
Hearings and Engagement Committee

Komiti Whiriwhiri Kaupapa

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Hearings and Engagement Committee held in Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton and via audio-visual link on Wednesday 28 July 2021 at 9.39am.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Cr E Wilson
<i>Heamana</i>	
Deputy Chairperson	Cr M Gallagher
<i>Heamana Tuarua</i>	
Members	Mayor P Southgate
	Cr M Bunting
	Cr R Hamilton (partially via audio-visual link)
	Cr K Naidoo-Rauf (exclusively via audio-visual link)
	Cr S Thomson (exclusively via audio-visual link)
	Cr M van Oosten
	Cr A O'Leary
	Maangai T P Thompson-Evans (exclusively via audio-visual link)

In Attendance	Lance Vervoort – General Manager Community
	Kelvin Powell – City Safe Unit Manager
	Sandra Murray – Consultant
	Joanna van Walraven – Policy and Strategy Advisor
	Rebecca Whitehead – Unit Director Business and Planning
	Nick Chester – Social Development Advisor
	Raewyn Napier – Business Support Coordinator
	Simone van Asbeck – Communications and Engagement Advisor

Governance Staff	Amy Viggers – Governance Team Leader
	Narelle Waite and Tyler Gaukrodger – Governance Advisors

- 1. Apologies - *Tono aroha***
Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr Bunting)
That the apologies for absence from Deputy Mayor Taylor, Crs Pascoe, Hamilton, Macpherson and Naidoo-Rauf and for partial attendance from Mayor Southgate and Cr Bunting are accepted.
- 2. Confirmation of Agenda - *Whakatau raarangi take***
Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr O'Leary)
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 (He Pou Manawa Ora) Open Minutes of 24 March 2021

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr Bunting)

That the Hearings and Engagement Committee confirm the Open Minutes of the Hearings and Engagement Committee Meeting (He Pou Manawa Ora) held on 24 March 2021 as a true and correct record.

5. Open Air Burning Bylaw - Hearings Report

The City Safe Unit Manager and the Consultant spoke to the consultation held on the Open Air Burning Bylaw. They responded to questions from Members concerning submissions on the use of brassieres, clarification on the terminology 'nuisance smoke' and historical complaints.

Resolved: (Cr O'Leary/ Cr Gallagher)

That the Hearings and Engagement Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) hears and considers verbal submissions arising from the 1 May – 30 May 2021 community engagement process; and
- c) notes that the Deliberation report will be presented to the Environment Committee meeting on 26 August 2021.

4. Permanent Public Art Policy and Monuments and Memorial Art Policy- Hearings and Engagement Report

[Jeremy Mayall \(Creative Waikato\)](#) spoke to his submission noting the importance of public art to support community wellbeing and the subjectivity of art. He further noted the benefits of establishing a panel due to the complexities of creating and installing public art. He responded to questions from Members concerning panel membership including subject matter expertise and conflicts of interest.

[Dr Joe Citizen](#) spoke to their submission noting some definitions and terminology in the draft policies required clarification, the requirements for submitting proposals and suggestions of a new Council resource (Production Manager) to support artists in developing proposals. They responded to questions from Members concerning proposal support available through existing organisations, the role of a Production Manager, ethics guidance and infrastructure challenges.

[Nancy Caiger and Karen O'Meegan \(MESH Sculpture Hamilton\)](#) spoke to the MESH submission noting Council's past art panels, the membership of the proposed panel, proposal processes and support for the separation of art and monuments. She responded to questions from Members concerning managing ethics and panel membership.

[Mark Servian \(The Riff Raff Public Art Trust\)](#) spoke to his submission noting his involvement in historical art policies, the process to install the Riff Raff statue, the definition of 'offense' as it relates to monuments and supported the suggestion of a previous submitter for a Production Manager resource. He responded to questions from Members concerning monuments and reverence.

[Carolyn Hopa](#) spoke to her submission noting the importance of insuring iwi representation and the importance of confirming the principles framing the art policy standards. She responded to questions from Members concerning building the policies' cultural wellbeing standards.

[Glenda Taituha \(Waikato Tainui\)](#) spoke to the Waikato Tainui submission noting the interconnectivity of monuments and art in te ao maaori, and support for development of a taskforce for creating the policy principles. They responded to questions from Members concerning the alignment with the He Pou Manawa Ora strategy, connectivity of public art as monuments in creation of maaori artworks.

[Rawiri Bidois \(THaWK\)](#) spoke to the THaWK submission noting the process for receiving mana whenua input within the proposed process.

The General Manager Community took the report as read. He responded to questions from Members concerning the timing of the deliberations report and allowing further feedback from Members.

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

- creation of underlining principles;
- high-level monument master-planning;
- panel process and membership;
- ensuring process supports accessibility to artists;
- considering te ao maaori alignment with the panel and process;
- storytelling guidelines differentiating historical storytelling and monuments;
- clarifying definitions and terminology;
- integration of art in new developments and city growth planning;
- mana whenua input processes;
- an art register for master planning; and
- maintenance.

Staff Action: *Staff undertook to hold a workshop/briefing with Members discussing the deliberations prior to the report coming to the Community Committee meeting of 12 October 2021.*

Resolved: (Cr O’Leary/Mayor Southgate)

That the Hearings and Engagement Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) hears and considers verbal submissions arising from the 17 June and 9 July 2021 community engagement process; and
- c) notes that a deliberations report will be presented to the Community Committee on 12 October 2021.

Mayor Southgate joined the meeting (9.55am) during submissions on the above item. She was present when the matter was voted on.

Cr Hamilton left the meeting (9.55am) during the submissions on the above item.

Cr Hamilton re-joined the meeting (10.06am) via audio-visual link. He was present when the matter was voted on.

Cr Naidoo-Rauf joined the meeting (10.10am) during submissions on the above item. She was present when the matter was voted on.

Cr Bunting retired from the meeting (10.10am) during submissions on the above item. He was not present when the matter was voted on.

Maangai Thompson-Evans retired from the meeting (10.22am) during submissions on the above item. She was not present when the matter was voted on.

The meeting was declared closed at 11.15am.