

# 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 13 August 2019 at 1.00 pm.

### PRESENT

**Chairperson**  
**Deputy Chairperson**  
**Members**

Cr Barry Judd	
Cr Jo Mason	
Ms Kelly Bevan	Whaioro Trust
Ms Michelle Bussey	Department of Corrections
Ms Moira Campbell	Levin North School
Ms Samantha Coromandel	Life to the Max - LTTM
Mayor Michael Feyen	ex-Officio
Ms Eve Fone	Oranga Tamariki
Mr Richard Fry on behalf of	Ministry of Social Development - Work and
Katie Brosnahan	Income
Ms Eleanor Gully	Inclusion & Access Representative
Mr Keith Hilson	Housing NZ Corporation
Dr Betty-Lou Iwikau	Raukawa Whanau-Ora Ltd
Ms Tracy Merson	Horowhenua Abuse Liaison Team - HALT
Sgt Beth Purcell	NZ Police
Ms Angela Rainham	MidCentral DHB
Mr Patrick Rennell	Horowhenua Learning Centre - HLC
Mr Mark Robinson	Waiopahu College
Ms Alice Soalo	Horowhenua-Ōtaki Children's Team
Sister Sosefina	Housing Compassion
Cr Piri-Hira Tukapua	Youth Network Chair
Ms Margaret Williams	Older Persons Network

### IN ATTENDANCE

Reporting Officer	Mrs Lacey Winiata	Community Engagement Manager
	Mrs Nicki Brady	GM H2040 & Partnership Development
	Mrs Cathryn Pollock	Community Development Manager
	Ms Michelle Rogerson	Community Development Advisor
	Mr Neil Hirini	Community Development Advisor
	Ms Kim Stewart	Community Development Advisor
	Mr Liam McLeavey	Pathways Horowhenua / Education
		Horowhenua
	Miss Sharon Bowling	Meeting Secretary

### ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Barry Heal	Department of Corrections
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### PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

There were six members of the public in attendance at the commencement of the meeting.

## 1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Katie Brosnahan, Brenda Rea, David McCorkindale, Pauline Holland, Mike Fletcher, Jim Greening and Di Rump.

MOVED by Mayor Feyen, seconded Eleanor Gully:

*THAT the apologies be accepted.*

**CARRIED**

## 2 Public Participation

No requests for public participation had been received.

## 3 Confirmation of Minutes

MOVED by Cr Barry Judd, seconded Mr Mark Robinson:

*THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Community Wellbeing Committee held on Tuesday, 14 May 2019, be confirmed as a true and correct record.*

**CARRIED**

## 4 Reports

### 4.1 Community Services Report to 13 August 2019

To present to the Community Wellbeing Committee the Community Services Report 13 August 2019.

MOVED by Jo Mason , seconded Mayor Feyen:

*THAT Report 19/160 on Community Services Report to 14 May 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, including updates:

- Applications open for 5 community grants schemes (Horowhenua Community Development Grant, Community Consultation Grant, Shannon Community Development Trust, Rural Halls Grant and the national Creative Communities Scheme). Three community workshops were held in Foxton, Shannon and Levin to provide information to the community/potential applicants.
- HDC hosted a Refugee Resettlement Workshop facilitated by MBIE on 30 July 2019

Catherine Pollock talked to the Community Wellbeing Framework which was taken to a Council Briefing on 07 August 2019, which included YEP leaders representation. Council was supportive of the framework. The focus now will be that all action plans are up to date and meet needs; with some up for review this year. The overall goal being to develop better reciprocal connections within networks. The Committee were thanked for their continued support, and their comments/feedback welcome.

*(A copy of the one-pager framework will be **attached** to the official minutes)*

The Chair acknowledged that the challenges are around networking, with members having full time commitments outside of the committee; adding that the committee was functioning well and all input is extremely important for Council to do its job.

## 4.2 Chair's Report

The Chair referred to his report which gave an update on the housing forums held with the community, providing some additional comment.

Highlighted early on was the pressure on our housing stock and ability for people to gain housing/accommodation. The three forums have included community housing providers, local iwi, pasifika ministers/church leaders, land developers/builders, and local, regional, central government representatives – to develop a housing action plan.

HDC has engaged with the right government department(s) so we can go to central government with a solution, and seek assistance and change. The key message to government agencies here yesterday is that we are not Council, but representatives of our community, aware of the challenges and needs etc. with the aim to see some houses built.

Mayor Feyen agreed there were no easy answers, with Council working hard to “keep the foot on the throat”. The forums were a productive platform, with range of attendees, considering all options (e.g. council land), reiterating it was not any easy road.

The Chair added that the role of funding is a major part, that belongs to central government. However, it was not an option to doing nothing, needed to drive the issue, work out in partnership the best way /solution.

It was noted that the housing forums were separated because that was the request, and have been highly successful as a result. The CWC will be kept up to date on outcomes.

## 5 Presentations

### • **Family Harm Team**

Tracy Merson presented on behalf on the Family Harm Team, which comprises NZ Police, Department of Corrections, Oranga Tamariki and HALT.

The power point presentation supported with video covered: family harm statistics, development of the interagency family harm team, the FHT members and what they do, intervention options (e.g. whakakotahitanga, prison pre-release meetings), cumulative harm and the new family violence legislation.

Mayor Feyen requested permission to post parts of the presentation to social media. The Family Harm Team would be consulted and Mayor Feyen advised accordingly.

Given the topic content, the Chair suggested that some questions were more appropriate to address offline.

Questioning funding sources around the Wahine Toa programme, Tracy Merson said that funding was typically received as lump sums (and sufficient to cover the programme), adding that corporate sponsorship has been considered. Overall the programme was a cost effective weekend.

### • **Horowhenua Shared Pathway Project**

For clarity, Therese Barber defined her role as Shared Pathways Project Manager (cf. footpaths and walkways). The presentation gave an overview of the project (including the background and definition), network concepts, and project phases; and sought to find synergies between the work of the CWC collectively and the scope of the shared pathways project, including potential funding sources.

*(A copy of the presentation will be **attached** to the official minutes)*

Committee members were asked to participate in MentiMeter [www.menti.com](http://www.menti.com) to answer/vote on the various questions in real time (e.g. which type of pathway users do you work with? What programmes/projects have synergies?) Members were encouraged to continue adding over the next 7 days.

The suggestions provided via MentiMeter around the synergies will go back to the shared pathway stakeholder group to consider.

The Chair suggested any questions be directed to Therese Barber offline.

Acknowledging Cr Jo Mason's involvement with the shared pathways project, Mayor Feyen commented that for him shared pathways is about "getting kids back on bikes to school", and in his opinion there were a number of ways to achieve this.

Cr Jo Mason added that shared pathways project does not sit in isolation, that e.g. safety and wellbeing were crucial aspects. She added that she is really proud that it is a relevant conversation around the Council table, and "let's do this together".

## **6 Reports – Focus Areas**

The latest updates for each of focus areas were provided as information only at the time of the Agenda dispatch (Children's Workforce, Community of Learners, Family Harm, Health & Wellbeing, Growth, Housing).

## **7 Round table – brief updates**

Mark Robinson – Next Education Horowhenua meeting on Thursday. Secondary school space priority is about involvement, educating children.

Patrick Rennell – Appropriate time to note Mark Robinson as the new Chair of Education Horowhenua. HLC has two new community initiatives (1) partnered with Ministry of Pacific Peoples to deliver *Tupu Aotearoa*; launch of the programme will be held in early September; (2) Computers in Homes programme, providing devices, subsidised internet and technical support for low income families, with the family retaining the device at end of the programme. It is a pilot of 30 families with additional families joining as extra funding becomes available. LTTM has a new programme supporting the transition to adulthood, with LTTM now able to work with youth up to age of 25. A positive step for our community.

Alice Mose-Tuialii – Newly appointed to Horowhenua-Ōtaki Children's Team. Noted that the 'action canvas' has been left as was last meeting due to a number of staff resource changes in Oranga Tamariki office. Confirmed that despite community rumours, the Children's Team are not closing. BAU for Children's Team, and changes with the policy stage.

Sister Sosefina – Recent situation whereby a tenant asked if she could look after his wife while tenant is in hospital, along with attending a lot of funerals, has put stress on the two Compassion Housing staff based here in Horowhenua and the services they provide.

Margaret Williams – Delighted by new bus service, Levin to Palmerston North. The first trip via Foxton carried 18 passengers; and the trip via Shannon 25 passengers. All had a Gold Card. As a 'heads up', there is another idea in play that will be presented in time.

Piri-Hira Tukapua – Youth Network meetings are hosted at HLC every 6 weeks; noting that the meeting time changed to 4pm. Network have been involved in the housing action plan, and a mapping exercise "all things youth".

Kelly Bevan – Alternative education programme is full, with schools wanting more. A new appointment has been made with Neville Hei Hei who heads the drug/alcohol rangitahi team – a very skilled, qualified team. As a community housing provider, discussions underway with Housing NZ as to how to provide respite locally. Te Runanga will have a vacant building in Keepa Street soon.

Keith Hilson – Housing NZ to be renamed Kāinga Ora—Homes and Communities nationwide. Entire role of HNZ will change; it will become NZ biggest developer, including land, consenting powers etc. while continuing to be a landlord (for state housing). It will be a social function – fully invested in communities. Huge change coming up.

Moir Campbell – Referred to Community of Learner's (COL) report. Combined BOT meeting this week re Kāhui Ako – schools working together for combined outcomes.

Angela Rainham – New to the CWC, explained her (new) role with DHB. Recent engagement areas indicated that still forefront community wellbeing communities. Quarterly newsletter of happenings in DHB has been created – members invited to join the database if interested.

Michelle Bussey – Introduced her new role at Department of Corrections, and gave thanks to the partnership around the table. Recently held a women's rehab programme/retreat in Horowhenua, and are looking at a programme for men also. Due to transport issues, the office is increasing hours in Shannon and Foxton areas to be more accessible. Acknowledged the importance of pre-release meetings.

Eve Fone – Thanked the community for their support of Oranga Tamariki during the recent difficult period.

Samantha Coromandel – New contract in partnership with Oranga Tamariki.

Richard Fryer – MSD perspective, core focus is the wellbeing of NZers – housing, finances etc. Ministry looking at ways to be better connect with the community and networks (following the 2014 Ashburton incident)

Eleanor Gully – Jack Allen Community Hub reverting back to name originally given, Te Whare Mahana; to raise funds, holding a fashion show at Ballentynes Levin on 25 September, \$20; improving partnership with local iwi; need a programme coordinator; have office space to lease.

Beth Purcell – Family Harm presentation covered off most; have a new initiative at He Whare Manaaki Tangata (parenting unit at Waiopehu College) – discussions with attendees about topics such as family harm, nutrition, etc.; Iwi liaison appointed.

Jo Mason – Expressed thanks and acknowledgement to Barry for his chairing of the CWC. (His leadership of this group being acknowledged now as the next CWC meeting is not until November). His involvement reinvigorated the CWC and gave freedom of commentary from our partners – facts, truth, reality – including real humour and humility. Personally, Jo appreciated working with Barry, including staff and the agencies around the table; he has done an exceptional job.

The Chair – in his reply Barry stated most don't understand his humour. In his opinion, the CWC is the most important forum/committee of Council because it has most of the community around it. Staff team has changed over the last 3 years, but Nicki has built a strong team to take the committee forward, particularly around reporting and communicating. Adding, the challenge is for you all to get out in the community and connect and know what's going on.

Thanked all for participation and contribution around the table – all beneficial to the community. Continue to come to the table and work with the Council team, and the new chair.

3.10 pm

The Chairperson thanked Members for their attendance and attention to business and declared the meeting closed.

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AT A MEETING OF COMMUNITY WELLBEING  
COMMITTEE HELD ON

**DATE:**.....

**CHAIRPERSON:**.....