
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 15 August 2017 at 1.00 pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson
Members

Cr Jo Mason
Ms Barbara Bradnock
Mr Richard Fry attending for Katie Brosnahan
Ms Debra Baker
Ms Eve Fone
Ms Tracey Merson
Mr Patrick Rennell
Ms Jo Smith
Mrs Margaret Williams
Ms Rose Cotter attending for Delphi Winters
Ms Moira Howard-Campbell
Mayor Michael Feyen (ex Officio)

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr James Richmond (Acting Community Services Manager)
Ms Sharon Grant
Ms Helen Hayes (Community Development Advisor)
Ms Sophie Parrant (Youth Development Advisor)
Mrs Karen Corkill (Meeting Secretary)

1 Apologies

Apologies were recorded for Cr Barry Judd, Mr Liam McLeavey, Mrs Jacqui Moynihan, Mr Mark Robinson, Mr Mike Fletcher and Ms Ella Tavernor.

NOTED

2 Public Participation

There had been no speaking requests.

3 Confirmation of Minutes

MOVED by Ms Fone, seconded Ms Bradnock:

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Community Wellbeing Committee held on Tuesday, 20 June 2017, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

4. Announcements

Local Management Group Update

Tracey Mersen gave an update on the Local Management Group (formerly Strengthening Families). Because it was such a useful forum, it was decided that it would continue when Strengthening Families was discontinued. The group, which also included other CWC members, continued to meet monthly.

With regard to Family Violence, The LMG had agreed it was really important to look at family violence in terms of Braided River as there were many interlated issues in the community that came up, as well there being a need to recognise the gaps. It had been decided the LMG needed a plan and family violence was a major part of that. Family violence was a very complex area. It included poverty, mental health, youth issues, overcrowding Any plan would need to capture those factors, as well as recognising the gaps, and recognising that the various factors, as well as family violence, were intertwined. It was a slight strategic shift from previous thinking which had been tied to Braided River.

Ms Hayes said that HDC had offered to assist in putting a proposal together with Braided River. The degree to which things were interrelated had been discussed. The key thing they were trying to do was to collaborate and mobilise resources for the really good work that was being done, building on the successes, but recognising the interelated impact particularly with regard to mental health.

Action Point: Members to be provided with the Braided River Plan.

With her HALT hat on, Ms Mersen reported on a pilot programme that had been undertaken in Christchurch and Hamilton which had been driven by the Police, but with HALT alongside. There were two new people in the Family Violence Team co-located from Oranga Tamariki and Probation. Every morning the Police, Probation and Oranga Tamariki reps did a daily triage going through every family violence incident that had occurred. They were then working on a daily basis with victims.

Two local initiatives were: 'Loves-Me Not' which was being undertaken in schools for 16 year olds to prevent abusive behaviour in relationships, and Wahine Toa, a programme being run by Police in conjunction with HALT.

Ms Merson noted that locally family violence was still really busy with there being 30-50 incidents a week being reported to Police and there was no let up on that at the moment. Responding to a query about how many of these people were being helped and outcomes, Ms Merson said it was a hard question to answer. The perpetrator, victim and any children were being referred to the appropriate agency in most cases, but how many people there were in the community available to help was also a factor. Whilst there was a lot of help available, it was still not enough. Court mandated referrals did get help more quickly than self-referrals.

Ms Fone added that from an Oranga Tamariki perspective, there was a huge cost barrier for people, particulalry for those who needed help the most. The best way for people to get treatment was to be Court referred. Whilst they could subsidise some familites, it was still not enough, and she was going to make enquiries as to why it was so expensive.

Agreeing that cost was a huge issue and suggesting it tied back to the LMG, Ms Merson said the group could look at putting something in place to help people get what they needed.

Cr Mason said it would be helpful if the information on costs to the families in the district could be brought back to the Committee as it was one of the barriers the Committee could

look at as a group. She also queried if there was going to be a report on the daily triage that was occurring as that would also be of interest to the CWC.

Ms Merson said the daily triage was a Police initiative, but she would check and report back.

Action point: Ms Merson to check with the Police if reporting would be available on the daily triage..

Another issue highlighted by Ms Fone was the time the Youth Justice process took. From an incident happening and a youth getting into the system, it could take six weeks for an Oranga Tamariki social worker to become involved which was way too late to get the family engaged. She was trying to fast track the family group conference process and she further outlined other steps she proposed to take to endeavour to reduce the harm caused to children particularly as a result of family violence.

Members were reminded of the Petals for Peace artwork auction that was to take place on 25 August with all proceeds from the auction to go to Horowhenua charities working in the prevention, recovery and rehabilitation of victims, perpetrators and families affected by domestic violence.

MidCentral District Health Board

Jo Smith gave a PowerPoint presentation which included a considerable number of facts, statistics, and information on New Zealand's older population. This was particularly relevant for the Horowhenua as 24% of its population was over 65 while the NZ average was 17%.

The need for people to have Enduring Powers of Attorney was raised and discussed, with it queried whether it would be helpful for Council to run a capacity building programme on these.

Project Lift - 'Quality Care and Lifestyles for Older People'

Following on from Ms Smith's presentation, James Richmond gave a video presentation on Project Lift – a project that Council was hoping to undertake to enhance the lives of the district's older population should supporting government funding be forthcoming.

Health & Wellbeing Plan

Margaret Williams provided an update on the Health & Wellbeing Plan. The Horowhenua Locality Planning Advisory Group, comprising professional and community representatives, had been working hard asking local people, individually and collectively, what they would like to see in the future with regard to health and wellbeing and what were their priorities for health care. Whilst the consultation was not targeted at older people, there were a lot of older people involved.

At the last planning group meeting 10 priorities for action were identified. Last week there was a second public workshop at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō which was well attended (20 people). Mrs Williams said they were noticing a rising level of interest being shown by local residents where in the past the attitude had been very laid back. That attitude was hopefully changing.

There were no great surprises in the priorities identified for action. The list could be summarised in two words: 'community' and 'common-sense', with everything on the list coming under those headings.

The workshop last week had been broken up into smaller groups working on individual priorities. There were several members of the DHB involved. The DHB would now collate all that information and there had been a verbal promise that there would be results.

Council updates - Older Persons' and other Networks

Helen Hayes reported that there had been six Older Persons' Network meetings so far this year and these had all been attended by between 18-22 people. This was a well attended and robust forum, with there having been a range of presentations at the various meetings, including elder abuse, older persons' vulnerability in the community, joint engagement workshop with MidCentral Health.

The Disability Forum had been partnering with MidCentral trying to reach various groups.

A slow moving area was around the Age Friendly Communities initiative which was being pursued although not necessarily to the accreditation stage. There had been a some workshops to progress this.

Also being progressed:

- Haere Mai Horowhenua which would provide a broader outreach to the district's newcomers than the current 'Welcome to the District' packs;
- Live Well Horowhenua – Access and Inclusion Forum Action Plan and Terms of Reference.

5 Reports

5.1 Community Services Report to 15 August 2017

Purpose

To present to the Community Wellbeing Committee the Community Services Report 15 August 2017.

MOVED by Ms Bradnock, seconded Ms Merson:

That Report 17/377 Community Services Report to 15 August 2017 be received.

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

CARRIED

Mr Richmond spoke to the Community Services Report particularly highlighting the various recent achievements. Speaking about the proposed Scorecard on Community Wellbeing Across the Horowhenua District he gave a PowerPoint presentation providing data gathered to date, with there still some data to come which would be picked up from the Resident Satisfaction Survey.

6. Agency Updates

Rose Cotter, Horowhenua SuperGrans – AGM was scheduled for the week after next.

Richard Fry, MSD – there had been some changes following a reorganisation of service delivery. Katie Brosnahan had been appointed and would continue to attend CWC meetings.

Debra Baker, LTTM – 30 young people had been involved in a recent holiday programme. This had included activities not only at the Aquatic Centre, but there had been an intergenerational mix with the RSA teaching the young people to play bowls. This was a programme LTTM wanted to duplicate and grow in the future.

Moira Howard-Campbell – there would be two Communities of Learners hopefully in operation later this year. The appointment process was being undertaken at the moment and then some work should be seen in the community education space.

Jo Smith, DHB – raised the Total Mobility issue and subsidised transport. Council had done some work last year with Regional Council to extend the range of options available, without success. This should now be taken up nationally as older people in the Horowhenua did not have the range of options available to them to facilitate connection with their community that other districts did. This was very short-sighted of Horizons. She would like to see some change and was advocating some deliberate work in that space, particularly now that Project Lift was being embarked upon.

Cr Mason agreed that transport providers such as Driving Miss Daisy should be available for local residents.

Patrick Rennell, HLC – HLC was going through a planning phase. This time of the year they tended to focus on youth engagement in education and lifting engagement in NCEA Level 3. That would be the focus over the next quarter.

3.02 pm

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

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CHAIRPERSON:.....