
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 11 April 2017 at 1.00 pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Cr Barry Judd
Deputy Chairperson	Cr Jo Mason
Members	Ms Barbara Bradnock
	Ms Jacqui Ferrel
	Mr Craig Fleury
	Ms Sheree Garton
	Ms Eleanor Gully
	Mr Liam McLeavey
	Ms Tracy Merson
	Mr Mark Robinson
	Ms Margaret Williams
	Mr Murray Woodcock

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs Denise Kidd	Community Services Manager
Miss Sharon Bowling	Meeting Secretary
Mrs Helen Hayes	Community Development Advisor
Mrs Cathryn Pollock	Community Development & Recreation Advisor
Mr Joshua Wharton	Community Development Advisor

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Ms Angela Rainham	Mid Central District Health Board
Ms Kelly Isles	Mid Central District Health Board
Ms Delphi Winters	representing Beth Purcell, Local Management Group
Cr Ross Campbell	

1 Apologies

Apologies were recorded for Mayor Feyen, Di Rump, Katie Brosnahan, Suze Strowger, Therese Apatu, Ella Tavernor, Sgt Sam Gilpin, Mike Fletcher, Eve Fone, Jo Smith and Beth Purcell.

NOTED

2 Public Speaking Rights

None requested.

3 Confirmation of Minutes

MOVED by Cr Mason, seconded Ms Winters:

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Community Wellbeing Committee held on Tuesday, 14 February 2017, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

4 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5 Announcements

Mid Central District Health Board

Ms Angela Rainham presented a power point on the process MCDHB propose to follow regarding the development of a Horowhenua 'Health and Wellbeing Plan (Locality Planning)'. The PowerPoint presentation is **attached** to the official minutes.

MCDHB has asked for the CWC to have a sponsorship/oversight role with the Plan development, also extending an invitation seeking subcommittee representatives for the planning group.

In response to a query regarding the time commitment, Ms Rainham said the initial meeting on Thursday is the first, with three meetings being the entire commitment (at commencement - April, midway - May and at conclusion - June). She added that most communications for involvement will be updates (via email or phone calls). The second meeting will occur at end of the main engagement phase. At the third meeting, the MCDHB will feedback the main 10 themes that will form the priorities. This final meeting of the planning phase will be about implementation. Each meeting will be reported back to CWC.

Cr Mason wanted to ensure that the voice of early education be represented; also suggesting that paid and unpaid carers and the Pacific community be included in the scope. She fully supported the involvement of Ms Williams and Ms Gully in the planning group.

Ms Williams said she would dearly like someone to represent the younger people on the group. Mr Robinson agreed that the voice of young people/teenagers is crucial. Ms Rainham assured that the Youth Network and Youth Voice are seen as key participants in the consultation. Ms Winters suggested representation from those delivering therapeutic interventions (family violence) also.

Ms Isles, also from MCDHB, stated the DHB was conscious of actually doing something and making a change; not overpromising and under delivering (within existing budget). Need to be really transparent and realistic with communications so no false expectations are formed.

It was noted the value of the Committee and connections that sit around the table, across a number of age groups and sections etc.

MOVED by Mr McLeavey, seconded Mrs Ferrel:

THAT volunteers from Community Wellbeing Committee to represent CWC at the planning group meetings be Margaret Williams, Eleanor Gully, Jo Mason and Sheree Garton.

CARRIED

The Chair suggested the volunteers connect after today's meeting to consider their engagement and ensure the CWC membership adds value to the process. Mrs Kidd requested volunteers and the MCDHB feed back to the Committee at each Committee meeting to provide an update on community engagements, emerging themes and at point of consideration of action steps and action owners.

It was noted that Mrs Denise Kidd representing HDC and Councillor Barry Judd, representing CWC, will also participate in these MCDHB planning meetings whenever possible.

Referring to a poster advert/article, Ms Williams announced that the DHB are formally appointing a consumer to the MCDHB Clinical Council; and had in hand all the information for those interested in viewing the material.

PHO

Mr Fleury presented on ASH data, relating specifically to the Horowhenua district. The power point presentation is attached to the official minutes.

ASH is a basket of health conditions that are aggregated and used to measure the effectiveness of primary health care. As well, the rate of avoidable hospital admissions is affected by **socioeconomic conditions** such as housing quality and income, **personal variables** such as age and ethnicity and **geographic factors** such as location and access to affordable health care in the community. ASH data includes and includes Dental Caries, Bronchiectasis, Nutritional Deficiency, Pneumonia etc.

There were no ACC or domestic violence statistics as it does not have the mechanism to measure such statistics; however it was noted that there could be the effects presentation (e.g. onset of asthma in a domestic violence event). Asked if the data can be broken down to gender specific, Mr Fleury suspected that given the low numbers the information may be identifiable and thereby become a privacy issue.

Mr Fleury highlighted the value of this "aggregate" measure to provide a useful monitor / milestone of community health and wellbeing.

Mr Fleury also highlighted the feature of the 'sandwich' age group (more likely to be parents and caring for older relatives as well as working), and the importance of this age group in particular (45-64 years), being reminded to, and giving themselves permission to, take care of themselves.

Ex-Strengthening Families Local Management Group

Ms Merson gave a brief overview and a sense (albeit no solutions) of how bad the housing has become in the Horowhenua region. She conducted a "quick and dirty" survey with NGOs as to what's happening on the street, sharing thoughts and information to give the flavour.

- MSD confirmed there is no emergency housing provider in Levin; they use local motels/hotels, with overflow to Palmerston North hotels.
- There is an increase in tenanted property being sold to private buyers, pushing those in need out of rental property market. Impacting on this is the \$100plus p/w increase

for rental properties. The Wellington housing crisis is heading our way rapidly and we need to think about how to deal with it.

- Overcrowding is another significant issue, particularly among the Māori and Pacific communities.

A variety of quotes given from various NGOs were also provided.

The Local Management Group identifies the gaps/trends; however they don't have a solution to deal with these. The problem is real, it is out there and the LMG are dealing with it every day.

The quality of the rental stock is literally a mixed bag / inconsistent ; with reasonable quality as well as poor quality.

Mr Woodcock said need to be mindful that although the community commutes to city, it also comes the other way; and if a housing shortage in Wellington exists then those people are going to be moving our way – looking for a change of lifestyle and or more affordable living which consequently pushes up the pricing structure etc.

The Chair suggested retaining this as an ongoing item, with further discussion needed and how to move forward. He would discuss offline with Mrs Kidd, with the idea to move onto the monitoring report and progress some action.

Oranga Tamariki (Ministry for Vulnerable Children)

A late apology meant no presentation.

6 Reports

9.1 Community Services Report to 11 April 2017

Purpose

To present to the Community Wellbeing Committee the Community Services Report to 11 April 2017.

MOVED by Cr Mason, seconded Mr McLeavey:

THAT Report 17/148 Community Services Report to 11 April 2017 be received.

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

CARRIED

Mrs Kidd spoke to this Report.

As part of this report, Ms Winters gave a brief history on the genesis of the Horowhenua Domestic and Family Violence Charter. The Charter was arrived at by a working party comprising government and NGOs, and specialist interested parties who consulted in different ways in different forums. Five (5) key areas covered: workforce developments; safety & protection; prevention; identify early; early and restorative interventions. However there was no operationalising aspect. As a result, LMG has agreed to place this within its core champion responsibilities. Ms Winters said LMG has only just obtained this agreement but this is where we're going.

Mrs Kidd highlighted a few initiatives:

- Engagement with local primary schools – through the **Bootcamp** programme
- A Civil Defence & Emergency Camp – **Camp Project Resilience** – held at Makahika Outdoor Pursuit Centre. Mr Wharton spoke briefly about this camp experience, funded by the Ministry of Youth Development. Essentially young leaders learning about civil defence, welfare, preparedness etc. A number of actions developed from this experience. Youth Voice working with their schools and communities to ensure they are prepared, taking a lead on that.
- **Community Development Funding**. Ms Hayes provided a brief update. The 2016/17 applications had recently closed. Awarded positively 15 of the 20, 2 partial, most received full funding. She was unable to provide more detail as the awards have yet to be ratified by Council.

Mrs Kidd also advised the Committee on the ‘Festival of Stories’ – a very exciting programme and provided draft copies, with the final promotion to be sent out with the Minutes.

MOVED by Mrs Ferrel, seconded Mr Fleury:

THAT based on the data presented and the associated discussion, at February meeting, it is proposed that Family Violence in Horowhenua district be confirmed as one area for priority focus for the Horowhenua Community Wellbeing Committee over the next twelve (12) months.

CARRIED

MOVED by Mr Woodcock, seconded Cr Mason:

THAT LMG progress with an action plan to support the earlier “Horowhenua Domestic and Family Violence Charter – The Braided River”.

CARRIED

An electronic copy of Charter will be circulated to the CWC.

MOVED by Mr Woodcock, seconded Ms Bradnock:

THAT LMG provide action plan updates to be reported back to the CWV over the next twelve (12) months.

CARRIED

Mrs Kidd said to note that part of the action plan may actually be around fundraising with philanthropic organisations to progress different action points.

10 Agency Round Table

Going around the table, Members gave an update from their organisation’s perspective:

Mark Robinson – Horowhenua Principles. Community learning is now split into two Community of Learners (COLs), Levin and Foxton. Next will be appointment of Principals. There has been an upsurge in rolls within schools (positively, around 0-18).

Liam McLeavey – Youth Voice. Reiterated Mr Wharton’s report re: civil defence camp exercise and the good development achieved from it. Employment/work readiness with youth development around employment and opportunities available in the district.

Eleanor Gully – Disability Leadership Forum. Change of Plan name to be made to be about “inclusivity”, so people not defined by their disability.

Murray Woodcock – Barnardos. Does volunteer work with youth; attended Cactus Programme run in Foxton. 24 students applied themselves tremendously. The positive development and confidence this course provides to students was absolutely incredible. Believes the programme is coming to Levin.

Delphi Winters – Supergrans / LMG. New partner in building – YMCA skills for life (NCEA level 1 & 2), using life skills to obtain NCEA. Full and busy. LMG-wise, an MOU is being finalised and will be fully ratified by the next meeting.

Sheree Garton – Education Horowhenua. Thanked the Committee for the opportunity to present and be of the membership. It is important to have a voice, what she is seeing in primary schools is very saddening. Hopes to contribute positively.

Craig Fleury – Central PHO. Long awaited renal service at Horowhenua Health Centre is up and running 24 April 2017.

Jacqui Ferrel – HLC. Have 150 adult learners in new tertiary programmes now offered in the district. Three quarters full, which is great occupancy for a new start. 25 who have disengaged from school are now enrolled in free programmes; there are still some vacancies. Also, since July 2016, long term beneficiaries are now working receive ongoing support up to a year.
Announced this is her last meeting as she has resigned as CEO of HLC.

Barbara Bradnock – MCDHB. A plea, please have your flu injection this year!

Cr Mason suggested members look online at quarterly statistics re: school demographics, as it does relate to wellbeing.

Members were reminded of the new bus service to Waikanae, Tuesday and Thursdays. Council have been out consulting on Annual Plan submissions.

With regard to the disability sector, she said national changes are taking place.

3:15 pm

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

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CHAIRPERSON:.....