
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 Council Chamber and Audio-Visual Link , Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton on Thursday 22 February 2024 at 9:30 am.

PRESENT

Deputy Chairperson Cr Anna Casey-Cox

Heamana Tuarua

Members

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

In Attendance

Helen Paki – General Manager Customer and Community
Maria Barrie - Unit Director - Parks & Recreation
Rebecca Whitehead - Unit Director - Community Services
Cait Cresswell - Strategy and Policy Advisor
Narelle Waite - Strategy and Policy Advisor

Governance Staff

Amy Viggers – Governance Lead
Keryn Philips and Arnold Andrews – Governance Advisors

Teresa Fernandez and Paul Flanagan from the Catholic Community opened the meeting with a prayer.

1. Apologies – *Tono aroha*

Resolved: (Cr Casey-Cox/Cr Wilson)

That the apologies for absence from Cr Naidoo-Rauf, Cr Huaki and Cr Macindoe and for partial attendance from Mayor Southgate, Cr Taylor and Cr Wilson on Council business are accepted.

2. Confirmation of Agenda – *Whakatau raarangi take*

Resolved: (Cr Casey-Cox/Cr van Oosten)

That the agenda is confirmed.

3. Declarations of Interest – *Tauaakii whaipaaanga*

No members of the Council declared a Conflict of Interest.

4. Public Forum – Aatea koorero

No members of the public wish to speak.

5. Confirmation of the Open Community and Natural Environment Committee Minutes - 26 October 2023

Resolved: (Cr Casey-Cox/Cr Wilson)

That the Community and Natural Environment Committee confirm the Open Minutes of the Community Committee Meeting held on 26 October 2023 as a true and correct record.

6. Chair's Report

The Acting Chair took the report as read and responded to questions from Members in relation to attendance statistics of Gallagher Pools.

Resolved: (Cr Casey-Cox/Cr Wilson)

That the Community and Natural Environment Committee receives the report

7. Open Space Provision Policy - Deliberations and Approval

The Strategy and Policy Advisor took the report as read. She responded to questions from Members in relation to public consultation process, linear and pocket parks, name changes from reserves to parks, and Richmond park.

Staff Action: *Staff to consider road frontage and safety during the design stage of open spaces.*

Resolved: (Deputy Mayor O'Leary/ Cr van Oosten)

That the Community and Natural Environment Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) recommends that the Council adopt the Open Space Provision Policy 2018 (amended 2024) **(Attachment 1) subject to the inclusion of the minor amendments agreed at the committee meeting;** and
- c) requests staff work with interested Members to prepare a list of stakeholders and advocacy plan of other open space providers to work towards the development of partnerships that will deliver on the Open Space Provision Policy.

8. Public Places Bylaw Review and Determination Report

The Strategy and Policy Advisor took the report as read.

Resolved: (Deputy Mayor O'Leary/Maangai Te Ua)

That the Community and Natural Environment Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) determines that a Public Places Bylaw is the most appropriate mechanism for addressing issues relating to the management of Public Spaces; and
- c) notes that staff will begin the review of the bylaw including the preparation of draft statements of proposal.

9. Cemeteries and Crematorium Bylaw - Deliberation and Adoption

The Strategy and Policy Advisor took the report as read. She responded to questions from Members in relation to gaps in the bylaw, separate burial areas within the cemeteries, and cultural relevance of the awa to mana whenua.

Resolved: (Cr Tauariki/Maangai Te Ua)

That the Community and Natural Environment Committee:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) recommends that the Council adopt the Cemeteries and Crematorium Bylaw 2012 (amended 2024) (**Attachment 1**) effective from 10 April 2024, or other date resolved by Council.

10. Cultural and Recreational Facilities Bylaw - Deliberations and Request to Revoke

The Policy Advisor took the report as read. She responded to questions from Members in relation to other resources used which are better fit than the current bylaw, threatening behaviour at council sites, and funding for safety and security.

Staff Action: *Staff to include Shama Ethnic Women's Trust as part of the public communication and engagement process.*

Resolved: (Deputy Mayor O'Leary/Cr van Oosten)

That the Community and Natural Environment Committee:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) recommends that the Council revoke the Cultural and Recreational Facilities Bylaw 2012, effective from 1 May 2024, or other date resolved by Council.

11. Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved: (Cr van Oosten/Cr Casey-Cox)

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 - 10 August 2023) 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 maintain legal professional privilege	Section 7 (2) (g)
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to enable Council to carry out negotiations Section 7 (2) (i)

The meeting moved into Public Excluded session at 10:38am.

The meeting was declared Closed at 10:39am.