
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 17 October 2017 at 1.00 pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Cr Barry Judd
Deputy Chairperson	Cr Jo Mason
Members	Ms Barbara Bradnock
	Mr Richard Fry attending on behalf of Ms Katie Brosnahan
	Mr Mike Fletcher
	Mr Karl Severinson attending on behalf of Ms Eve Fone
	Ms Eleanor Gully
	Dr Betty-Lou Iwikau
	Mr Liam McLeavey
	Ms Stephanie Cook attending on behalf of Ms Tracy Merson
	Ms Maureen Scott attending on behalf of Mrs Jacqui Moynihan
	Ms Di Rump
	Ms Ella Tavernor
	Ms Margaret Williams
	Ms Delphi Winters

IN ATTENDANCE

Reporting Officer	Mr James Richmond	(Community Wellbeing Manager)
	Ms Sharon Grant	(Group Manager - Community Services)
	Ms Helen Hayes	(Community Development Advisor)
	Mr Joshua Wharton	(Community Development Advisor)
	Ms Sophie Parrant	(Youth Development Advisor)
	Ms Nichole Mangione	(Business Analyst - Strategic Planning)
	Ms Caitlin O'Shea	(Graduate Strategic Planner)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Frances Fanning	(Compassion Horowhenua)
Cr Ross Campbell	
Mr Lew Rohloff	

MEDIA IN ATTENDANCE

Ms Miri Schroeter	("Manawatu Standard")
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1 Apologies

Apologies were recorded for Murray Woodcock, Mark Robinson, Eve Fone, Jacqui Moynihan, Jo Smith, Debra Barker, Sam Gilpin, Mayor Feyen, Tracy Merson, Sam Paroli and Katie Brosnahan.

NOTED

2 Public Participation

There had been no requests for public participation.

3 Confirmation of Minutes

MOVED by Cr Jo Mason, seconded Mr Richard Fry:

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Community Wellbeing Committee held on Tuesday, 15 August 2017, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Margaret Williams asked that her comment on page 3 of the minutes be corrected to read "The list could be summarised in two words: 'communication' and 'common sense'...".

4 Announcements / Decisions

Access and Inclusion Plan

Eleanor Gully and Helen Hayes spoke briefly on the genesis/compilation of the document, pointing out that a broader key indicator around the ambulatory sensitive admissions is yet to be added. The Plan once finalised will be available on the HDC website in Te Reo Māori, English and ReadSpeaker (text to speech) formats.

Jo Mason acknowledged the tremendous work done around the Plan, which now was all-encompassing of those with impairments within our community.

Di Rump advised that Muaūpoko Tribal Authority would be planning a kaumātua hui for HDC to come along for kai and speak to both Ngāti Raukawa and Muaūpoko.

Mike Fletcher also commended the Plan; and suggested a wording change to the statement on page 13 "...those with a disability so that living well..."

MOVED by Ms Cook, seconded Mrs Williams:

THAT the Access and Inclusion Plan be adopted by Community Wellbeing Committee for consideration by Council.

CARRIED

Di Rump asked that it be minuted that there is still an amount of engagement to occur, that would add to the Plan.

The Committee was advised that once Council adopted the final Plan, it would undergo translation into Te Reo Māori before both hardcopy and electronic distribution into the public arena.

Helen Hayes was again commended for the process and involvement she undertook regards the Plan.

Long Term Plan

Caitlin O'Shea and Nichole Mangione introduced themselves and spoke to their PowerPoint on LTP pre-engagement covering: how the community can engage with Council around the LTP; highlighting what a LTP is; difference between AP and LTP; and the various projects near completion or in play.

Ideas/input from the community agencies was requested, in particular feedback/perspective on the five outcomes presented for community wellbeing – stunning environment, thriving communities, vibrant cultures, enabling infrastructure, exuberant economy.

Action Point: Presentation and questions to be given to members to consider and provide feedback to HDC LTP Team

Committee reminded of this weekend's LTP engagement locations, including the online portal and freepost postcards feedback options.

Reinforcing the message, the Chair encouraged members to be involved in this process, to make contact, ask questions and bring forward ideas.

Di Rump expressed concern regards distributing the draft LTP, stressing that it is crucial what the document communicates. Siting that the LTP in its current format could do more in regards to the Treaty of Waitangi /Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and the "massive opportunities" that will present when Iwi move from pre- to post-settlement; particularly when two Iwi in the district are going through this. A real concern that none of this is evidenced in the LTP and if it is truly going to reflect the Council it is currently devoid of any of that thinking and/or understanding.

The Chair responded that this would be discussed further offline following the meeting.

The PowerPoint presentation is **attached** to the official minutes.

Pensioner Housing

Frances Fanning (director of Compassion Horowhenua) provided the background of Compassion Housing Ltd also covering: what the group provides in support of their work; their current housing portfolio and ownership model; the management process/structure; and intentions regarding the Horowhenua properties.

The committee were informed that besides employing a resident maintenance contractor, the intention was to employ a local based nurse. Two Sisters will also reside locally to ensure the welfare of the residents/tenants.

A meet and greet function is planned for 30 October 2017 in Levin, Foxton and Shannon for residents/tenants to meet the Sisters, Board members and Services Manager.

Considering the 50/50 ownership it was asked how potential conflicts around future direction would be solved. Mr Fanning responded that he couldn't see any grounds for there being a fall out; if in the event of a change in ownership he wouldn't see the Sisters of Compassion pulling out.

Clarification was given around the expertise offered by the McGuinness family, it being one of property and building expertise, with a particularly long standing relationship between the family and the Sisters of Compassion.

Mr Fanning was assured a proper welcome to the whenua would occur, likely on or around settlement date; and members looked forward to a Compassion Horowhenua representation being involved in the CWC in due course.

Mid Central, Star 4

Due to an apology this presentation will be deferred to the December meeting.

5 Reports

5.1 Community Services Report to 17 October 2017

Purpose

To present to the Community Wellbeing Committee the Community Services Report 17 October 2017.

MOVED by Mr Fletcher, seconded Cr Mason:

THAT Report 17/449 Community Services Report to 17 October 2017 be received.

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

CARRIED

James Richmond spoke to the Community Services Report, focusing on the high level items/achievements and future planning.

Sophie Parrant introduced herself and briefly spoke of the genesis of the Beats n Basketball programme (to address 'disengaged youth'; change the stigma around the perception), the outcomes / success of the event held. It is intended for another event will be held on 24 November.

Committee were reminded of the opening of Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom on Saturday 18 November 2017.

Regards Jack Allen House, more on the proposal would be presented at the next CWC meeting. Helen Hayes was again acknowledged for her excellent involvement with this project. Helen invited anyone/agency who wishes to be part of the new space in the RSA, to please contact HDC or herself directly.

6 Agency updates

Barbara Bradnock, MSD – Still busy; feedback around locality planning well received; starting the planning cycle again.

Stephanie Cook, HALT – Busy, particularly in the domestic violence arena. Collaborating with police and Rotary on White Ribbon Day events. This year riders are coming through from Marton on a Thursday rather than Saturday. They will stop at Foxton local schools and Manawatu College to meet students; with Rotary partners providing a sausage sizzle. Then on to Taitoko School for more kai, and activities before heading back to Palmerston North. The change of day provides a good opportunity to target young people; to implement/encourage a social and generational change and the issues around domestic violence per se.

Margaret Williams, Older Persons Network – advised of Grey Power monthly members meeting date change: 27 October at Cossie Club ("From Russia with Love"). Another project: to lobby Horizons for their help in providing a second bus service Levin-Palmerston

North; need HDC's support. The success of the Levin-Waikanae bus service has partly instigated this project.

Maureen Scott, Children's Team – Review of planning cycles. The evaluation team is in this week looking at impact, and alignment to changes happening over greater Oranga Tamariki.

Richard Fry, MSD – Housing is causing issues region-wide. Meeting with tenancy providers to look at ways to get ahead and address these.

Ella Tavernor, Ministry of Education – Key priority: community learning in the area (movement from tertiary to employment); more individual level and supporting vulnerable children, working with partner agencies.

Betty-Lou Iwikau, Raukawa Whanau-Ora – Priorities (1) Housing, the major issue being the amount of rent families have to pay; housing in Levin is substandard (mildew, no heating), (2) Great concerns around self-harm among our young people in the district, (3) Grandparents becoming parents again; we're not aware of any respite unit or support provisions for those looking after children. As an Iwi these are our main priorities and then how we strategically align ourselves with other services within our community. Commended Liam McLeavey's involvement.

Rangitahi Forum planned for March 2018. Targeting young Māori in 4th to 7th Form (ages 14-18) in the Horowhenua and Manawatu. Currently 800 students interested. The aim of the forum being to encourage young Māori to consider the health arena as career option/profession; asking various professions, including kaumatua and kuia to engage their story with our young people.

Di Rump, Muaūpoko Tribal Authority – concurred with Betty-Lou regards issues in our rohe. Muaūpoko are experiencing increased requests from both whanau and schools for mentoring, particularly from hard to reach whanau; alcohol and drug issues are presenting younger and younger; and impacts on the youth mentoring space. Mentioned Hauora Unleashed Expo taking place 25-26 November 2017 (first of its kind in the country).

Delphi Winters, LMG – Strategic planning in November to give refocus to Local Management Group (LMG). Drop in capacity within the NGO community. Housing, poverty issues prevail. With Super Grans hat on: workshops and classes scheduled around core kaupapa (e.g. cooking, money management etc.)

Liam McLeavey, Youth Voice – Spoke of the success of the Zeal Inflatable Challenge held; 150 young people participated in Levin, then at Horowhenua College. Plan to fundraise or purchase a similar large inflatable football to continue the activity. Recruitment for a new chair of Youth Voice is currently taking place. In terms of advocacy, he believes we've had a breakthrough with young people engaging in local governance e.g. Manawatu College student Meghan Davenport was recently appointed to the Foxton Community Board, who led the appointment.

Jo Mason, Elected Member – heartened today, commend the input of community wellbeing re: the wellbeing and issues of our district in terms of what really matters – education, housing, being safe etc. (not just infrastructure issues). Great to have other councillors here.

Neville Gimblett, Elected Member – Reiterated Jo's comments; our community is more about just pipes and roads, it is about our people/community. Adding that the public are appreciative of what the committee does.

Karl Severinson, Oranga Tamariki – some work with police around responding/approaching differently to domestic violence and children in the home. Oranga Tamariki itself are rolling

out its new practice framework – how we are going to deliver on our values, how do we live out these values and how we work.

Mike Fletcher, MSD – finishing contracting round, into planning; already looking at extension of contracts. Has information around funding in the district, happy to share that in the key areas MSD are funding (aware of investment going into the district). Oranga Tamariki and its first year of operation – headliners: quality social work, quality care placements, strategic relationships and partnerships, especially with Iwi.

Sharon Grant – Echoed the sentiments of others; great hearing about the work going on in our space and dedication of the organisations/agencies, moving us in a positive direction.

2:50 pm

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

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COMMITTEE HELD ON

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CHAIRPERSON:.....