
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 13 June 2023 at 9.31am.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Cr Kesh Naidoo-Rauf
<i>Heamana</i>	
Deputy Chairperson	Cr Anna Casey-Cox
<i>Heamana Tuarua</i>	
Members	Mayor Paula Southgate Deputy Mayor Angela O’Leary Cr Moko Tauariki Cr Ewan Wilson Cr Mark Donovan Cr Louise Hutt (via Audio Visual Link) Cr Andrew Bydder Cr Geoff Taylor (via Audio Visual Link) Cr Sarah Thomson (partially via Audio Visual Link) Cr Emma Pike Cr Melaina Huaki

In Attendance	Helen Paki – General Manager Community Rebecca Whitehead - Unit Director - Community Services Maria Barrie - Unit Director - Parks & Recreation Kelvin Powell – City Safe Unit Manager Philippa Clear - Community and Social Development Manager Gordon Naidoo - City Transport Unit Director Greg Morton - Policy and Bylaw Lead Carmen Fookes - Policy and Bylaw Advisor Karen Kwok - Senior Advisor Community and Recreation Facilities Joanna van Walraven - Team Leader - Planning & Policy Alistair McCullough - Landscape Architect and Planner
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Governance staff:	Amy Viggers – Governance Lead Nicholas Hawtin and Arnold Andrews – Governance Advisors
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Andrew McKean from the Anglican Community (Waikato Interfaith) opened the meeting with a prayer.

1. **Apologies – Tono aroha**

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

That the apologies for absence from Cr van Oosten and Cr Hamilton, for lateness from Mayor Southgate and Deputy Mayor O’Leary, for early departure from Cr Bydder and Cr Thomson, for partial attendance from Cr Casey-Cox are accepted.

2. Confirmation of Agenda – *Whakatau raarangi take*

Resolved: (Cr Donovan/Cr Pike)

That the agenda is confirmed.

3. Declarations of Interest – *Tauaakii whaipaaanga*

Cr Casey-Cox declared an interest in Item 8 (He Rautaki Whakawhanake Hapori - Community and Social Development Strategy - Annual Update). She noted she was not conflicted and would participate in discussion and vote on the matter.

4. Public Forum – *Aatea koorero*

No members of the public wished to speak.

5. Confirmation of the Open Community and Natural Environment Committee Minutes - 18 April 2023

Resolved: (Cr Naidoo-Rauf/Cr Wilson)

That the Community and Natural Environment Committee confirm the Open Minutes of the Community Committee Meeting held on 18 April 2023 as a true and correct record.

6. Chair's Report

The Chair took her report as read and acknowledged the work of the Community Group.

Resolved: (Cr Naidoo-Rauf/Cr Wilson)

That the Community and Natural Environment Committee receives the report.

7. Hamilton City Aquatics Strategy and River Safety Update

Unit Director - Community Services spoke to the report, noting the visits to community spaces, feedback of attendees and operational performance. She responded to questions from Elected Members concerning the capacity of pools' staff, staffing numbers, public transport to aquatic facilities, customer feedback audit, budget for data collection and partner pools' upkeep.

Resolved: (Cr Naidoo-Rauf/Cr Tauariki)

That the Community and Natural Environment Committee:

a) receives the report; and

b) notes that another annual progress report on the strategy will be presented to the Committee, quarter one of 2024/25

Deputy Mayor O'Leary joined the meeting (9:42am) during the discussion of the above item. She was present when the matter was voted on.

8. He Rautaki Whakawhanake Hapori (Community and Social Development Strategy) Annual Update

Community and Social Development Manager spoke to the report, noting the increased capacity of community houses, strengthening of existing projects, collaboration with emergency housing in Ulster Street and collaboration with community groups for emergency housing needs. She responded to questions from Elected Members concerning outcomes of previous meetings, community engagement, church visits and mobile library services and programmes.

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

That the Community and Natural Environment Committee receives the report.

9. Class 4 Gambling and TAB Venues Policy

Policy and Bylaw Advisor and Policy and Bylaw Lead took the report as read. They responded to questions from Elected Members concerning casinos inclusion in the policy, online gambling data, number of gambling machines in the city, difference between online and physical venues and local restrictions to start new venues.

Resolved: (Deputy Mayor O’Leary/Cr Donovan)

That the Community and Natural Environment Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves the Statement of Proposal (**Attachment 1**) for consultation with the draft options below:
 - i) that the TAB Venues Policy recommended option be **Option 1: Continue the sinking-lid approach**;
 - ii) that the Class 4 Gambling Venues Policy recommended option be **Option 1: Continue the sinking-lid approach**; and
- c) notes that verbal submissions will be heard through a future Regulatory and Hearings Committee.

Mayor Southgate joined the meeting (10:28am) during the discussion of the above item. She was present when the matter was voted on.

Meeting adjourned from 10:35 to 10:54am.

10. Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) Quarterly Update

City Safe Unit Manager and City Transport Unit Director spoke to the report, noting the Auckland flood report, CDEM annual exercise, Civil Defence Bill and Civil Defence name change. They responded to questions from Elected Members concerning the management of water logging, heavy rain inflow management, cost of emergency management, resourcing for emergency events, readiness and capability within the community, learnings from Auckland events, public messaging regarding emergency events and reimbursements.

Resolved: (Cr Naidoo-Rauf/Cr Wilson)

That the Community and Natural Environment Committee receives the report.

11. Community Occupancy Applications - Hamilton East Croquet Club, Phoenix House Charitable Trust and St Pauls Collegiate Rowing.

Senior Advisor Community and Recreation Facilities took the report as read. She responded to questions from Elected Members concerning the new area for Phoenix house charitable trust.

Resolved: (Cr Naidoo-Rauf/Cr Wilson)

That the Community and Natural Environment Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves a new *community group lease* under s54(1)(b) of the Reserves Act 1977, to **Hamilton East Croquet Club** for land area of 5,687m² at Galloway Park, as shown in Attachment 1 of the report, being Lot 412 Town of Hamilton East, subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - i. Term – 10 years;
 - ii. Rent - \$1,414.76 plus GST per annum, in accordance with the Community Occupancy Policy;
 - iii. All other terms and conditions in accordance with the Community Occupancy Policy and Guidelines.
- c) approves a new *community group lease* under s54(1)(b) of the Reserves Act 1977, to **Phoenix House Charitable Trust** for land area of 2,163m² at 22 Richmond St, Beetham Park, as shown in Attachment 2 of the report, being Allotment 212, Town of Hamilton West, subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - i. Term – 10 years;
 - ii. Rent - \$842.11 plus GST per annum, in accordance with the Community Occupancy Policy;
 - iii. Special Condition – access and use of adjacent Council carpark, outside of H3 use for events and bookings.
 - iv. All other terms and conditions in accordance with the Community Occupancy Policy and Guidelines; and
- d) approves a new community group lease, under s54(1)(b) of the Reserves Act 1977, to **St Pauls Collegiate Rowing Club Incorporated** for land area of 252m² at Days Park, as show in the Attachment 3 of the report, being Lot 33, DPS 6071, subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - i. Term – 15 years;
 - ii. Rent - \$193.63 plus GST per annum, in accordance with the Community Occupancy Policy;
 - iii. All other terms and conditions in accordance with the Community Occupancy Policy and Guidelines.

12. Preparation of Draft Riverside Reserves and Natural Areas Management Plan

Team Leader - Planning & Policy and Landscape Architect and Planner spoke to the report and summarised the project steps. They responded to questions from Elected Members concerning updating reserves documents, process and timelines of reviews, cost, ramifications of delayed decisions, nature in the city resourcing and reserves classed under Significant Natural Areas.

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

That the Community and Natural Environment Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves the public notification of the review; and
- c) approves the preparation of a draft Riverside Reserves and Natural Areas Reserve Management Plan.

13. General Mangers Report

General Manager Community spoke to the report, noting the highlights of Accessible Properties' projects, duration of recurrence of the report as it is an annual report required as per the condition of sale and programmes run by the Accessible Properties. She responded to questions from Elected Members concerning partnership opportunities with accessible properties.

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

That the Community and Natural Environment Committee receives the report.

14. Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved: (Cr Naidoo-Rauf/Cr Wilson)

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. Confirmation of the Public Excluded Community and Natural Environment Committee Minutes - 18 April 2023) Good reason to withhold) information exists under) Section 7 Local Government) Official Information and) Meetings Act 1987)	Section 48(1)(a)
C2. Rotokauri Community Park Acquisition		
C3. City Investment Programme Applications and Campaigns update		

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 maintain legal professional privilege	Section 7 (2) (g)
	to enable Council to carry out negotiations	Section 7 (2) (i)
Item C2.	to enable Council to carry out commercial activities without disadvantage	Section 7 (2) (h)
	to enable Council to carry out negotiations	Section 7 (2) (i)
Item C3.	to enable Council to carry out negotiations	Section 7 (2) (i)

The meeting moved to the public excluded session at 11.39am.

The meeting was declared closed at 11.59am.

Minute Note 19/04/2024:

On 19/04/2024 the following resolutions were determined to be released to the public via these minutes and the quarterly update.

C3 Resolved:

That the Community and Natural Environment Committee:

- a. receives the report;
- b. approves the acquisition of approximately 14ha of land for a Community Park in North Rotokauri for \$14,395,000;
- c. delegates authority to the Chief Executive to negotiate, sign and give effect to the terms and conditions of the sales and purchase agreement; and
- d. notes that the decision and information in relation to this matter be released at the appropriate time, to be determined by the Chief Executive.