team Leader – Robyn Denton
	Senior Planners – Paul Ryan & Raewyn Simpson

Chief Executive Officer of Sports Waikato – Mathew Cooper
General Manager Regional Leadership of Sports Waikato – Michelle Hollands
Relationships Manager of Sports NZ – Sarah Dunning
Co-founder of Htown – Diana Ruri
General Manager of Te Awa – Jennifer Palmer
Trustees of Te Awa – Simon Perry and Julian Williams
Partnership and Sponsorship Manager- Lisa Topscov

Governance Advisors: Governance Manager – Lee-Ann Jordan
Governance Team Leader – Becca Brooke
Committee Advisors – Ian Loiterton and Amy Viggers

1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

2. Confirmation of Agenda

Resolved: (Crs Bunting/Casson)

That the agenda is confirmed noting: Item 11(HCC's Draft 1 Submission to the Proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1 – Waikato and Waipa River Catchments (8 March 2017) is to be taken after Item 8 (Te Awa River Ride Project Update) to accommodate staff availability.

3. Declarations of Interest

No members declared a Conflict of Interest.

4. Public Forum

Walter Smithson (Waikato Guild of Woodworks Representative) Spoke to Item 9 (Community Occupancy - Applications from Hamilton BMX and Waikato Guild of Woodworkers). He expressed his satisfaction that the lease was to be continued for 15 years based on the staff report recommendations.

Elaine Lucas (Hamilton BMX Representative) Spoke to Item 9 (Community Occupancy - Applications from Hamilton BMX and Waikato Guild of Woodworkers). She noted that she was happy with the terms and conditions outlined in the staff report. She responded to questions from the Committee Members concerning the length of the lease, confirming the period of the lease was acceptable to the club.

5. Moving Waikato 2025

Matthew Cooper (Chief Executive Officer – Sports Waikato) and Michelle Hollands (General Manager Regional Leadership – Sports Waikato) presented the Moving Waikato 2025 strategy to the Committee. The presenters shared the key messages of the strategy and responded to questions from the Elected Members concerning the following points:

- trends concerning perception of sport and the implications for organised sport and the way people used indoor and outdoor recreation/sport spaces and venues,
- Collaboration with a number of organisations including Waikato District Council and Waikato DHB,
- Educational programmes regarding food and activity as a means to improve health outcomes,
- Sports Waikato's role which was to lead, enable and connect people to recreational and physical activity,
- Recreation and health initiative for high deprivation areas,
- How the strategy was responding to the needs of older persons.

Committee Members were asked to provide feedback on the Moving Waikato 2025 strategy to the General Manager Community who would collate the feedback to bring back to a future Elected Member Briefing session.

Resolved: (Crs Bunting/Henry)

That:

- a) the report is received; and
- b) feedback is given to Sport Waikato on the strategy.

6. Sport New Zealand Community Sports Strategy

Sarah Dunning (Relationships Manager of Sports NZ) presented the Sports New Zealand Community Sports Strategy to the Committee. She explained that the strategy focused on targeted investment in areas of the population with growing needs and was system-led. The strategy was informed by trend information, demographic data, facilities usage, and other data including survey responses. Priority areas for investment included young girls and young people in low decile urban areas. Ms Dunning responded to questions from Elected Members related to:

- Sport NZ's targeted investment approach
- the needs and preferences of different cultural and ethnic groups
- survey mechanisms
- national and regional funding priorities and the potential for corporate funding
- keep up with the evolving nature of sport.

Resolved: (Crs Yeung/Henry)

That the Community and Services Committee receives the report.

The meeting adjourned 11.15am – 11.30am.

7. Hamilton Skatepark Update

Diana Ruri (Co-founder of HTown) joined the Team Leader of Planning and Assets, and the Community Occupancy Advisor who presented the Hamilton Skatepark Update to the Committee.

Committee Members discussed changing trends regarding skatepark use. It was noted that no new skateparks were proposed for in the current 10 Year Plan. Skateparks were not monitored for maintenance and renewal like playgrounds due to the long life expectancy of these assets.

Elected Members noted that HTown's preferred site for a future skatepark in Hamilton would be Pit Lane in the CBD.

Resolved: (Crs O'Leary/Yeung)

That:

- a) the Community and Services Committee receives the report; and
- b) the Skate Spaces Plan and funding proposals be considered in the 2018-28 10 Year Plan.

8. Te Awa RiverRide Project Update

Trustees of Te Awa, Simon Perry and Julian Williams presented an update concerning the Te Awa RiverRide Project to the Committee. They responded to questions from the Elected Members concerning funding for future and developing trails.

It was confirmed that NZTA was funding most of the remaining trail stages to encourage multi-modal transport options. Trustees confirmed that there was no intention for a funding application to be submitted to Hamilton City Council for the remaining stages of the project. The end stage of the Te Awa RiverRide was to link up to Waikato River Trails.

The Trustees noted that when the Wairere Drive moves to the planning stage Te Awa would like to be a part of the discussions and planning regarding biking infrastructure and paths, as well any planning discussion regarding Peacocke Bridge.

Resolved: (Crs Southgate/Gallagher)

That the report is received.

The meeting adjourned 1.30pm – 2.00pm.

Mayor King and Cr Macpherson left the meeting during the above adjournment.

Item 11 (HCC's Draft 1 Submission to the Proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change1 – Waikato and Waipa River Catchments (8 March 2017)) was taken after the adjournment to accommodate the availability of staff.

11. HCC's Draft 1 Submission to the Proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1 - Waikato and Waipa River Catchments (8 March 2017)

The Economic Growth and Planning Unit Manager introduced the staff report noting changes that had been made to the draft submission since the Council meeting on 14^{of} December 2016. Staff responded to questions from the Committee Members concerning the overall goal of the plan change which was to restore the water quality in the Waikato River to make it swimmable. This was

a requirement of the Resource Management Act 1991 and Waikato- Tainui Raupatu Claims (Waikato River) Settlement Act 2010.

Staff noted that making the Waikato River healthy was in the best interests of the community, though it may require Council to spend more on wastewater and stormwater infrastructure in the future. It was not known what the potential costs would be.

Resolved: (Crs Southgate/Gallagher)

That the Community and Services Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves Council's 8 February 2017 submission to Proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1 – Waikato and Waipa River Catchments for lodging with Waikato Regional Council by the submission closing date, 8 March 2017; and
- c) continues to pursue the relief sought in Council's submission throughout all stages of the plan change process.

9. **Community Occupancy - Applications from Hamilton BMX and Waikato Guild of Woodworkers**

Community Occupancy Advisor responded to questions from the Committee Members concerning length of leases related to the applications from Hamilton BMX and Waikato Guild of wood workers and the Community Occupancy Policy.

Staff confirmed that both clubs had longer leases in the past, were aware of the policy changes and were satisfied with the new lease timeframes. It was noted that the lease agreements included clauses allowing Council to manage its properties and address related issues if necessary.

Resolved: (Crs Mallett/Tooman)

That the Community and Services Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves a new community group lease to **Hamilton BMX Club Incorporated** for 7,463m² of land at Minogue Park, as shown in Attachment 1, being Part Allot 76 Pukete PSH and Part Allot 75 Pukete PSH, subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - i) permitted activity – BMX activities;
 - ii) term – 15 years;
 - iii) rent – \$1,381.63 plus GST per annum in accordance with the Community Occupancy Policy; and
 - iv) all other terms and conditions in accordance with the Community Occupancy Policy and Community Occupancy Guidelines.
- c) approves a new community group lease to **The Waikato Guild of Woodworkers Incorporated** for 498m² of land at 8 Storey Avenue, Forest Lake as shown in Attachment 2, being Part Lot 26 DP 15615, subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - i) permitted activity – Woodworking activities;
 - ii) term – 15 years;
 - iii) rent – \$323.75 plus GST per annum in accordance with the Community Occupancy Policy; and
 - iv) all other terms and conditions in accordance with the Community Occupancy

Policy and Community Occupancy Guidelines.

10. Hamilton City Council Sustainability Stocktake 2016

The Programme Manager Strategy summarised the key points in the staff report. She and the General Manager of Strategy and Communications responded to questions on the purpose of the report which Committee Members noted was confusing.

It was explained that the sustainability principles were previously adopted on 19 July 2016, and staff were to report to Council annually with an updated stocktake of the sustainable actions undertaken as business as usual by Council in support of the principles. The report was not focussed on new initiatives.

Staff confirmed there were no current measurements used to demonstrate if a change in relation to the principles had been successful or effective. Staff were currently working on developing tools and processes to enable better measurement and reporting.

Committee Members were advised that future Briefing sessions would be the best place for a dialogue regarding change to current sustainability processes.

Resolved: (Cr Southgate/Deputy Mayor Gallagher)

That:

- a) the Community and Services Committee receives the report; and
- b) staff provide options on reporting mechanisms to assess progress of sustainability actions and report back to the 16 May 2017 Community and Services Committee.

Councillors Mallett and O'Leary Dissenting.

Cr Macpherson re-joined the meeting (2.20pm) during the above item. He was present when the matter was voted on.

Cr Taylor left the meeting (3.00pm) during the discussion on the above item. He was not present when the matter was voted on.

Cr King re-joined the meeting (3.10pm) during discussion on the above item. He did not partake in the vote on the matter.

Cr Tooman left the meeting – (3.20pm) during the debate on the above item. He did not partake in the vote on the matter.

12. Hamilton Gardens Development Project Update

The Community Business Manager introduced the staff report and the Hamilton Gardens Manager and updated the Committee on the progress of the Hamilton Gardens Development Project. Staff responded to questions from Committee Members regarding funding and changes, in particular the jetty development.

Staff advised that following engagement with key stakeholders, a decision had been made to upgrade the existing jetty, which would ensure adequate access to and from the river as well as providing improvements to security and visual appeal. Staff noted that the funders of the project

had been advised of the changes to the jetty location and design and conceded these changes had not been notified to Council. It was identified that a portion of the funding had come from Vibrant Hamilton Trust which was a Hamilton City Council CCO.

The success of the fundraising project and the quality of the gardens were commended by Committee Members.

Resolved: (Crs Bunting/Mallett)

That the Community and Services Committee:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) recommends that Council formally acknowledges the significant contribution being made from ratepayers, community, funding agencies and philanthropists towards completion of the Hamilton Gardens Development Project.

Cr Pascoe left the meeting (3.30pm) during the above item. He was not present when the matter was voted on.

Cr O'Leary left the meeting (3.45pm) during the above item. She was not present when the matter was voted on.

8. Road Closure for South African Cricket One Day International 1 March 2017

Transportation Operations Team Leader took the staff report as read. She responded to questions from Committee Members concerning the road closure process.

It was explained that the closure of the road in question was a requirement of the International Cricket Council in hosting the match. Whilst usually road closures were managed under delegated authority, a decision was being sought from the Committee for the road closure due to the short notice for the request. Elected Members requested that staff go back to New Zealand Cricket to determine if road closures could be removed as a requirement for future matches.

Resolved: (Crs Mallett/Yeung)

That:

- a) the report be received;
- b) in accordance with the Clause 11(e), Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 1974, Council approves the closure of Seddon Road between Norton Road to Somerset Street for vehicular traffic between 11am and 11pm for the South Africa ODI on 1 March 2017; and
- c) in accordance with the provisions of clause 11A, Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 1974, Council shall give public notice of its decisions in clause b above.

14. General Manager's Report (Waterworld Renewals Update)

The General Manager Community took the staff report as read noting that no work would start on the renewal of Waterworld until a report on the Detailed Seismic Assessment due in March 2017 was received. He responded to questions from Committee Members concerning clarification of earthquake assessment detail requirements.

Resolved: (Crs Bunting/Yeung)
That the report is received.

The meeting was declared closed 4.05pm.