
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 09 October 2018 at 1.00 pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Cr Barry Judd
Deputy Chairperson	Cr Jo Mason
Members	Mr James Etuale Mayor Michael Feyen Mr Mike Fletcher Ms Eve Fone Ms Sharon Grant Mr Keith Hilson Mr David Jermey Ms Tracy Merson Mr David McCorkindale Sgt Sarn Paroli Ms Brenda Rea Ms Maureen Scott Ms Jo Smith Sister Sosefina Ms Ella Tavernor

IN ATTENDANCE

Reporting Officer	Ms Samantha Hutcheson	(Acting Community Development Manager)
	Mr Daniel O'Regan	(Acting Communications Manager)
	Mr Joshua Wharton	(Community Development Advisor)
	Ms Sophie Parrant	(Community Development Advisor)
	Ms Trish Hayward	(Communications Advisor)
	Miss Sharon Bowling	(Meeting Secretary)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Jim Greening	Ministry of Education
Mr Liam McLeavey	Pathways Horowhenua

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

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

1 Apologies

Apologies were recorded for Lisa Holgate, Katie Brosnahan, Meghan Davenport, Mark Robinson, Nicki Brady, Patrick Rennell and Margaret Williams.

MOVED by Cr Mason, seconded Ms Fone:

THAT the apologies received be accepted.

CARRIED

2 Public Participation

Mike Lepper 4.1 Community Development
p8 – Implementation of the Arts, Culture & Heritage Plan

3 Confirmation of Minutes

MOVED by Sgt Paroli, seconded Ms Merson:

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Community Wellbeing Committee held on Tuesday, 14 August 2018, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

4 Reports

Community Services Report to 09 October 2018

To present to the Community Wellbeing Committee the Community Services Report 09 October 2018.

MOVED by Mr Fletcher, seconded Cr Mason:

THAT Report 18/546 on Community Services Report to 09 October 2018 be received.

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

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

- Balls, Boots and Bullets exhibition at Te Takereranga o Kura-hau-pō
- Age on the Go Expo
- Access and Inclusion Plan
- Jim Diers tour and learnings from this event
- Women's Suffrage breakfast
- Nominations open for Civic Honours Awards and Youth Excellence Awards

Public Participation – 4.1 Community Development, Implementation of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Plan

Mr Mike Lepper thanked the committee for allowing him to speak with an assurance that he was not here to suggest Council should not have adopted of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Plan.

After providing a brief history of his 40 years involvement in the performing arts (district wide) and the community, Mr Lepper stated that he believed that the Plan adopted by Council was not consulted on widely enough and did not involve the likes of the performing arts and music fraternity. In stating that Council needed an

operative Arts, Culture and Heritage Plan that reflected the true component of the Horowhenua district, Mr Lepper asked that the CWC resolve that there be wider consultation to capture groups which were not consulted in the initial round.

The Chair advised that the Plan has been adopted by Council and assured Mr Lepper that further engagement would take place with those groups identified to gain reach; adding that a formal resolution from the CWC to conduct further engagement was not required. Mr Lepper also offered to work with Council officers on this matter.

Noting that the consultation took place over a couple of years and that the Plan itself presented challenges as it was all-encompassing, it was acknowledged that further engagement is required. With a number of strategies/plans under review, Sam Hutcheson said Council would ensure wide, appropriate reach/engagement in future.

5 Reporting – by Focus Area

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

- Children's Workforce

Referral rates have picked up but still low to the need; also noticing in the area that referrals were coming from groups not previously referred to CT.

Workforce Lead actively liaising (kanohi ki te kanohi) with community groups/agencies and realising the advantages of integrated response.

Key message is BAU; and bound to the needs of the children.

Continue to receive support/resource across the community; panel is working really well around local solutions/resourcing.

- Community of Learners

A brief reminder was provided around what CoL is about (a collaborative approach across education to support pathways through education).

Proactive work between early childhood providers and the schools continues.

Feedback from the committee was requested around level(s) of support and spreading the word, including how best to feed information back to Moira Howard and team.

Recognising the pathways from ECE to employment (which is not common around the country), Liam McLeavey commented that this was really exciting and worthy to note.

Questioning the thinking around the tertiary options in Levin, Jo Smith commented that a number of people within communities are undertaking distant learning but are isolated through a variety of reasons and whether consideration had been given around how these people might connect; adding that it appeared that those undertaking distant learning were also left to their own devices to seek interaction and that there could be some beneficial opportunities, particularly for Council as an enabler, to establish a place for these groups to gather and connect.

Sam Hutcheson said that Education Horowhenua would be the appropriate forum to facilitate further discussion around this topic.

- Family Harm

All 12 positions are filled for the Wāhine Toa programme; and has gained interest from other areas [A success story shared: a complete lifestyle/life direction for one female

participant gaining full employment, being a role model as speaker at Wāhine Toa; a significant impact not only on her life but that of her whānau].

Citing an example of what can come from the CWC, Sarn Paroli extended his thanks to James Etuale for being the instigator/driver in connecting the Pasifika community and the Police (Horowhenua being the second fastest growing Pasifika population).

James Etuale reciprocated his thanks to both Sgt Paroli and Lisa Holgate for their discussions which has led to fostering a holistic approach and ability to supporting the Pasifika people in the district. He added that DIA are looking at other avenues of support long term that hopefully he can bring to the table in future.

- Health & Wellbeing

With around 13k people Mid-Central districtwide who are not registered for primary care, David Jermey advised that Mid-Central DHB is in the process of setting up a system internally to support people becoming registered; and also sought support from around the table to enable this.

Referring to the work streams as identified in the report, Jo Smith commented that those in residential care tend to be well cared for; however the core group that are at home (in Horowhenua around 1,000 of 1300 districtwide) are defined as “frailties of condition” and can decompensate quickly, highlighting that managing and supporting for frailty is strong.

David Jermey advised that home support agencies are being taken through the new ‘Take Five’ programme, with the key focus being “to keep active”; and an accredited exercise programme is being rolled out by Sport Manawatū, highlighting the importance in keeping this group of people engaged in all aspects.

Tracy Merson raised youth suicide and family harm meth use as two critical areas that the CWC could be taking seriously right now and sought the thoughts of the committee. Jo Smith suggested either a narrative or invite for someone from the DHB mental health space to provide an update to the committee around these issues within the district. The Chair concurred that such a presentation would hold real value, certainly with regard to youth suicide, providing information and available programmes. It was suggested a Youth Network representative could also present.

- Growth

Jo Smith raised the matter of what’s important to the older/ageing community (i.e. lack of seating) and being mindful of an aging population in respect of town development. David McCorkindale assured the committee that these matters are being addressed.

- Housing

The workshop facilitated by MSD and HNZ ‘Navigating the public housing pathway’ aimed at frontline workers was a valuable event and received positive feedback.

Referring to the Public Housing Plan, Keith Hilson said the stats for Horowhenua indicated that 30 homes in public housing would be built but awaiting on both finance and contracts to deliver; adding that the need for rent subsidy would be critical for the homes that are built.

Encouraged members to review the recently released Housing and Urban Ministry Report (a MBIE/MSD collaboration), which indicated to build at pace and scale, a lot of change in the plan.

Topical at the moment: policy around dignity; insufficient housing currently (quadrupled in the Horowhenua); housing allocation/capacity building.

6 Horowhenua 2040 / Provincial Growth Fund

Item withdrawn; and agreed the update would be shared via the Minutes:

Provincial Growth Fund: Horowhenua District Council has successfully lodged two Provincial Growth Fund applications – Project Lift (Quality Care and Lifestyle for Older People) and Restoration of the Foxton River Loop. Both applications will be considered at the upcoming meeting (25 October 2018).

Community Conversation: as outlined in the Horowhenua 2040 presentation to the CWC, we recognise that growing neighbourhoods and building stronger communities only works when we all pitch in. It's time for us to have a conversation about our neighbourhoods and communities, and specifically how we can weave our neighbourhoods and communities together into the future. We believe our communities will be known as vibrant and connected places to live, work, play and visit where everyone is empowered and energised to realise their potential and ability. Through our initial conversations with community members they told us that neighbourhoods are important to them so we are looking to hear ideas from the community on:

- Tahi: What do you love about your neighbourhood and what makes it so special?
- Rua: What do you think will make your neighbourhood a great place to live in the future?
- Toru: Share your ideas – what would be a great neighbourhood or community initiative?

Thoughts and comments from the community on the above questions will inform the Horowhenua 2040 action plan. An online form, freepost forms and kōrero starter packs will be launching in November 2018.

7 Horowhenua Youth Network: Youth Transition Housing

Sophie Parrant requested that the report by the Youth Network be taken and read.

To formulate a way forward on this topic, the Chair indicated this item be placed on the next meeting's agenda for further consideration.

8 Survey of Residents Community Wellbeing Indicators

Daniel O'Regan, HDC's Acting Communications Manager spoke to his power point presentation providing: a brief background of the Residents Survey conducted; the 2018 results covering crime and safety, networking/support cf. national comparisons. Next year it is planned to expand the question line in the survey to include cultural identity. A copy of the presentation is **attached** to the official minutes.

Jo Smith questioned the aptness of releasing the full Residents Survey to the public, as the presented results would indicate that there is no issue in the Horowhenua around social isolation and care availability – which is the polar opposite trend in MDHB's experience – and encouraged that the release is balanced in some way. It was asked that a sound bite be emailed to Sam Hutcheson so that the situation is stated correctly upon any public release.

During discussion it was agreed that perception plays a crucial part when conducting telephone surveys, which alters depending on who is being spoken to, and other factors that may influence when asking any given question. There remained a number of question marks around the data; uncertain/unsure where to go with the data.

Daniel O'Regan added that the residential survey merely provides a snapshot of understanding for such organisations like local government, as a conversation enabler. Measured consideration will be given to whether or not the full resident's survey will be released to the public.

9 Measuring Progress/Preparing for Review of Strategy

With review of the strategy due next year, Samantha Hutcheson sought feedback from the committee around what good community wellbeing indicators/measures are, proposing a sub group come together and progress the discussion prior to the next meeting.

An email invitation would be dispatched to the committee inviting those interested in being part of this work and/or have any tools or experience to share.

3:00 pm

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

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AT A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY WELLBEING
COMMITTEE HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....