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## Hearings and Engagement Committee

### *Komiti Whiriwhiri Kaupapa*

### OPEN MINUTES

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Minutes of a meeting of the Hearings and Engagement Committee held in Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton and Audio-visual Link on Wednesday 16 February 2022 at 9.31am.

#### PRESENT

**Chairperson** Cr E Wilson

*Heamana*

**Deputy Chairperson** Cr M Donovan

*Heamana Tuarua*

#### **Members**

Mayor P Southgate (Exclusively via Audio-visual Link)

Deputy Mayor G Taylor (Exclusively via Audio-visual Link)

Cr M Bunting (Exclusively via Audio-visual Link)

Cr K Naidoo-Rauf (Exclusively via Audio-visual Link)

Cr M Gallagher

Cr S Thomson (Exclusively via Audio-visual Link)

Cr M van Oosten (Exclusively via Audio-visual Link)

Cr A O'Leary (Exclusively via Audio-visual Link)

Maangai Olly Te Ua (Exclusively via Audio-visual Link)

Maangai Te Pora Thompson-Evans (Exclusively via Audio-visual Link)

**In Attendance** Sandra Murray – Consultant

Grant Kettle – Planning Guidance Unit Manager

**Governance Staff** Narelle Waite and Tyler Gaukrodger – Governance Advisors

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#### 1. **Apologies - *Tono aroha***

**Resolved:** (Cr Wilson/Cr Donovan)

Apologies for absence from Crs Macpherson (Council Business) and Hamilton, and for partial attendance from Mayor Southgate, and Crs Naidoo-Rauf (Council Business) and Pascoe.

*Cr Gallagher joined the meeting 9.32 during discussion of the above item. He was present when the matter was voted on.*

#### 2. **Confirmation of Agenda - *Whakatau raarangi take***

**Resolved:** (Cr Wilson/Cr Donovan)

That the agenda is confirmed.

#### 3. **Declarations of Interest - *Tauaakii whaipanga***

No members of the Council declared a Conflict of Interest.

**4. Confirmation of the Hearings and Engagement Committee Open Minutes of 2 November 2021**

**Resolved:** (Cr Donovan/Cr Gallagher)

That the Hearings and Engagement Committee confirm the Open Minutes of the Hearings and Engagement Committee Meeting held on 2 November 2021 as a true and correct record.

**5. Confirmation of the Hearings and Engagement Committee Open Minutes of 4 November 2021**

**Resolved:** (Cr Gallagher/Cr Donovan)

That the Hearings and Engagement Committee confirm the Open Minutes of the Hearings and Engagement Committee Meeting held on 4 November 2021 as a true and correct record.

*Mayor Paula joined the meeting (9.35am) during discussion of the above item. She was present when the matter was voted on.*

**6. Hearings Report - Review of the Naming of Roads, Open Spaces and Council Facilities Policy**

The Planning Guidance Unit Manager introduced the report noting the proposed 12 week consultation process and the appropriateness of the timeframe to meet Maaori governance processes.

[Roger Stratford](#) spoke to his submission noting a need to increase Maaori-led development, the policy's slow turnaround times for developers in confirming names, and meeting obligations under Te Tiriti o Waitangi. He responded to questions from Members concerning Maaori development, and an alternative naming process.

[Ezak Smith](#) spoke to his submission noting examples of international changes to place naming policies and offensive street names in Hamilton. He responded to questions from Members concerning potential offensive Te Reo names.

[Wiremu Puke \(Ngaati Wairere\)](#) spoke to the submission noting Ngaati Wairere's process for name selection, significant ancestors, and recognition of all hapuu and mana whenua. He responded to questions from Members concerning Ngaati Wairere's view on the appropriate developer and mana whenua engagement process, community education on ancestral placenames, the policy's alignment with appropriate tikanga on name-gifting, engagement and timelines.

[Donald Turner and Mahana Toka \(Te Whakakitenga o Waikato – Waikato-Tainui\)](#) spoke to the submission noting the importance of reviewing and refreshing policies, community support, and Council and Waikato-Tainui's opportunities to work together. They responded to questions from Members concerning practical engagement processes, connection to He Pou Manawa Ora, and development of a list or map (blueprint) of names for areas of significance.

[Kiri Karu \(Community Waikato\)](#) spoke to the submission noting the policy is another positive step made by the Council to recognise Te Tiriti o Waitangi, existing oppressive names in Hamilton City, and development of a blueprint of appropriate names and areas of significance.

The Consultant detailed the current stage in the policy development process, the current proposed road naming process and submitter feedback on a change to a consultative process.

Members requested the following points be included in the deliberations report:

- development of a blueprint of appropriate names and areas of significance;

- potential to delay the policy development and implications of this delay;
- timeframes for naming in the consenting process;
- differences between existing and proposed naming of road requirements;
- engagement with Waikato-Tainui on co-design of naming frameworks;
- provide members with the 2003 report referenced by Wiremu Puke; and
- cost implications of a consultative naming process.

**Resolved:** (Cr Wilson/Cr Donovan)

That the Hearings and Engagement Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) hears and considers verbal submissions on the proposed Naming of Roads, Open Spaces and Council Facilities Policy presented to the Committee at the hearing on 16 February 2022; and
- c) notes that the proposed Naming of Roads, Open Spaces and Council Facilities Policy will be deliberated at the Community Committee meeting on 3 March 2022.

*Cr Pascoe joined the meeting (10.37am) during submissions on the above item. He was present when the matter was voted on.*

**The meeting was adjourned from 10.56am to 11.11am.**

**The meeting was declared closed at 11.33am.**