
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 11 December 2018 at 1.00 pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson

Cr Barry Judd

Deputy Chairperson

Cr Jo Mason

Members

Ms Kelly Bevan

Ms Katie Brosnahan

Mayor Michael Feyen

Mr Mike Fletcher

Ms Eleanor Gully

Mr Keith Hilson

Dr Betty-Lou Iwikau

Sgt Beth Purcell

Mr Patrick Rennell

Mr Gavin Rooney

Ms Maureen Scott

Ms Jo Smith

Sister Sosefina

Ms Margaret Williams

IN ATTENDANCE

Reporting Officer

Ms Samantha Hutcheson

(Acting Community Development Manager)

Ms Sharon Grant

(GM People & Community Group)

Ms Trish Hayward

(Communications Advisor)

Mr David McCorkindale

(GM Strategy & Development)

Cr Piri-Hira Tukapua

Miss Sharon Bowling

(Meeting Secretary)

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

At commencement of the meeting there were 2 members of the public in attendance.

1 Apologies

Apologies were recorded for Sgt Sarn Paroli, Brenda Rea, Meghan Davenport, Lisa Holgate, Tracy Merson, Eve Fone, David Jerney and Jim Greening.

MOVED by Mr Rennell, seconded Ms Gully:

THAT the apologies received be accepted.

CARRIED

2 Public Participation

No requests for public participation were received.

3 Confirmation of Minutes

MOVED by Ms Smith, seconded Ms Scott:

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Community Wellbeing Committee held on Tuesday, 9 October 2018, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

4 Reports

4.1 Community Services Report to 11 December 2018

To present to the Community Wellbeing Committee the Community Services Report 11 December 2018.

MOVED by Ms Grant, seconded Cr Mason:

THAT Report 18/688 Community Services Report to 11 December 2018 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:

- Preparation for review of the Community Wellbeing Strategy
- MidCentral Health – how to support youth mental health
- Democratic involvement of youth in Council
- Age on the Go – successes and areas to improve for next year
- Compassion Housing celebration at HDC
- Access and Inclusion – breathing life into this area with new ways of thinking, increase in cultural diversity
- Successful FUNDamentals workshop held
- H2040 vision – primary school participation; very insightful
- Community Development officers leaving – Sophie Parrant and Joshua Wharton. Over the last 7-8 months the Community Development team has developed clarity and paved the way to retaining knowledge; however the team will be “on skates” in early 2019 with less staffing resource. The Committee was invited to encourage suitable applicants to apply.

Thanks were expressed to those who contribute to the action canvas/focus areas; adding that a conversation is to be had around the method of reporting in the New

Year.

5 Reporting – by Focus Area

The CWC Action ‘canvas’ with the latest updates was tabled with key points covered as reflected in each report (a copy will be **attached** to the official minutes).

- Children’s Workforce

- Positive note: referral rates continued to meet target over the 3 month period leading up to November, with September referrals reaching a record of 19
- Referrals dropped significantly in November (which matches annual trends); however a concern that once school year finishes, the referral rates drop; need to investigate why
- Currently 46 children are involved in a coordinated services response via the Children’s Team
- Interagency cooperation/working together for a common outcome is reflected by the provision of 13 Lead Professionals (LPs) across the area
- Nationally work continues on developing the Oranga Tamariki operational model
- New legislation (which has impacted significantly) pertinent to the Children’s Workforce comes into force on 01 July 2019
- Although Confidentiality and Information Sharing is well understood at management level, continue to hit barriers at grass roots levels
- Increasingly in a period of uncertainty.

- Family Harm – Sgt Beth Purcell

- Sgt Jeff Lyver to commence as the new Police FHT Coordinator from 03 December 2018
- Forward planning for the Wāhine Toa programme in 2019 (April & November)
- MOU has been signed between HALT and Whānau Manaaki Kindergartens.

- Health & Wellbeing

‘Health Needs Assessment Information’ included in the Action Canvas. Note the specifics around Horowhenua:

- Page 3 – International migrants (esp. refugee settlement), besides language barriers, accompanied by health status issues. An important group that will hold a challenge/another layer that need to be cognisant of, and how to service those communities really well.
- Page 5 – “Amenable mortality” which means ‘possible preventable deaths’ (if services had been delivered better)
- Page 9 – short sharp graphs, layman’s visual of what’s happening etc.
- Page 13 – adolescent and young adulthood: ensuring that young people seek out services and where they are, ensuring enrolled with GP
- Page 15 – cervical screening: really important for mothers and families; cardio-vascular the most risk of death in this area which is easily preventable
- Page 17 – Immunisation: 15 people die from influenza annually.

- Growth

- O2NL – NZTA announced to the effected community on 10 December 2018 the preferred corridor, with the public announcement out 12 December 2018. Now

awaiting the build date; the commitment to go ahead giving certainty for the community/district

- Horowhenua Growth Strategy 2040 (H2040) adopted by Council 21 November 2018. Focus in 2019 will turn to a District Plan Change process to rezone several of the growth areas identified in the Strategy
- Gladstone Green Master Plan project – with the NZTA announcement this week, now able to reduce the initial three plans to one, enabling HDC to move forward re: number of houses, type of housing provision etc.; and engage with the wider community on these plans
- The Lakes Foxton Beach Master Plan – project team established; Foxton Beach Growth Area to accommodate approx. 500 residential homes
- Transforming Taitoko/Levin Town Centre Strategy adopted by Council 21 November 2018. Focus will turn to implementing the Strategy with three key catalyst projects to be the short term focus (1-3 year period). A placemaking initiative in the Town Centre is proposed for Jan/Feb 2019
- A Growth Dashboard identifying key local growth metrics is currently being developed to help Council monitor growth trends.

Overall an exciting year, which is expected to continue in 2019. Anything/work of remote interest welcome input/engagement/contributions from any of the CWC.

Questioning what would be seen as different to developments of the past e.g. would green areas/plantings be incorporated, David McCorkindale said the Master Plan allows decisions and planning around green spaces for the community to mix, socialise etc., with development frameworks to support these design principles. There would be an enhanced level of amenity, thereby enhancing the wellbeing of the community/neighbourhood(s).

Concern was also voiced about the movement of ‘visitors’ adding to the community/space – that commercial amenities are also provided to enable ‘visitors’ to invest in the Horowhenua, rather than simply bringing in their supplies and then leaving.

With the focus on Levin becoming a vibrant town centre, the Gladstone Green (GG) development having a contained community centre with a separate commercial aspect was questioned. David McCorkindale responded that the objective is to have a Levin Town Centre (LTC) that is vibrant and the drawing space, giving it a heart – a reason to be there not just “to get stuff”. The concept is that GG will support some commercial facilities, to complement not compete, with the LTC map.

The reasoning behind the development of Gladstone Green on the eastern side of the township vs western side was explained.

- Housing

- 01 October 2018 formally assumed as MHUD (Ministry of Housing and Urban Development) previously delivered by other agencies. [MHUD plays a lead role in helping individuals, family and whānau have healthy, secure and affordable homes that meet their needs]
- MSD update/FYI – 8 clients from Foxton/Levin currently housed in motels (6 out of the 8 are single); Housing challenges continue (with associated issues with mental health and ex-offenders); 3 transitional housing provisions are full
- Social housing is challenging but also stock is small, with only one vacant property at the moment

- News: Housing and Urban Development Authority (HUDA) supported by HUD – to commence within the year (Housing NZ will no longer exist). 'Homes Community Living' (formerly Hobsonville Land Company), a new agency will lead the urban development projects
- Transition phase/interesting times. Large announcements and restructures in a year's time. Development of Gladstone Green will be really interesting.

The Chair commented that with the 3,000 residences designated for growth in the district come challenges, particularly around values and affordability of new housing for which there is no easy solution to this.

H2040 GM Nicki Brady commented that housing is a priority area raised in every single forum (i.e. across demographics, from school children to older persons). HDC are engaging directly with agencies (e.g. Te Puni Kokiri, MSD, HUD), with good news that Te Puni Kokiri are to provide a facilitator and staff from HUD to facilitate a 2019 forum to explore some of the questions (e.g. what's [defined as] 'affordable' in the Horowhenua). Collaboration is valuable to addressing the housing topic; an invite will be forthcoming for this community discussion.

Jo Smith reminded the committee of 'needs assessment' movement from home into funded/aged care (as per the Social Security Act). There are a range of people who do not manage in their own home, and people aged 70-80 are not automatically eligible (and rest homes are not the right place for them).

Katie Brosnahan commented that she is really proud of cross-agency collaboration that is working in the housing space (including the more complex vulnerable cases).

6 Youth Housing Needs – Cr Piri-Hira Tukapua

As Chair of the Youth Network Cr Piri-Hira Tukapua provided a brief background around the role/purpose of the Network, including the three areas identified as current significant issues: mental health, basic needs, and especially housing.

Cr Tukapua said youth tenancy experience is nil, particularly for those youth transitioning from school/college to renting. The reality and common scenario for many is a home of dysfunction/unsafe environment forcing youth to move out of home by 16, and not qualifying for any benefits impacting on this. A life of turmoil ensues – sleeping in cars, couch surfing etc. until something secure is found. By Government standards 'youth' is defined as aged 12-24; the Youth Network is focusing on the transitional age, around 16.

Citing other scenarios, Cr Tukapua implored the collaboration of the CWC/agencies, collectively to support and assist in finding a solution for the Horowhenua's youth housing need – particularly transitional housing.

To further this discussion, the Chair suggested presenting some case studies and statistics to the CWC in 2019.

Katie Brosnahan offered to connect Youth Network with the relevant service providers as there appears some confusion around services available/provided for some age groups.

7 Networking – round table

Reflections on 2018 from each agency/organisation:

Jo Smith, MCDHB – programme of restructuring; workforce issues continue to be an issue across all disciplines; currently have roles unable to recruit to, specialities required simply not

available; good work being done for mental health; over the Christmas/summer period Palmerston North residents flood the Foxton Beach area which puts extra pressure on GP/health services; "Granny Dumping" also occurs over this period adding pressure on health service providers having to manage expectations of families and responsibilities around social inclusion for these people.

Margaret Williams, GreyPower – GP Xmas party with Koputaroa School children providing entertainment was an enjoyable event; endeavouring to publicise to Community Service Card holders re: new reduced GP fees.

Mayor Feyen – listed a number of prevalent issues within the community e.g. refugee status, food banks, youth housing (no group flatting situations available). Thanked all in having an interest in social issues.

Gavin Rooney, LMG / Barnados – a challenging/tough year experience; increased reporting/compliance costs; collaborations mean new contracts etc. which in turn poses challenges around staffing/recruitment resource issues.

Betty-Lou Iwikau, Raukawa Whānau-Ora – a really great year for our iwi (Ōtaki to Halcombe); privileged to work in the most deprived areas; the Horowhenua has some really deprived areas particularly with our elderly. Very positive is the ability of this community to work collectively enabling us to tap into resources of this group and others via hui to obtain the support required. Thanked all for the wonderful relationships and forging strategic partnerships.

Kelly Bevan, Whaioro Trust – celebrated the move into new premises following many years at Jack Allen House; Manaaki Tiki Mauri, a rangitahi leadership programme where 56 participated and graduated obtaining e.g. driver licensing, first aid etc.; homelessness and the complexities of youth e.g. drug use in the home etc.

Katie Brosnahan, MSD – reiterated the opportunities around growth also brings other challenges/complexities; congratulated HDC on 'stepping up' with the CWC and the proactive approach; expressed appreciation for the leadership of Barry Judd, Sam Hutcheson and Sharon Grant, equating to a combined strength.

Eleanor Gully, Disability Leadership Forum – room bookings have increased at Jack Allen Community Hub; commencing in March/April next year, a greater voice for those with disabilities in Levin will be provided.

Beth Purcell, NZ Police – youth suicide a huge focus, with Elizabeth Dempster (MCDHB) delivering training around suicide/mental health to a group operating in Levin; delivery of 1600 Fill A Shoe Box commences 19 December.

Keith Hilson, Housing NZ Corp – a year of observation, doing the right thing for whanau; Working collectively for good outcomes, the right connections and seeing positive outcomes as a result.

Mike Fletcher, MSD – 6 funding proposals; a number of services need to stand up by 01 July 2019 e.g. a minimum standard of care will come into place; Youth justice space has increased; a 'transition' service for 18-21 year olds enabling them to remain with their carer (dependent on circumstances) – a significant shift; Also from 01 July 2019 a focus to reduce disparity re: Māori tamariki with other (new) services on the horizon, partnering with Iwi to start with.

Sharon Grant, HDC – key areas of HDC covered by Sam, David and Nicki; congratulated the committee for their work.

Patrick Rennell, HLC – 415 clients across regions; 260 gaining sustainable employment; Graduation this Thursday with 193 youth and adult learners obtaining a first time qualification; a collaboration between HLC and LTTM will commence in 2019, improving the number of services, particularly around youth suicide.

Cr Jo Mason – acknowledged the work of the CWC; Council Briefings tomorrow night include a presentation from Elizabeth Dempster around mental health needs etc. providing Elected

Members an opportunity to gain greater understanding around this issue; Assured the Committee the Elected Members have confidence in and respect the work of the CWC, with their work aiding decisions within Council.

Sam Hutcheson, HDC – much reflection having completed first year with HDC; thanked the Committee.

Cr Barry Judd – thanked the Committee for their dedicated participation during the year – staying focused and engaged, setting the right targets; the task/focus for 2019 is looking at the Strategy and developing action points to bring about change.

Members wished all a Merry Christmas/ Meri Kerihimete and safe travels.

To conclude, the Chair acknowledged and thanked Sgt Sarn Paroli for his involvement and contribution to the CWC, particularly his drive around family harm and his commitment to the community entire.

3.10 pm

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

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