

Notice is hereby given that an ordinary meeting of the Community Wellbeing Committee will be held on:

Date: Tuesday 10 May 2022
Time: 1.00 pm
Meeting Room: Council Chambers
Venue: Horowhenua District Council
126-148 Oxford Street
Levin

Community Wellbeing Committee

OPEN AGENDA

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Monique Davidson, Chief Executive Officer, Horowhenua District Council

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1 Apologies

2 Public Participation

Notification of a request to speak is required by 12 noon on the day of the meeting by phoning 06 366 0999 or emailing public.participation@horowhenua.govt.nz.

See over the page for further information on Public Participation.

3 Late Items

To consider, and if thought fit, to pass a resolution to permit the Council to consider any further items which do not appear on the Agenda of this meeting and/or the meeting to be held with the public excluded.

Such resolution is required to be made pursuant to Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, and the Chairperson must advise:

- (i) The reason why the item was not on the Agenda, and
- (ii) The reason why the discussion of this item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

4 Declarations of Interest

Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of the items on this Agenda.

5 Confirmation of Minutes

5.1 Meeting minutes Community Wellbeing Committee, 8 February 2022

Invited Speaker

Monique Davidson, Chief Executive Officer, Horowhenua District Council

Community Wellbeing Report

File No.: 22/164

1. 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.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That Report 22/164 Community Wellbeing Report be received.
- 2.2 That this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.

3. Items for Consideration

COMMUNITY WELLBEING COMMITTEE (CWC)

In February 2022 members of CWC attended a workshop to discuss the quarterly CWC meeting style, format and content. It was acknowledged that the CWC meetings were essential for the agencies to connect and provide opportunities to work together, however some changes are required.

At the conclusion of future meetings there will be a members-only “pakihwi ki te pakihwi” forum to share sensitive information. A board room style meeting has been requested to encourage more interactive conversations. The CWC Report will include key points from the network meetings, community initiatives, and community hubs as well as highlight successes, opportunities and challenges. It was agreed that the membership needed to be reviewed and extended to several key people to enable a wide community perspective. In May 2022 the Committee will trial a new meeting format and will further discuss membership.

RANGATAHI

Over recent weeks the community has reported an escalating number of incidents where young people are fighting, using intimidating behaviour and vandalising public and business property. The same situation was developing in 2021 however the Covid-19 Level 4 lockdown stopped all activities. Local youth services, Iwi and organisations have arranged a meeting on 11 May 2022 to discuss solutions including the sustainability and risk management of the Taitoko Vibes skatepark event.

The youth sector continues to report two main challenges: difficulty recruiting social and youth workers; and that the organisations' service provision are determined by contracts that limit the scope of work organisations can provide. There is no component for general youth work with positive youth development outcomes.

4. OUR COMMUNITIES

Welcoming Communities

Officers are continuing to grow the Horowhenua Welcoming Communities plan. We are working alongside our community to collect data, stock take the local current situation, identify local champions and any opportunities to build capacity in local organisations.

Our focus for the next three months will be:

1. Establishment of the Former Refugee Settlement Network. The network meetings will begin in May 2022; this date being closer to the arrival of the former refugees.
2. Planning and production of a Welcoming Communities video. The original idea has been modified to a video telling the stories of people who have moved to the Horowhenua. The video will be shared on social media and shown as part of an introduction to the programme for community and business groups.
3. Feedback from community engagement has identified that a centralised hub for newcomers to connect, create, participate and obtain information would be a valuable community resource. The Community Development team is working alongside Te Whare Mahana Community Hub in central Levin to create a purposeful place that will become an important home for Welcoming Communities activities and service provision. The Welcoming Communities Coordinator is working with an artist and local rangatahi of different cultures to design and create a large building mural that depicts different cultures within our community.

Horowhenua Former Refugee Settlement

MBIE contacted Community Development with a request from UNHCR to receive 13 Columbians as emergency cases. This group would form the first intake for Horowhenua. They are likely to arrive in the Māngere Refugee Resettlement Center (Auckland) mid-May 2022 and would therefore come to Horowhenua in late June/early July 2022.

Community Development reached out to stakeholders to gauge readiness and received feedback from Red Cross advising that until the Refugee Settlement Support Services Contract 2022–2028 has been finalised there is no local service provision available; and that the team from Palmerston North does not have the capacity to pull resources to Levin. MBIE has advised the finalised outcome for service provision will be the end of April 2022 with the start date for the Refugee Settlement Support Service contract being 1 July 2022.

Education Horowhenua

In the July 2021–June 2022 financial year, three Education Horowhenua meetings have been held. The next meeting is scheduled for 19 May 2022. The cycle of 2021-2022 meetings has been affected by Covid-19.

At the April 2022 meeting Get-Go informed us of the recent business and community connections made within the last 18 months. Get-Go has placed approximately 60 people into employment with a goal in mind to increase that to 100 people currently working with 37 different employers. Get-Go is working with MSD and employers to offer whānau-friendly work hours so that parents and people reentering the workforce can work between the hours of 9:30am–2:30pm.

Get-Go is working with businesses to deliver a digital event on 25 May 2022, focused on “Earn as you Learn” pathways in the Horowhenua. Businesses involved are from a cross-section of industries including hospitality, retail, construction, infrastructure, primary industries and engineering.

Get-Go has recently commissioned a report with support from MSD to look at employees’ views on areas that include what is needed for them to stay and work locally; and what local opportunities exist for them.

Key points from the meeting:

1. At the peak of the 2022 Covid-19 outbreak, management of colleges was hugely affected with changes required on an hourly basis. Staff in isolation seems to have plateaued, with colleges operating with around 65-70% student attendance and approximately 4-7 staff isolating at any one time.
2. Kahui Ako has been working outside the classroom in primary and secondary schools to identify whānau needing extra support during Covid-19. A visit to one family to offer reassurance around safety can sometimes result in several students returning to school. A number of students remain

at home learning online and being supported by parents and whānau. Although in-school learning environments have more benefits than digital learning the sector could potentially offer hybrid learning.

3. Muaūpoko Tribal Authority (MTA) has been heavily involved in the Omicron response with four new staff employed in the Covid-19 response team. The team are in the early stages of strengthening early learning opportunities for kura teachers under Muaūpokotanga. Marae restorations are nearly completed and both marae will be operational. MTA have a new Taiao team working on environmental projects. The team is made up of both kaumatua and rangatahi, optimising the tuakana/teina relationship and allowing kaumatua to share knowledge and training.

Age-Friendly Communities

In the July 2021-June 2022 financial year, four Older Persons Network meetings have been held. The cycle of 2021-2022 meetings have been affected by Covid-19. Zoom meetings for the sector have attracted limited engagement.

March 2022 meeting key points:

- Health Shuttle remains in high demand for service especially from older persons. The service is transporting people to Palmerston North Hospital and other medical facilities several times a day however a vaccination pass is required for all passengers and drivers.
- Age Concern has acquired a new car to enable free transportation to essential services for unvaccinated people.
- Age Concern has a new service which will coordinate and liaise with retired tradespeople who could offer their services to help older people.
- Cr. Sam Ferguson from Horizons Regional Council is looking at improving the transportation situation in Horowhenua and is gathering feedback from the community.

Youth Empowerment Project (yEP)

In the July 2021-June 2022 financial year, five Youth Empowerment Project meetings have been held. The cycle of 2021-2022 meetings has been affected by Covid-19. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on 6 May 2022.

Community Development are pleased to have seven yEP youth leaders representing the three Horowhenua colleges who provide district-wide youth perspective. We are hoping to attract five more leaders to be part of the group for the next two years. We have found that a 12-month term is not long enough because from recruitment to exam time the group is only together for nine months, and members are just starting to feel comfortable in their roles. The 2022 yEP leaders will focus on events as all local events over the last two and a half years have been cancelled and they feel their community needs to reconnect.

yEP events planned for 2022:

- 21-22 Feb 2022 – I Am Hope Presentations
I Am Hope promotes positive attitudinal and societal change around mental health throughout Aotearoa, funding private care and counselling for young people stuck on waiting lists. I Am Hope presented at some of our colleges and tertiary education places reaching 240 youth.
- 7-15 May 2022 – Youth Week
Planning has commenced for Youth Week 2022, with the theme “Our voices matter and we deserve to be heard”. Planned activities include:
 - Arepa virtual reality gaming event held at the Youth Space
 - Health and Wellbeing Expo at Horowhenua and Waiopahu colleges
 - Physical activities in school – Basketball 3 on 3 and Ki-o-Rahi (traditional Māori ball sport)
 - Art and graffiti workshops
 - Fusion FM, a recording studio and radio station, is based at Youth Space and offers our young people an opportunity to connect over the local airwaves, to broadcast their views,

share messages and stories, play waiata, and raise awareness about topics that are important to them.

- Horowhenua Talent Competition (concept only)
- UENUKU – Rainbow Youth event
- Parliament Bus Trip with Local MP

Horowhenua Youth Services Network

In the July 2021–June 2022 financial year, four Youth Services Network meetings have been held to date. The cycle of 2021-2022 meetings has been affected by Covid-19 with two meetings cancelled this year.

Key points from the February 2022 meeting:

- Organisations shared how they are operating within their current Covid-19 service framework. Working within these parameters and having staff in isolation puts extra pressure on their ability to keep up with their workloads.
- Muaūpoko Tribal Authority have recently recruited 30 new staff. They are focused on establishing a Kura a Iwi – Te Pā Wananga o Tuteremoana – in 2025.
- The OnBoard Skate programme has now been implemented in seven schools across Horowhenua. This programme promotes leadership, offers alternative learning environments and encourages physical activity. The programme is funded by the Sport Manawatū Te Manawa fund.

Mayor's Task Force for Jobs (MTFJ)

The Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs is a nationwide network of New Zealand's Mayors, working together towards the vision of all young people 16-25 engaged in employment, education, training, or other positive activity in their communities.

Horowhenua District Council joined the programme in May 2021 partnering with Horowhenua Learning Centre (HLC) and Get-Go. Since Council joined, 45 young people have been placed in sustainable employment. Many of these young people have been disconnected from education and have not been able to find employment as they need to build skills, resources and confidence.

HLC offer a mixture of a ready-for-work group courses combined with personalised support. The programme identifies barriers to employment and can fund a wide range of resources to enable successful employment outcomes. HLC continues to offer pastoral care for up to six months after placement. HLC and Get-Go are networking with a growing group of employers with many offering more flexible workplace routines to help the young person adjust to work life.

Council have received an email from Local Government New Zealand to advise that it is very likely the MTFJ Programme will continue for another year, however there may changes to funding and the programme's parameters. Confirmation is expected by the end of the month.

Access and Inclusion

In the July 2021–June 2022 financial year, there have been three Access and Inclusion Forum meetings held to date, with the next meeting to be held on Friday 3 June 2022.

Over the last 18 months the numbers of forum members attending have continued to decrease therefore prompting a review of the membership. It appears that there have been many changes in personnel, contributing to meeting notifications not being delivered, and therefore a smaller turn out of members at scheduled forums. Community Development are currently updating the database and hope to see a higher number of attendees at the June meeting.

Key points from the forum meeting:

- Discussion focused on how agencies are coping under Covid-19. Participants reported increased levels of anxiety within the community and agencies are having to work quite differently (remotely)

to keep everyone safe. There are reports of clients being too anxious to leave home and therefore becoming very vulnerable and isolated.

- Community Development will request an update from Cr. Sam Fergusson, Horizons Regional Council, of the outcome of the recently distributed Transport Survey.

SUPPORTING POSITIVE OUTCOMES FOR MĀORI

Matauranga Māori Scholarships

Horowhenua District Council have partnered with Muaūpoko Tribal Authority to create a unique Te Ao Māori initiative using Three Waters Reform stimulus funding. This year five students from local iwi and hapū will attend university with the aim of attaining qualifications in engineering and environmental areas. The long term strategy will see the students return to the district to contribute to the environmental wellbeing of the Horowhenua district.

Applications came from the community, whānau, as well as from colleges – both within and outside of the district. Candidates and their whānau members met with a panel, which consisted of Mayor Bernie Wanden, Tracey White - Muaūpoko Tribal Authority Board Member and Asli Crawford - HDC's Water and Waste Services Manager.

Each recipient received a \$30,000 scholarship toward their studies. Throughout the duration of their studies, they will be provided with further opportunities by way of ongoing mentorship and project participation (where possible).

A rōpū (working group) will be created to enable and encourage contact between the students, iwi and HDC, as a way of staying connected and to enable additional tautoko (support) to students while on their journey.



Capacity Building Programme - Marae

The HDC Community Development Team are keen to strengthen our relationships with local marae and are looking into how we can support their needs and developmental aspirations. Currently initial conversations are underway to ascertain the specific needs of each marae. All nine Horowhenua

marae will be contacted. This includes establishing potential capacity building opportunities or letting them know about other services that may assist them, including funding or connecting them to local services.

COMMUNITY LED DEVELOPMENT

The Community Development Team is continuing to support a number of community led initiatives, placemaking, programmes, activities and events.

Fire Up is a community led initiative and a significant hot air balloon event being planned for 2023. We are supporting the organising committee with fundraising and funding support.

Matariki 2022. The Shannon Community is organising a local event to celebrate Matariki. Our team is supporting the event by developing health and safety plans, connecting with programme providers and organisations.

Taitoko Vibes is a collaborative project which started in November 2021 and was unable to continue when NZ went to the Covid-19 red light restrictions. In March 2022 Muaūpoko Tribal Authority became the facilitator for the weekly event with support from HDC, Life to the Max, Horowhenua Learning Centre, Whaioro Trust, OnBoard Skate and Raukawa Whānau Ora.





Community Hubs

The HDC Community Development team is working with MSD to provide a weekly drop-in clinic in the community hubs across the district, making access to MSD services more widely available.

- Te Whare Mahana
 - Pasifika sewing classes have been a huge success with increasing numbers in attendance. The class are considering starting a social enterprise selling their wares.
 - In 2022 there has been an increase in vulnerable people experiencing homelessness using the facilities and presenting mental health issues.
 - There has been a decrease in Total Mobility applications due to Covid anxiety in older people or accessibility issues getting to Te Whare Mahana.
 - The tenant organisations have seen an increased demand for services however are still working under restrictive frameworks so have limited capacity.
 - The Pātaka Kai is starting to be filled (and emptied) on a regular basis. We are getting donations from the community and establishing some more regular food donations.
 - Contact Inc. - Governing body of the hub held its AGM recruiting 3 new committee members that have a diverse set of skills which will benefit the sustainability and operations at Te Whare Mahana.
- Hope Kete
 - Currently collecting warm clothing for their “Winter Wrap 2022”. On 28 May at The Hope Centre, winter clothing will be given to tamariki and rangatahi for free.
 - Gratefully received funding support from HDC, MSD and DIA and have a good supply of kai to distribute.
- Shannon Kai Hub
 - Received a grant from MSD to provide isolation packs of food to people at home with Covid.
 - Developing an outdoor garden to grow vegetables to complement their Kai Hub.
 - Reporting high demand for essential items.
- Hinemoa House Community Centre
 - Operating a free store inside Hinemoa House and a Blessings Box (fridge) of free kai outside for the community.
 - Establishing a toy library for the community and currently collecting toys. Also putting energy into their community garden.

GRANTS AND FUNDING

Round 2 of the Horowhenua District Council funded and/or administered contestable grants for the 2021-2022 financial year closed on 28 February 2022 for the follow grants:

- Horowhenua Community Development Grant R2
- Horowhenua Creative Communities Scheme Grant R2
- Horowhenua Vibrant Communities Grant R2

Community Development received a reduced number of applications, many of which did not meet requirements and were missing the required information. Following consultation with applicants, the main reason was the timing of the Omicron Covid-19 outbreak which affected resourcing, meaning that applications were not fully completed and/or people without grant knowledge had applied. Other community and sport funders have also reported both a low quality and quantity of applications in the 2022 rounds. We aim to address this by offering capacity building workshops and individual training for HDC grants. We are introducing organisations with other community funding and governance services that provide one on one governance assistance and funding support. We have also worked with DIA to set up regular funding clinics at community hubs.

COMMUNITY CAPACITY BUILDING

During 2021/2022 financial year, the HDC Community Development Team has delivered eight Capacity and Capability Building workshops which were attended by 323 participants with 100% satisfaction reported.

Completed workshops 2021/2022 Capacity Building workshops are below, additional workshops will be booked as the year progresses.

Workshop	Date	Location	Participants
First Aid L1	05 July 2021	Te Whare Mahana	11
First Aid L2	22 July 2021	Poutu Marae, Shannon	18
ITS Food Safety	29 July 2021	Poutu Marae, Shannon	19
St Johns Mental Health	22 October 2021	Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom	11
Establishing a NF Profit	23 November 2021	Levin	8
ITS Food Safety	02 December 2021	Te Whare Mahana	16
I Am Hope – Youth Mental Health		Manawātū College, Foxton	240
Skills4Living & MTA Pēpē programme	10 weeks 2022	Levin	TBA

OTHER COUNCIL UPDATES and ACTIVITIES

Council votes to delay Future of the Levin Landfill until September 2022

Council has voted to delay the decision on the future of the Levin Landfill until incoming Chief Executive Monique Davidson has had the opportunity to provide her own evaluation on the complex matter. Mayor Bernie Wanden says “The process has been exhaustive. The future of the Levin Landfill is a complex and difficult matter and something that has been the topic of contention for years. After

hours of debate and a Council divided in its opinion, the best outcome from tonight was to delay the decision until we're able to reach a consensus around the table for a unified focus on waste minimisation and how together as a community reducing our solid waste needs to be our priority".

New Health Reform with the Horowhenua District piloting new locality approach

Horowhenua has been chosen as one of 9 areas to trial the new locality network approach to health services. Health Minister Andrew Little was in Levin recently to announce the launch of the pilots that will commence when the 20 District Health Boards are abolished on 1 July 2022. Horowhenua had been chosen partly because of its demographic profile, as one of the areas where inequalities were most evident in terms of access to health services and in health outcomes. The 9 areas will have additional support from Kāinga Ora and Mental Health and Addiction Services.

Levin Structural Plans

In February 2022, Horowhenua District Council, agencies and key stakeholders met to develop and agree on the Levin Structure Plan. The Plan will guide longer term development in Horowhenua, providing an improved method for development, facilitating transformational level community and housing development in Levin, maximising the benefits from planned and current changes occurring in road and rail services; and protecting areas that are taonga.

An update on this work will be presented at the August 2022 CWC meeting.

Proposed Horowhenua Health Hub

The Health Hub stakeholder group including Council, THINK Hauora, the DHB alongside Iwi and The Horowhenua Company continue to make good progress on the project for the proposed Health & Wellbeing Hub for Horowhenua. The boards of The Horowhenua Company and Horowhenua Developments have now approved a business case that sets out the vision and options for the Hub, and which sought approval to undertake the next phase – detailed design, confirming tenancies and finalising construction costs and timeframes. The Horowhenua Company and stakeholders continue to work closely with and iwi to ensure that the Hub will meet the needs of the community and align to the plans for Health Services being implemented by Government.

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

Confirmation of statutory compliance

In accordance with section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002, this report is approved as:

- a. containing sufficient information about the options and their advantages and disadvantages, bearing in mind the significance of the decisions; and,
- b. is based on adequate knowledge about, and adequate consideration of, the views and preferences of affected and interested parties bearing in mind the significance of the decision.

Signatories

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