
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 19 November 2019 at 1.00 pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson

Cr Victoria Kaye-Simmons

Deputy Chairperson

Cr Jo Mason

Members

Mr James Etuale

Department of Internal Affairs

Mr Mike Fletcher

Ministry Social Development

Ms Eve Fone

Oranga Tamariki

Mr Jim Greening

Ministry of Education

Ms Eleanor Gully

Access & Inclusion Rep

Ms Angela Williams on behalf
of Mr Keith Hilson

Kainga Ora (prev. Housing NZ Inc.)

Ms Pauline Holland

MidCentral DHB

Ms Alice Mose-Tuialii

Horowhenua-Ōtaki Children's Team

Ms Angela Rainham

MidCentral DHB

Ms Brenda Rea

THINK Hauora (prev. MidCentral DHB)

Mr Patrick Rennell

HLC – Horowhenua Learning Centre

Mayor Bernie Wanden

Ex-Officio

Ms Margaret Williams

Grey Power Rep

IN ATTENDANCE

Reporting Officer

Mrs Lacey Winiata

Community Engagement Manager

Mrs Nicki Brady

GM H2040 & Partnership Development

Mrs Cathryn Pollock

Community & Youth Development Manager

Ms Michelle Rogerson

Community Development Advisor

Mr David McCorkindale

GM Strategy & Development

Miss Sharon Bowling

Meeting Secretary

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Tracee Te Huia

General Manager Māori, MidCentral DHB

Victoria Gregory

Te Whare Mahana

Faalele Puluseu

Te Whare Mahana

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

There were no members of the public in attendance at the commencement of the meeting.

Meeting opened with Karakia

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Katie Brosnahan, Beth Purcell, Sister Sosefina, Betty-Lou Iwikau, Keith Hilson and Mark Robinson.

Round table introductions were made.

2 Public Participation

No requests for public participation had been received.

3 Confirmation of Minutes

MOVED by Mr Patrick Rennell, seconded Cr Jo Mason:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Community Wellbeing Committee held on Tuesday, 13 August 2019, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

4 Reports

4.1 Community Services Report to 19 November 2019

To present to the Community Wellbeing Committee the Community Services Report 19 November 2019.

MOVED by Cr Jo Mason, seconded Ms Eleanor Gully:

THAT Report 19/160 on Community Services Report to 13 August 2019 be received.

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

CARRIED

Lacey Winiata requested that the report be taken as read, highlighting some of the salient points:

- 14 Community Capacity Building workshops have been held over the last 6 months, including a Child Protection workshop held this morning at HDC; Extensive plans are in place for the next 6 months.
- Refugee Resettlement: Red Cross is the provider of the services in Levin; the ethnic group being welcomed are Columbians. Next steps entails facilitating meetings between Red Cross and our community to best support resettlement.

Expanding on the Community Capacity Building workshops, Cathryn Pollock covered off the purpose and variety of content covered (citing examples), and for whom the workshops catered for – organisations/agencies that are unable to provide them for their employees. It was acknowledged that there could be gaps in our community (e.g. voluntary groups) which may need assistance with providing workshops, and sought committee members to bring such organisations/groups to the attention of the Community Development Team.

The workshops have proved beneficial to build discussion and/or networks within our community. They are provided free or funded by koha; noting that the workshops are not restricted to Levin, are held district wide with transport provided if need be.

Eleanor Gully advised that a number of capacity building workshops are also hosted/held at Te Whare Mahana covering e.g. financial, governance topics. It was suggested Te Whare Mahana and Council could partner to provide workshops around e.g. First Aid.

5 Reports – Focus Areas

The latest updates for each of focus areas were provided as information only at the time of the Agenda dispatch.

(CWC Focus Area updates will be **attached** to the official minutes)

- **Children's Workforce**

Link to the Child & Youth Wellbeing Strategy

<https://dpmc.govt.nz/our-programmes/child-and-youth-wellbeing-strategy>

- **Community of Learners**

- **Family Harm**

- **Health & Wellbeing**

Highlights: Improving access and health care – Pasifika health care now established in the Horowhenua, helping to connect families with health services, taking programmes out to child care centres, schools etc.; Changes around primary care – frustration with waiting times, and the shortage of GPs is an ongoing issue in the Horowhenua. This is being better managed by way of e.g. phone triaging/phone portals, taking some of the pressure off; In the mental health space, a prevention team was established in Horowhenua/Otaki this year, with workshops held for mental health/addiction/suicide prevention at schools. Feedback from the CoL indicate that more children are presenting with anxiety and depression nationally.

The challenge around access will always exist. There is more acknowledgement and more work around the need to break down barriers to access, however it is hard to address the actual statistics (definitely signs of improvement has been made in the Pacific peoples area). The continued GP shortage is a major issue in primary care.

Concern was expressed around the District's growth and the impact on these issues; and the need to develop strategies to work together and address. It was assured that considerations around population increases and future needs are being given; with MidCentral keen to collaborate.

Appropriate to the topic, Brenda Rea spoke about the recruitment challenges in attracting General Practitioners to the Horowhenua District. With the ageing GP population, it is becoming a critical issue. For three years in a row, enrolment in the GP training programme has reduced and coupled with the latest news that 53 students will be denied graduation following the discovery of an overseas placement rort the outlook is more than concerning.

There is a desperate need to encourage GPs to the Horowhenua; and it is the hardest area to recruit to.

Acknowledging that there are different ways to address the shortage of GPs, Brenda said unfortunately the paradigm is slow. This has a roll on effect/impact on Palmerston North Hospital, and numbers have escalated exponentially. Concluding, that if the mid

central area is not an attractive area to live and work for GPs, then the challenge sat around the benefits of living and working in the Horowhenua District.

It was suggested this issue be addressed in the New Year.

○ **Growth**

A PowerPoint was presented covering Horowhenua's population and growth, growth trends, and housing expectations.

(PowerPoint will be **attached** to the official minutes)

○ **Housing**

Housing NZ Inc. has been renamed – Kāinga Ora, Homes and Communities. The agency is keen to attend and participate in the Horowhenua housing forums/hui.

It was noted that there have been no new builds happening in the Horowhenua (and no more conversations recently around that happening); there is some transitional housing, but nothing has come of that to date.

The Chair requested that Angela Williams follow up on the housing build situation for the Horowhenua and feed back to the CWC.

6 Pokohiwi ki te pokohiwi – Shoulder to shoulder

Covered in agenda item 5 re General Practitioner shortage.

In closing, the Chair advised the next CWC meeting will be held on 11 February 2020.

It was requested that members give consideration prior to the February meeting around the current CWC meeting time, day and frequency and if the scheduling still suits.

Deputy Chair Jo Mason suggested the possibility of having another facilitated workshop in 2020 to find out what the CWC wants as a group. The Chair concurred with the suggestion, if the CWC was comfortable with this.

Closing Karakia

14:19 pm

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

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COMMITTEE HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....