
Community Wellbeing Committee

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Community Wellbeing Committee held in the Council Chambers, Horowhenua District Council, 126-148 Oxford Street, Levin on Tuesday 12 February 2019 at 1.00 pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson Members

Cr Bernie Wanden	
Ms Kelly Bevan	(Whaioro Trust)
Ms Katie Brosnahan	(Ministry of Social Development)
Mr Oliver Parrant	(Youth Voice 2018 representative)
Mayor Michael Feyen	(ex-Officio)
Ms Eve Fone	(Oranga Tamariki)
Mr Jim Greening	(Ministry of Education)
Ms Eleanor Gully	(Access & Inclusion representative)
Ms Lisa Holgate	(Department of Corrections)
Dr Betty-Lou Iwikau	(Raukawa Whanau-Ora Ltd)
Sgt Beth Purcell	(NZ Police)
Ms Brenda Rea	(Central PHO)
Ms Maureen Scott	(Horowhenua-Ōtaki Children's Team)
Ms Kelly Isles (attending on behalf of Ms Jo Smith)	(MidCentral DHB)
Sister Sosefina	(Housing Compassion)
Ms Margaret Williams	(Grey Power representative)

IN ATTENDANCE

Reporting Officer	Ms Samantha Hutcheson	(Acting Community Development Manager)
	Mrs Nicki Brady	(GM H2040 & Partnership Development)
	Mrs Lacey Winiata	(Community Engagement Manager)
	Ms Michelle Rogerson	(Community Development Advisor)
	Ms Leteisha Te Awhe-Downey	(Tertiary Scholarship Student – Community Engagement)
	Ms Trish Hayward	(Communications Advisor)
	Mr David McCorkindale	(GM Strategy & Development)
	Ashley Cotter-Hope	(Projects Coordinator, Strategy & Development)
	Miss Sharon Bowling	(Meeting Secretary)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Liam McLeavey	(Pathways Horowhenua / Education Horowhenua)
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PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

At commencement of the meeting there was 1 member of the public in attendance.

1 Apologies

Apologies were recorded for Crs Barry Judd and Jo Mason, Keith Hilson, Jo Smith, Di Rump, Mark Robinson, Patrick Rennell, Mike Fletcher and James Etuale.

MOVED by Mayor Feyen, seconded Ms Maureen Scott:

THAT the apologies received be accepted.

CARRIED

2 Public Participation

No requests for public participation were received.

3 Confirmation of Minutes

MOVED by Sgt Beth Purcell, seconded Ms Maureen Scott:

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Community Wellbeing Committee held on Tuesday, 11 December 2018, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

4 Reports

4.1 Community Services Report to 12 February 2019

To present to the Community Wellbeing Committee the Community Services Report 12 February 2019.

MOVED by Ms Lisa Holgate, seconded Ms Eleanor Gully:

THAT Report 19/21 on Community Services Report to 12 February 2019 be received.

THAT this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.

CARRIED

Sam Hutcheson requested that the report be taken as read, highlighting some of the salient points, including:

- Youth Network focus on youth mental health and housing
- Life to the Max (LTTM) has reached a 6-month milestone re youth development service provided at Youth Space
- Tertiary Preparation workshops facilitated by Leteisha Te Awhe-Downey; involved all 3 colleges
- Christmas activities e.g. Fill A Shoebox
- The Community Development, Community Consultation, Vibrant Communities, Creative Communities and Shannon Community Development Grants Round open; the Community Development Team are available to provide assistance with applications
- New e-newsletter *Locally Sourced* – a sharing of community stories
- Graffiti eradication (Lisa Holgate advised that Corrections are able to assist with graffiti eradication; Gill Allen to make contact with Lisa directly)
- MCDHB Suicide Prevention Training

Leteisha Te Awhe-Downey and Oliver Parrant were invited to the table to speak about the re-model of Youth Voice to ŷEP – Youth Empowerment Project – and the new co-designed framework of communication supporting it to engage and mobilise youth in the Horowhenua district.

The Youth Voice (YV) re-model was the result of feedback from former YV members, district young people and stakeholders, all who prefer an action-driven approach to enhance aspects in the community in relation to the wants and needs of youth (defined as those 12-24 years of age).

The new framework at full capacity will involve 58 young people including an eight person Leaders Team (from diverse backgrounds and district wide). The Leaders Team will engage and moderate a closed group Facebook page to have conversations with the wider group comprising of 50 ŷEP young people. The ŷEP young people use their own experiences and day to day interactions with peers to contribute youth perspective which presented back to the Leader Team via the closed FB group. ŷEP Leaders discuss the feedback and liaise with stakeholders. ŷEP is a vehicle for authentic youth engagement, consultation, information sharing and placemaking through events.

ŷEP will adopt the Aotearoa Inspiring Communities (<http://inspiringcommunities.org.nz>) “learning by doing” approach focusing on five core Ngā Mātāpono/Community-Led Development (CLD) principles: Grow from shared local visions; Build from strengths; Work with diverse people and sectors; Grow collaborative local leadership and Learn by doing.

The key values for ŷEP are: Wairuatanga (spirit of place), Kaitiakitanga (physical place) and Kotahitanga (people of the place).

It was noted that to connect to those young people not engaged in education and/or employment is achieved through assistance from e.g. the colleges and Life to the Max. Two ŷEP Leaders are responsible for stakeholder engagement. ŷEP will encourage young people from all sectors to be involved at some level in the framework. It was noted that at least one Life to the Max young person is in the Leader group with other representation from local Iwi and all colleges.

Recognising that most young people struggle to attend all meetings as they can feel reserved, self-conscious, over-committed or have lack of transport, Facebook was chosen as the social media platform of engagement for ŷEP, as it enables them to become involved and have a voice. Two ŷEP leaders are responsible for the set up and maintenance of the FB group, emails and potentially Instagram; however all eight Leaders are responsible to moderate and add only conversation appropriate comments to Facebook.

Agencies (Raukawa Whanau-Ora, Corrections, Ministry of Social Development) offered to provide contacts, avenues and/or arrange visits to meet and engage with those youth disenfranchised/vulnerable groupings to support the reach to ŷEP.

Whilst support for Facebook as the best platform was echoed, heed around the use of Facebook was also highlighted as an avenue also for suicide radiation. It was clarified that the Facebook group is private, created by invitation only, with approval by the administrator. All engagement/comments are approved individually before being uploaded.

Young people without Facebook accessibility would be reached via the group's day-to-day interactions, e.g. community events, colleges, Instagram promoting events, team courses etc.

The Committee were congratulatory and supportive of the YEP and the work which is planned. It was noted that guidance and connections will be crucial to success of the Youth Empowerment Project.

Sam Hutcheson spoke to a tabled Briefing Note around Refugee Settlement, inviting members to expand on any knowledge they had around the topic. The Committee were advised that the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Enterprise (MBIE) will attend the next CWC meeting.

Comment was made that there will be a mix of learnings, challenges and opportunities regards refugee settlement. The issue around the ability to provide appropriate housing for the current population of the district was also raised; and the potential impact(s) on services such as transport.

Based on comments around the current housing situation and associated implications, Katie Brosnahan offered to facilitate a visit by MHUD, along with a speaker around refugees, for a future meeting.

*A copy of the Briefing Note is **attached** to the official minutes.*

H2040 & Community Plans

A PowerPoint was presented to the Committee around Horowhenua 2040 (H2040) and Community Plans by Nicki Brady and David McCorkindale respectively.

*A copy of the presentation is **attached** to the official minutes.*

5 Horowhenua 2040 Workshop

An interactive Horowhenua 2040 Workshop followed the meeting proper, with two activities for the Committee to participate:

1. How does your work contribute to the #H2040 Vision – people, place, community
2. Re-examine the Terms of Reference for the Committee – what best helps us work together re: meetings, between meetings, reporting/evaluating, other

A brief summary of the workshop outcomes was given by Nicki Brady. It was advised that the outcomes will be shared once feedback from those members who were unable to attend is compiled and included.

In closing, the Chair reiterated the grants round being open and highlighted the forthcoming Nigel Latta events.

3.05 pm

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed.

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AT A MEETING OF COMMUNITY WELLBEING
COMMITTEE HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....