
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 27 June 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:	Richard Briggs – Chief Executive
	Lance Vervoort – General Manager of Community
	Sean Murray - General Manager Major Events, Venues and Tourism
	Blair Bowcott – Executive Director Special Projects
	Gina Hailwood – Special Projects Manager
	Stephen Standley – Zoo Director
	Andy Mannering – Manager Social Development
	Nick Johnston - Strategic Advisor, Arts and Community
	Renee McMillian – Team Leader Planning

Governance Advisors:	Lee-Ann Jordan - Governance Manager
	Amy Viggers and Claire Guthrie – Committee Advisors

1. Apologies

Resolved: (Crs Casson/Bunting)

That the apologies from Councillor Yeung and Councillor Macpherson (for lateness) be accepted.

2. Confirmation of Agenda

Resolved: (Crs Casson/Henry)

That the agenda is confirmed.

3. Declarations of Interest

No members of the Council declared a Conflict of Interest.

4. Public Forum

Colin Priest (Hillcrest Bowling Club representative) spoke to Item 9 (*Community Occupancy Applications – Hillcrest Bowling Club and Scout Association of New Zealand*) in support of the 5 year lease agreement.

Margaret Evans (TOTI representative) spoke to Item 10 (*Public Art Proposal*). She introduced Tim Elliot the artist behind the Dame Hilda Ross artwork piece and spoke in support of approval of the concept piece.

Bruce Clarkson (Chair of Waiwhakareke Advisory Group) spoke to Item 10 (*Hamilton Zoo Master Plan*) in support of the Hamilton Zoo Master Plan and the valuable work that was completed by the Zoo Master Plan Working Group to form the master plan.

Graham Pollard (Friends of the Zoo representative) spoke to Item 10 (*Hamilton Zoo Master Plan*). Mr Pollard spoke in support of the Hamilton Zoo Master plan and expressed that there may be external funding opportunities available.

Murray Bindon (Resident) spoke to Item 10 (*River Plan*). Mr Bindon noted some concerns about a connection path near his and other's properties that was referenced in the River Plan.

Councillor Macpherson joined the meeting at 9.41am during the above item.

5. Community and Services Committee Meetings Minutes - 16 May 2017

Resolved: (Crs Casson/Bunting)

That the Committee confirm the Open Minutes of the Community and Services Committee Meeting held on 16 May 2017 as a true and correct record.

6. Chair's Report - 27 June 2017

The report was taken as read. The Chair and staff responded to questions from Elected Members concerning the importance of community engagement through Elected Member's relationships with community groups.

Resolved: (Crs Taylor/Henry)

That the report be received.

7. General Managers Report

The General Manager Community spoke to the report. He explained that the deferral of the Social Wellbeing Indicator Report would allow time for a briefing with Elected Members to take place and any feedback received incorporated before the report was received by Community and Services Committee. He gave a verbal update of the progress of the construction of the Rototuna Indoor Recreation centre, including images of the facility.

Staff responded to questions from Elected Members on the future plans for a connected approach to booking city owned facilities for events and the likelihood that future users of the Rototuna Indoor Recreation centre would include a number of patrons that were not Hamilton City rate payers.

Resolved: (Crs Henry/Bunting)

That the Community and Services Committee receives the report.

The meeting adjourned (10.57-11.15am).

8. Public Art Proposals

The report was taken as read. The Strategic Advisor of Arts and Community acknowledged the great work that had been completed to date by TOTI and John Webb from Chedworth Properties on both art concepts. He noted that as per the Proposed Public Art Development Process, neither project was at stage 3 so there was no detailed designs were not yet available. Staff responded to questions from the Elected Members on the following:

Dame Hilda Ross - It was confirmed that there was no budget available to upgrade the Plaza as suggested by TOTI when the art piece was placed. However, there could be some discretionary funds available to refresh aspects of the plaza area which would be discussed at a later date.

Chedworth Properties Proposal - Chedworth Properties had started the discussion with Council to gift an art piece to Council. The location of the artwork was yet to be determined.

Ongoing care and maintenance - The ongoing care and maintenance costs related to both projects would be added to the public art maintenance schedule. Costs (including insurance costs) would be determined at the next stage of the Proposed Public Art Development Process.

Resolved: (Deputy Mayor Gallagher/Cr O'Leary)

That the Community and Services Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves TOTI's Dame Hilda Ross artwork concept at Stage 2 of the Public Art Development Process; and
- c) approves Chedworth Properties' artwork proposal at Stage 1 and 2 of the Public Art Development Process.

9. Community Occupancy Applications - Hillcrest Bowling Club and Scout Association of New Zealand

The report was taken as read. Staff responded to questions from the Elected Members concerning the national trend that bowling as a sport had a declining membership (which was the case for Hillcrest Bowling Club). The site of the bowling club was reserved for construction of a future water reservoir in 2030. Approval of the five year lease of the site did not prevent an application for lease of the space in 5 years time.

Resolved: (Crs Southgate/Gallagher)

That the Community and Services Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) revokes the Extraordinary Council resolution dated 13 June 2006;
 - c) *Council provide \$390,000 funding towards construction of bowling facilities at Lugton Park subject to:*
 - i) *Council receiving this amount of revenue from the sale of the existing Hillcrest Bowling site.*
- c) approves a new community group lease under s54(1)(b) of the Reserves Act 1977, to **Hillcrest Bowling Club Incorporated** for 5,980m² of land at 111 Cambridge Road, as shown in **Attachment 1**, being Lot 2 DP 36078, Lots 4 and 5 DP36078, Lot 11 DP 28475 and part of Lot 1 DPS 76755, subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - (i) term – 5 years;
 - (ii) rent – \$1,197.50 plus GST per annum in accordance with the Community Occupancy Policy;
 - (iii) lessee acknowledges, and accepts that the Lessor may at any time, without liability for compensation, require the land for water reservoir purposes prior to the expiry of the lease;
 - (iv) lessee to provide Lessor access to the site prior to the lease expiry for non-intrusive works to assess the feasibility of the site for an expansion of the water reservoir;
 - (v) all other terms and conditions in accordance with the Community Occupancy Policy and Community Occupancy Guidelines; and
 - (vi) that staff report back to Community and Services Committee Meeting within 6 months on the future of bowling clubs and their strategic locations around the city.
- d) approves a new community group lease to **Scout Association of New Zealand** for 704m² of land at 77 Norton Road, as shown in **Attachment 2**, being Part Lot 101 Deeds 100, subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - (i) term – 15 years;
 - (ii) rent – \$427.00 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 Community Occupancy Guidelines.

10. **Hamilton Zoo Master Plan**

The Zoo Director introduced the report noting that the Hamilton Zoo Master Plan provided a future direction for the Hamilton Zoo and he presented the public consultation outcomes. Staff responded to questions from the Elected Members concerning:

Visitor numbers – It was expected that visitors to the Hamilton Zoo this year would be 130,000. New enclosures and/or the births of baby animals, typically increased visitor numbers. It was important to keep refreshing the Zoo offerings to maintain and increased visitor attendance.

Conservation – Currently the Hamilton Zoo was releasing a significant number of wildlife back into their natural environments, and contributing to funding for conservation programs. Education on conservation was an area that the Hamilton Zoo was planning to increase. 8000 students attended

education programs each year.

Funding – Approval of the Hamilton Zoo Master plan did not commit Council to funding, but enabled funding plans to be developed, 10 Year Plan discussions to occur and external funding options to be explored. There was an expectation that 30% of the funding would be through external avenues. The total cost to implement the Hamilton Zoo Master Plan would be \$15.688 million. The current cost to ratepayers each year for Hamilton Zoo maintenance, upkeep and staffing was \$3 million net.

Motion: (Crs O'Leary/Gallagher)

That the Community and Services Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves the Hamilton Zoo Master Plan;
- c) notes that any funding commitments to implement the Hamilton Zoo Master Plan be considered through the 2018-28 10 Year Plan process; and
- d) that the CE write to the external members of the Zoo Master Plan Working Group to thank them for their contribution.

Those for the Motion: Councillors Bunting, Gallagher, Henry, O'Leary, Pascoe, Southgate, Taylor and Tooman

Those against the Motion: Mayor King, Councillors Casson, Macpherson and Mallett

The Motion was declared carried.

Resolved: (Crs O'Leary/Gallagher)

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The meeting adjourned during questions on the above item (1.07-1.45pm).

11. River Plan

The Special Projects Manager introduced the report and presented a high level design plan. The Chair and Deputy Chair of the River Plan Taskforce spoke to the work the taskforce had undertaken and the proposal to extend the life of the taskforce. Staff responded to questions from Elected Members concerning:

Projects - The following projects were included in the Annual Plan Budget, and other projects would be considered as part of the 10 Year Plan process:

- Connection/Upper Promenade from Victoria on The River (VOTR) to Embassy;
- Ferrybank Development Plan - Stage One of Phase One; and
- Riverside Wayfinding signage.

Budget – Staff noted that in using the same contractors for both VOTR and River Plan projects, Council would be saving money. The current budget allowed for worst case scenario regarding the

condition of the river's edge as well as lighting and CCTV.

Funding - Discussion on the funding pledged by the Donny trust was still being discussed with Momentum.

Motion: (Crs Gallagher/ O'Leary)

That the Community and Services Committee:

- a) receives the Report;
- b) approves the 2017/18 River Plan Work Programme subject to the budget being confirmed in the 2017/18 Annual Plan comprising the following projects:
 - I. connection – Victoria on the River to Embassy Site subject to consultation with the affected residents;
 - II. Ferrybank Development Plan – Phase One/Stage One; and
 - III. riverside path wayfinding signage.
- c) approves an extension of the River Plan Taskforce Terms of Reference until 30 December 2017.
- d) approves the River Plan Taskforce to submit a proposed programme of River Plan project works to Council for consideration in the 10-Year Plan.
- e) notes that the River Plan Taskforce will support staff to begin planning and engage with potential external partners for the Ferrybank Development Plan – Phase One projects, comprising the following projects:
 - I. connection/Upper Promenade – Museum to Grantham Street;
 - II. riverside Retaining;
 - III. riverside Promenade;
 - IV. pontoon at existing Ferrybank jetty;
 - V. connection/Upper Promenade – Museum to Embassy; and
 - VI. connection – Sapper Moore Jones to Upper Promenade.

Amendment: (Crs Macpherson/Mallett)

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The Amendment was put.

Those for the Amendment: Mayor King and Councillor Macpherson.

Those against the Amendment: Councillors Bunting, Casson, Gallagher, Henry, Mallett, O'Leary, Pascoe, Southgate, Taylor and Tooman.

The Amendment was declared lost.

The Motion was put.

Those for the Motion: Councillors Bunting, Gallagher, Henry, O'Leary, Pascoe, Southgate, Taylor and Tooman.

Those against the Motion Mayor King, Councillors Casson, Macpherson and Mallett.

The Motion was declared carried.

Resolved: (Deputy Mayors Gallagher/O'Leary)

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The meeting was declared closed at 4.34pm