
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 31 October 2017 at 9.33am.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Cr P Southgate
Deputy Chairperson	Cr M Bunting
Members	Deputy Mayor M Gallagher
	Cr J R Casson
	Cr D Macpherson
	Cr G Mallett
	Cr R Pascoe
	Cr G Taylor
	Cr L Tooman

Richard Briggs – Chief Executive
Lance Vervoort – General Manger Community
Andy Mannering – Manager of Social Development
Debbie Lascelles – Community Services Manager
Kelvin Powell – City Safe Unit Manager
Marie Barrie – Acting Unit Manager Parks and Open Spaces
Fraser McNutt – Acting Unit Manager of Planning Guidance
Jeff Neems – Communications Advisors

Lee-Ann Jordan – Governance Manager
Amy Viggers and Rebecca Watson – Committee Advisor

1. Apologies

Resolved: (Crs Tooman/Casson)

That the apologies from Mayor King, Crs Henry, Macpherson (lateness) and O’Leary are accepted.

2. Confirmation of Agenda

Resolved: (Crs Bunting/Mallett)

That the agenda be confirmed noting that item 8 (Road Naming - Dame Hilda Ross Place) will be taken after item 2 (Confirmation of Agenda) to accommodate external guests.

Cr Macpherson joined the meeting (9.34am) during the above item. He was present when the matter was voted on.

3. Road Naming - Dame Hilda Ross Place – (Recommendation to Council)

Margret Evens (TOTI representative) spoke to the report and explained the process that TOTI had undertaken before completing the application for the road to be renamed.

The Acting Unit Manager of Planning Guidance introduced the report, noting the policy guidelines had influenced the staff recommendation to decline the application. Staff responded to questions from Elected Members concerning the process that was followed to ensure due diligence was undertaken and to ensure alignment with the road renaming policy.

Motion: (Crs Southgate/Bunting)

That the Community and Services Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) recommends Council declines the application to change part of Ward Street (east) from Victoria Street through to Centre Place Mall to Dame Hilda Ross Way;
- c) approves the area on the corner of Ward Street and Worley Place, where the Dame Hilda Ross commemorative artwork is to be located, be named Dame Hilda Ross Plaza; and
- d) notes that staff are to bring back a report to the Committee by 28 February 2018 on options to upgrade the area on the corner of Ward Street and Worley Place, where the Dame Hilda Ross commemorative artwork will be located, including concept designs, estimated costs and possible funding sources.

Amendment: (Crs Pascoe/Gallagher)

That the Community and Services Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) recommends Council supports the application to change part of Ward Street (east) from Victoria Street through to Centre Place Mall to Hilda Ross Place;
- c) approves that the area on the corner of Ward Street and Worley Place, where the Dame Hilda Ross commemorative artwork is to be located, be named Dame Hilda Ross Plaza; and
- d) notes that staff are to bring back a report to the Committee by 28 February 2018 on options to upgrade the area on the corner of Ward Street and Worley Place, where the Dame Hilda Ross commemorative artwork will be located, including concept designs, estimated costs and possible funding sources.

The Amendment was put.

Those for the Amendment: Councillors Gallagher, Macpherson, Mallett and Pascoe.

Those against the Amendment: Councillors Southgate, Bunting, Casson, Taylor and Tooman.

The Amendment was declared lost.

The Motion was then put.

Those for the Motion: Councillors Southgate, Bunting, Casson, Gallagher, Pascoe, Taylor and Tooman.

Those against the Motion: Councillors Macpherson and Mallett.

The Motion was declared carried.

Resolved: (Crs Southgate/Bunting)

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- d) notes that staff are to bring back a report to the Committee by 28 February 2018 on options to upgrade the area on the corner of Ward Street and Worley Place, where the Dame Hilda Ross commemorative artwork will be located, including concept designs, estimated costs and possible funding sources.

The meeting adjourned from 11.05am-11.20am during the discussion of the above item.

4. Declarations of Interest

No members of the Council declared a Conflict of Interest.

5. Public Forum

Eddie Neha (representative of Te Whare o Te Ata) spoke to item 6 (Chair's report) regarding community leases. He expressed frustration with the outcome of the August 2017 Community and Services meeting where community leases were placed on hold.

6. Confirmation of Community and Services Minutes - Open - 19 September 2017

Resolved: (Cr Casson/Cr Southgate)

That the Committee confirm the Open Minutes of the Community and Services Committee Meeting held on 19 September 2017 as a true and correct record.

7. Chair's Report - 31 October 2017

The Chair took the report as read. Along with staff, the Chair responded to questions from Elected Members concerning issues that were identified since Rototuna Recreation Centre opened and the intention for these issues to be resolved over the Christmas period of closure to limit effect on potential users.

Staff undertook to review how Elected Members are invited to represent council at events and establish if there was a better way for Elected Members to be informed of upcoming events.

Staff Recommendation

That the Community and Services Committee receives the report.

8. General Managers Report

The General Manager of Community introduced the report, noting that the Chair of Community and Services Committee would make a submission on behalf of Council during the Waikato District Council hearing on their Library Services Contracts Review. Staff responded to questions from Elected Members concerning the current service level to Waikato Regional Council ratepayers and the four options that Waikato District Council were consulting on.

Resolved: (Crs Bunting/Southgate)

That the Community and Services Committee:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) approves the deferral of the Sport of Bowls report to a Community and Services meeting in early 2018.

The meeting adjourned from 12.00pm to 1.00pm

Item 10 (Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) Update) was taken after item 7 (General Managers Report) to accommodate staff availabilities.

9. Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) Update

The City Safe Unit Manager took the report as read. In response to question from Elected Members it was confirmed that Hamilton City Council Emergency Operation Centre would move to the new office in January 2018. Elected Members would be invited to walkthrough the new office at an appropriate time.

Resolved: (Crs Bunting/ Casson)

That the Community and Services Committee receives the report.

10. Community Assistance Policy Review – 2017 – (Recommendation to Council)

The Manager of Social Development introduced the report noting that the key change to the policy was the reinstatement of the Community Event Fund. Staff responded to questions from Elected Members concerning the criteria for Community Event Funding, including that the event must have expected attendee numbers of over 1000 and that there was an decrease in the cost per resident of grants over the last 7 years.

The following motion was taken in parts

Resolved: (Crs Southgate/Macpherson)

That the Community and Services Committee

- a) recommends the Council approve the Community Assistance Policy; and
- b) notes that staff will provide a range of options for increasing the amount of funding for Community grants per resident for consideration through the 10 Year Plan process.

Crs Casson and Taylor Dissenting.

Cr Mallett retired from the meeting at 13.13pm during the discussion of the above item. He was not present when the matter was voted on.

11. Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved: (Crs Bunting/Casson)

Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

The following motion is submitted for consideration:

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely consideration of the public excluded agenda.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution follows.

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
C1. Creative Waikato Board Appointment) Good reason to withhold information exists under Section 7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:

Item C1.	to protect the privacy of natural persons	Section 7 (2) (a)
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The meeting moved to a Public Excluded session at 1.35pm

The meeting was declared closed at 1.42pm