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# Community Wellbeing Committee

## OPEN MINUTES UNCONFIRMED

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Minutes of a meeting of Community Wellbeing Committee held in the Council Chambers, 126-148 Oxford St, Levin on Wednesday 5 April 2023 at 10:00am.

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### PRESENT

<b>Chair</b>	Mayor Bernie Wanden	
<b>Councillors</b>	Cr Nina Hori Te Pa Cr Clint Grimstone Cr Justin Tamihana	
<b>Members</b>	Darlene Rastrick Mandy Fryer Neville Heihei Kate Aldworth Grant Congdon  Patrick Rennell  Deborah Davies Sheryll Hoera Rebecca Kinloch Catriona McKay Sarah Elliot Angela Rainham Kerry Delaney Mark Robinson	Ministry Social Development (MSD) Ministry Social Development (MSD) Te Tumatakahuki Navigator Ministry Of Education (MOE) Education Horowhenua Chair/Horowhenua College (left 10:43am) Education Horowhenua Chair/Horowhenua Learning Centre Te Whatu Ora Te Whatu Ora Kāinga ora The Horowhenua Company Oranga Tamariki Te Whatu Ora Ministry Of Education (MOE) Ministry Of Education (MOE) Group Manager – Community Experience and Services (via zoom) Democracy Support Officer
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Brent Harvey	
<b>Meeting Secretary</b>	Jody Lygo  Amber Moffitt Michelle Rogerson	Community Development Senior Advisor Community and Social Development Manager (via zoom)

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## 1 Apologies

Resolution number **CWCCC/2023/1**

MOVED by Cr Wanden, seconded Cr Grimstone:

That the apology from Brook Cater, Jacqui Moynihan and Angelina Tuialii be accepted.

**CARRIED**

## 2 Public Participation

There was none.

## 3 Late Items

There were none.

## 4 Declaration of Interest

There were none.

## 7 Executive

### 7.1 Overview of Education Horowhenua and introduction of MOE presentation

### 7.2 Ministry of Education: Data of school attendance and early school leavers

### 7.3 Overview of the Education Horowhenua two working groups

**The above topics were discussed and presented together.**

Mr Congdon, Mrs Aldworth and Mr Rennell spoke to their presentation, highlighting the focus on attendance and engagement of students which is a current priority of the Ministry Of Education (MOE).

Discussion was had around the varying data presented of students attendance from Terms 1, 2 & 3 during 2022. The data is broken down by gender and year level, and the decline in attendance is generally due to student's physical health, mental health/wellbeing and bullying.

Currently Horowhenua as a district has the highest number of stand downs of students in the Greater Wellington Region, with the Māori community having the highest amount of stand downs and suspensions when measured by ethnicity. The answers and solutions with this lie with the community.

The difference between exclusion and expulsion was explained, and the processes and the actions that follow such actions. Noting that if a student is expelled, then the schools work together to allocate the student to a different school.

Discussion was held around the flow on effect of the attendance data, as well as the projected growth of the district and its impacts.

It was noted that these issues are not just isolated to Horowhenua, youth attendance is a key objective area for the MOE. As the answers sit with the community, the MOE are looking to bring together public service leads and different forums to understand what agencies exist and what are they are doing, ensuring that the voice of our community and Iwi are considered.

It was noted that the data pre COVID-19 has shown a downward trend in attendance since 2015, but has dipped further since COVID-19.

The MOE mentioned that the document “Missing Out: Why aren’t our Children going to school” on the Education Review Office’s website has confronting, relevant information to better understand this topic. <https://ero.govt.nz/our-research/missing-out-why-arent-our-children-going-to-school>

This sets out the framework required of what is needed by the community.

Mr Rennell noted that the Horowhenua Learning Centre (HLC) is education beyond college, and significantly more young people are engaging with HLC. However the underlying problem is that young people who are dropping off the radar are then re-engaging with HLC after a couple of years. This leads to young people going directly into work, having no prior education.

Education Horowhenua Forum has established two working groups. Working group one has a focus on attendance and working group two has a focus on transition beyond school. Both working groups will include members of the Education Horowhenua Forum as well as other stakeholders, as it is recognised that sustainable solutions will require an all of community approach. Education Horowhenua will report to the Community Wellbeing Committee on the progress and actions of the working groups.

The need to engage with the Māori community was noted, to better understand where the problems lie, and how as a community we can work together to help to resolve the issues..

It was noted that The Mayor’s Taskforce For Jobs (MTFJ) has achieved 80 placements since July 2022, which is the highest nationwide.

Discussion was held on the Committee’s focus moving forward and how all have a responsibility to help these students, and the recognise the apprehension of the Māori community regarding government agencies. As well as understanding what current supports, programmes and initiatives are already in place for schools from the MOE. Being locally lead and regionally supported.

## 6 Reports for Noting

## 6.1 Community Wellbeing Network Report

To give an update and overview on the current Community Wellbeing network committees' activities and actions.

### Resolution Number CWCCC/2023/2

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Hori Te Pa:

That Report 23/196 Community Wellbeing Network Report be received.

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

**CARRIED**

Mr Harvey spoke to this report, noting its intention is to strengthen the relationship between the various network meetings and the Community Wellbeing Committee. From this point on, the information from these network meetings will be provided to the Committee as it emanates, and not solely at every Community Wellbeing Committee meeting.

## 6.2 Community Wellbeing Committee

To outline the objectives and priorities of the Community Wellbeing Committee for the 2022 triennium and collectively input into the way in which the Committee functions to ensure that the Committee is delivering meaningful outcomes for the community.

### Resolution Number CWCCC/2023/3

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Hori Te Pa:

That Report 23/213 Community Wellbeing Committee be received.

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

**CARRIED**

Mr Harvey commented on the intention to provide the overview of Community Wellbeing Committee functions and responsibilities, and start the conversation of setting actions and priorities of this Committee, working together to make a difference for the Horowhenua.

Discussion was held regarding the Committee's priorities, as follows:

- Interagency support.
- Horowhenua clinical services plan
- Making connections with our Iwi, being lead from a locality perspective, driven by the voice of our community
- Community health centre
- Economic development agency: education, employment, wellbeing and housing
- Active connectivity
- Further NGOs support
- Identifying children that are at the beginning of being at risk, not just the children that are already actively disengaging. How to get in front of the issues
- Community resilience, in relation to emergency management and what that looks like for our community
- Impacts of a recession
- Inspiration and empowerment

- Maintaining communication in between Community Wellbeing Committee meetings.

12.06 pm

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

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AT A MEETING OF COMMUNITY WELLBEING  
COMMITTEE HELD ON

**DATE:** .....

**CHAIRPERSON:**