
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 9 November 2021 at 1.00 pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Cr Victoria Kaye-Simmons	
Deputy Chairperson	Deputy Mayor Jo Mason	
Members	Acting Senior Sgt Paul Adrian	(NZ Police)
	Daniel Gamboa	(Office of Ethnic Communities [DIA])
	Joanne Parker	(Corrections NZ)
	Angela Rainham	(MidCentral DHB)
	Mark Robinson	(Education Horowhenua)
	Margaret Williams	(Older Persons' Network Representative)

IN ATTENDANCE

Reporting Officer	Michelle Rogerson	(Community and Social Development Manager)
Meeting Secretary	Sharon Bowling Nicki Brady	(GM – Communities, Partnerships + Business)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Joann Ransom	(MidCentral District Health Board)
Itayi Mapanda	(Manager Public Health, MidCentral DHB)
Mikayla MacDonald	(MidCentral DHB)
Neil Hirini	(Community Development Advisor)
Teresa Burke	(Community Development Advisor)
Kim Stewart	(Community Development Advisor)

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Renée Regal, Richard Fry, Brooke Carter, Chiquita Hansen, Betty-Lou Iwikau, and Mayor Wanden. A late apology was received from Jacqui Moynihan.
NOTED

2 Public Participation

No requests for public participation had been received.

3 Confirmation of Minutes

MOVED by Cr Victoria Kaye-Simmons, seconded Angela Rainham:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Community Wellbeing Committee held on Tuesday, 10 August 2021, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

4 Support In-Home Quarantine (SIQ), Joann Ransom, MidCentral DHB

Q&A followed the Powerpoint presentation.

Mark Robinson, representing the college sector, complimented the work of Joann Ransom and the MCDHB team.

Regarding Covid-19 / vaccination information, he cited that students largely obtain information from friends, social media etc. and invariably go down a rabbit hole.

School based health administrators/nurses, who know students best, have been pulled out of schools adding to the plight of good information not being provided/made available to students. He stressed concern about the students as a result. Currently waiting on vaccinations rates of Waiopahu College; Horowhenua College is doing same.

Joann Ransom introduced Itayi Mapanda who responded, explaining that health administrators/nurses had been pulled from local colleges/schools to concentrate on the Covid-19 response. If schools are in high risk areas, the schools will advise and MCDHB/Ministry will respond. Schools/colleges can bring their students to vaccination sites. Itayi will communicate further with Mark offline.

Mark stressed the need of information provision before vaccination. Subsequently he had made direct contact with Tracey White (Muaūpoko Tribal Authority) who is now working for MidCentral DHB and will be conducting a Q&A with students at Waiopahu College.

Jo Mason asked how contact tracing works when someone has had a connection with Covid-19.

Itayi said it is a very tricky situation. When there is a positive case, there is an investigation of that case. Interviewing covers e.g. where the person has been/ the household situation to find the profile to get in touch with all areas. For the contacts, a group of nurses check symptoms and ask questions daily. The Minister of Health makes the decision around isolation requirements. Daily checks assessing health status are conducting to stop spread. If the condition changes, a decision is then made around home or non-home isolation. This is why nurses/health administrators have been removed from schools, e.g. one contact can have 50 cases.

The Powerpoint will be dispatched with the Minutes to CWC members

5 Reports

5.1 Community Wellbeing Report

Purpose

To give an update and overview on the current Community Wellbeing Committee activities, and provide an update on the district wide Community Development work programme that directly contributes to the outcomes of the Community Wellbeing Framework.

MOVED by Cr Victoria Kaye-Simmons, seconded by Deputy Mayor Jo Mason:

THAT Report 21/470 Community Wellbeing Report be received.

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

Reporting Officer, Michelle Rogerson, requested that the report be taken as read.

The Reporting officer provided an update on the On-Board Skate programme – Taitoko Vibes – a weekly Wednesday drop in session throughout November for youth at the Levin Skate Park / Village Green. The event will provide opportunity to engage with youth about what they want.

Teresa Burke was introduced to the Committee as the new Community Development Advisor, who will be coordinating Taitoko Vibes. An invitation was extended to the CWC for the inaugural event taking place this Wednesday.

6 Announcements

The Chair announced that this is Nicki Brady's last CWC meeting as she has resigned from HDC; acknowledging her incredible time and effort dedicated to the Community Wellbeing Committee.

The Committee was also informed of Margaret Williams' decision to retire from her roles within the community, this being her last CWC meeting also. Margaret was gifted an orchid in acknowledgement of her dedication on the Committee.

Margaret said a few words with her signature humour. She was sorry to be standing down, a very hard decision but the time had arrived; adding that she would like to attend future CWC meetings as member of the public.

7 Stakeholder Engagement

The Chair again thanked the members of the CWC for engaging in the 1:1s. The conversations, which covered a raft of topics, clearly indicated that the Community Wellbeing Committee meetings are essential, however the current structure is not working as well as it could / should be.

As such the Chair proposed a recommendation: *THAT the February 2022 CWC meeting be a workshop, to decide what the Community Wellbeing Committee structure looks like.*

Mark Robinson spoke to the motion tabled. Having engaged in the stakeholder 1:1, he commented on the local power in the room/around the table and that the Community

Wellbeing Committee. harness this. He suggested the Committee find an opportunity to review/revisit previous structure(s) as a platform to develop a new one.

The Chair then moved that the February 2022 workshop would be for CWC stakeholders/members only and that the meeting will not be open to the public.

MOVED by Cr Victoria Kaye-Simmons, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mason:

THAT the February 2022 workshop be for participation of CWC stakeholders/members only and that the workshop will not be open to the public.

CARRIED

Citing the Horowhenua as her community and one she strongly cares about, Nicky Brady stressed that those who sit around the table are the people who understand best of what is going on in the community – their voice. She said it is crucial to get to the voices Council are not hearing. Nicki thanked all CWC members, describing them as brave and courageous in what they do – and for giving their time/dedication to date; and that the Committee continue to be so in the February workshop, and wished them all the best in that process. Council needs to hear from the Community Wellbeing Committee, and support what the hear from the Committee.

8 Pokohiwi ki te pokohiwi – Shoulder to shoulder

Mark Robinson (Education Horowhenua) – currently working through staffing re vaccination of staff/teaches, which is high for Waiopehu College. Acknowledged the amazing work of Nicki Brady and the Community Development team as Council, employees and counsellors for our young people; love the connection Council has with the community, a real strength of the Horowhenua. As a growing community, the vibes are good. Roll on 90% and the traffic light system!

Paul Adrian (NZ Police) – Prevention Manager seconded for Horowhenua; also iterated that the CWC is an important group – well done everyone.

Angela Rainham (MidCentral DHB) – Introduced Mikayla MacDonald (local to Horowhenua) who is now working with Angela on community engagement.

Covid-19 vaccinations to date: MCDHB 88% first dose, 77% full; Horowhenua 87% first doses, 3768 still eligible for vaccination 12+ (demographic: primary under 40 years of age); Currently waiting on age break down, which will be emailed to the Meeting Secretary once received to distribute to the CWC.

At the time of reporting, MDHB-led vaccination clinics around the rohe this week included Hinemoa House; Horowhenua Events Centre; Flagstaff Reserve (Foxton Beach); Te Waiora (Shannon); and Berry's Health Care Pharmacy.

Report on new project due out soon re services to better support for whanau and pēpi in their first 1000 days of life.

Angela is keen on any engagement to hook into (e.g. youth events) and other hui that DHB could benefit.

Daniel Gamboa (Office of Ethnic Communities, IDA) – Thanked the Chair and Reporting Officer for holding the stakeholder 1:1s, taking the time to listen which he found empowering. Looks forward to the February workshop. Main focus currently is the vaccination numbers in the various ethnic community groups (African + Latin American are the lowest vaccinated). Working with both the Ministry of Health and local DHB to increase vaccination rates.

Joanne Parker (Corrections NZ) – Introduced herself to the Committee, works in Probation. Under the new legislation anyone that needs to enter a prison facility must be vaccinated – including staff – with a predication of loss of staff as a result. She added that prisoners go into quarantine before entering general population and that prisoner uptake of vaccination is quite good.

Jo Mason (Deputy Mayor) – acknowledged the comments around the table that ‘localism’ is what matters. Thanked the Committee and acknowledged the value and contribution they made to the Horowhenua district.

In closing the Chair acknowledged the dedication and passion of all agencies/stakeholders on the CWC. She is excited and hopeful about the workshop in February 2022. Wished all a lovely Christmas and New Year. Thanks extended again for attendees participation, especially the new members.

2:30 pm

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

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COMMITTEE HELD ON

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CHAIRPERSON:.....