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# Community Wellbeing Committee

## OPEN MINUTES

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Minutes of a meeting of the Community Wellbeing Committee held in the Council Chambers, Horowhenua District Council, 126-148 Oxford Street, Levin, on Tuesday 19 December 2017 at 1.00 pm.

### PRESENT

<b>Chairperson</b>	Cr Barry F Judd
<b>Deputy Chairperson</b>	Cr Jo Mason
<b>Members</b>	Ms Barbara Bradnock
	Ms Katie Brosnahan
	Mr Mike Fletcher
	Ms Eve Fone
	Ms Eleanor Gully
	Dr Betty-Lou Iwikau
	Mr Liam McLeavey
	Ms Tracey Merson
	Sgt Sarn Paroli
	Mr Patrick Rennell
	Ms Jo Smith
	Ms Margaret Williams
	Ms Delphi Winters
	Mr Murray Woodcock

### IN ATTENDANCE

<b>Reporting Officer</b>	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 Gloria Forouzandeh	(Community Development Advisor)

### ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Shane Royal	Raukawa Whanau Ora
Gavin Rooney	Local Management Group / Barnados

### 1 Apologies

Apologies were recorded for Sam Gilpin, Mark Robinson, Ella Travenor, Jacqui Moynihan, Di Rump and Debra Baker.

NOTED

### 2 Public Participation

There had been no requests for public participation.

### 3 Confirmation of Minutes

MOVED by Ms Winters, seconded Ms Williams:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Community Wellbeing Committee held on Tuesday, 17 October 2017, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

### 4 Announcements

#### ***Funding Situation in the Social Services Sector – Delphi Winters***

Delphi Winters advised this is her last meeting as the Local Management Group (LMG) Chair as the position now sits with Barnados representatives Murray Woodcock and Gavin Rooney.

The last 2-3 months of LMG activity was briefly covered.

The year having been dogged with funding challenges with approx. \$1million funding not renewed due to budget restraints for areas covering family services, early intervention, social services, youth mentoring and older people. Where the funding has been allocated, or if it is still in region was unknown. Despite the loss of funding, on a more positive scenario, she advised that a strategic planning day is scheduled to review, collectively address and advocate for families using their services.

The Chair indicated that 2018 would mark an opportunity to assess where LMG is at, look at the community need and the challenge(s) around funding; with discussion around how we are progressing and reassessing of goals.

Mike Fletcher reminded the group that MSD are willing to share what funding is going into this community in terms of vulnerable young children, adults etc. (rather than individual NGOs). Also willing to have discussion around where the need is, adding that there may be a greater need elsewhere; as long it aligns with MSD priorities. He advised he would be attending the strategy planning meeting.

#### ***Interagency Partnerships – Family Harm Team, Sgt Sarn Paroli and Eve Fone***

Sgt Paroli provided a brief of his background followed by an update on initiatives working locally in Horowhenua.

Effective processes have operated in Horowhenua for number of years, but a “formalisation” now exists between various agencies (e.g. Dept of Corrections, NZ Police, Oranga Tamariki) who have partnered with HALT in the form of an MOU at the local level – Horowhenua Interagency Family Harm Team – with dedicated resources for dealing with family harm/violence.

One evaluation meeting has been held (these will be ongoing), and despite the pilot being operational for only 6 months, early feedback has indicated a better process is in play.

Family harm is a complex problem with many aspects to it. However there are amazing people within the team, working hard to make a noticeable difference; the core aim being to ensure provision of effective response by the team for victims of family harm.

In addition, the team are also endeavouring to provide effective response to perpetrators; recognising the need to better engage with family violence perpetrators than is currently done.

Ms Fone added that when the opportunity arose to be involved in the pilot programme Oranga Tamariki were experiencing a resource shortage at the time; despite this it was too

compelling a piece of work to not be involved and so enabled a staff member to be available (who is now an effective advocate).

Oranga Tamariki funds the 22 week programme for perpetrators and the women's information support and education programme (WISE). They are also focusing on couples who are knowingly going to remain together as parents which she believes is working well.

The programme modelled on other pilots that operate nationally, a direction the organisation wanted to take. The programme requires no extra resource, it is simply a different way doing things – incidents are triaged quickly – and is reviewed regularly. Not wanting to limit the programme in terms of time or scope, the programme has no 'end date'.

It was queried if there were measurements that show the effectiveness of the programme in terms of delivery. Sgt Paroli said the police do not own any of that information but would be happy to provide statistics. Mike Fletcher added that initial assessment is via agencies, funded members and referrals; but assessing if people's lives are better as a result of the programme is an ongoing piece of work with monitoring and feedback on the agencies MSD work with – understanding what is effective and contracting those.

Despite it being early days, Tracey Merson said feedback is obtained from those families who have undergone the programme and expected that within six months the team will be in a position to assess the effectiveness from those participants.

The programme was nothing new in terms of referral pathways, it is mostly about agencies response to the incident.

Margaret Williams indicated she was eager to gain insight of the WISE programme. Helen Hayes said she would be happy to arrange a meeting with Women's Refuge for this purpose.

The Chair suggested there could be opportunities in 2018 to discuss some of the programmes offered within the community and how they operate to gain understanding.

The Chair also suggested that it would be beneficial for the CWC to have quarterly updates on the programme.

#### ***Star 4 – A brief overview – Jo Smith***

Refer to round table update.

#### ***Community Wellbeing Strategy 2018 – CWC Chair***

Referring to the Community Wellbeing Strategy and TOR, the Chair reiterated that the plan for the February 2018 meeting would be to address the CWC's function, priorities and strategic aims as well as key themes/other areas of focus for the coming year. He added that the Committee has ability to advocate and be influential in good community outcomes in Horowhenua; and to set some clear goals/measures would enable assessment of the committee's effectiveness within the community.

**ACTION POINT:** Chair will resend the email, requesting input from members

James Richmond highlighted the rebranded community wellbeing newsletter *Uplift Horowhenua* which will roll out in both hardcopy and online formats. Viewed as a valuable publication – an 'incidental pickup' – for community to become involved/engaged in, members were invited to contact HDC if they wished to contribute. The next issue is scheduled for March 2018.

## 5 Reports

### 5.1 Community Services Report to 19 December 2017

#### Purpose

To present to the Community Wellbeing Committee the Community Services Report 19 December 2017.

MOVED by Cr Mason, seconded Ms Grant:

*THAT Report 17/619 Community Services Report to 19 December 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 highlighting:

- The opening of Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom (TANS) which has been the main focus and hugely successful. Co-design Youth programmes are now operating out of this site. To date great feedback has been received from locals and tourists alike, as well as positive national and international attention.
- Spark Jump: After completion of a short course this enables a free, pre-paid modem for use in homes for those who are unable to finance this resource; will roll out district wide in February 2018.
- Access & Inclusion Plan; gave thanks to the Officers work dedicated to this process.
- Capacity Building continues to be well received by the community.

Thanks were extended to Muaūpoko Tribal Authority for organising a Mihi Whakatau, formally welcoming Compassion Housing to the district.

Thanks were also extended to the agencies and HDC officers for their input in the Committee.

Community Development Advisors highlighted the following:

- A successful year for Education Horowhenua with a number of important matters covered, productive meetings and great attendance from a variety of sectors. Particularly beneficial to have all of the education providers and those involved around the table engaging in positive discussion.
- Moira Howard provided an update on the COL's (Community of Learners). Two COL's have been established in the district, and will allow for better support from the Ministry of Education, as well as a coordinated approach to learning needs.
- There have been a few areas of key focus discussed at Education Horowhenua this year: transitioning students from college into employment, particularly employment within the district; the electronic revolution and how to manage the asset of technology to assist learning, as well as avoiding some of the negative problems that can come with overuse of electronic devices (distraction, sleep patterns, etc.).
- House of Science initiative, that will result in shared science equipment with easy-to-run experiments for primary schools will launch in 2018. This initiative will not only reduce the cost of running classroom experiments, but also make running experiments for teachers far simpler. This will address the identified problem of scientific literacy in the district.

- Education Horowhenua supported the establishment of a Pasifika Education Liaison Officer (PELO) in the district, who will work full-time to support the positive growth in Pasifika students we have seen over the last three years.
- Arts, Culture and Heritage Action Plan: still in draft phase; invitations are extended to all those interested in the review, or in arts, culture, or heritage in the district, to make contact with Joshua Wharton.
- Holiday Programme: three initiatives – activities with inflatable football field; conducting daily activities in collaboration with Life to the Max (LTTM) and colleges; and running a Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom (TANS) youth photography camp.

Advising that this is his last CWC meeting, Liam McLeavey provided a summary of Youth Voice accomplishments for the year e.g. Makahika Camp exercise; Elections; giant inflatable football field; the appointment of Manawatū College student Meghan Davenport to the Foxton Community Board; as well as supporting/volunteering for various agency events. In all, a big successful year.

## 6 Agency Updates

Jo Mason, Elected Member – Acknowledging the Family Harm Team presentation, it highlighted and recognised the importance of the CWC itself; adding that the work done is highly respected by Council and does impact and influence decisions – contributions of all are critical.

Referring to a media reports, despite the unemployment status, that growth is occurring in the district and in the long term reaps benefits.

Acknowledged the huge amount of work by Council and Council Officers; Margaret Williams as recipient of a Civic Award; and the number of youth awarded.

E-waste services now operating in Foxton.

The district has been on the 'knife edge' regards the expressway/roading uncertainty, but is hopeful this will be settled in the New Year.

Thanks expressed to CWC members, including work of HDC Officers.

Delphi Winters, SuperGrans – Up to 39 now working with SuperGrans around life skills, in homes and in-house; with 10 volunteers mentoring this. Have a Board of 5 and staff of 3.

Gavin Rooney, Barnados – Local Management Group (LMG) has had tough year with funding gaps, now working to explore those. Also reviewing the LMG and its function, with a focus on keeping the membership involved.

Margaret Williams, Older Persons Network – comprises 50 community organisations which meets monthly. In February the 'Age Friendly Communities Working Party' was established and have had a series of meetings. In May the full membership of the forum were consulted with a series of priority projects identified for action; now have a draft TOR for the group and agreed to mobilise resources on behalf of the OPN to ensure projects come to fruition.

Membership of the working party includes representatives from local Iwi, Grey Power, Age Concern, Breatheasy, MSD, Mid-Central Health, ACC, Alzheimer's Manawatū, Pink Ladies and Friends of the Library.

Projects identified: Enduring Power of Attorney Education programme (in partnership with Public Trust and Age Concern); Jack Allen Community Hub; Live Well Horowhenua; Haeremai Horowhenua. Noting that projects that have existed under the OPN will continue in partnership with the AFC working party.

Ms Hayes acknowledged Ms Williams' involvement in the biggest achievement, the Levin-Waikanae bus service; and personally acknowledged Civic Awards recipients Margaret Williams, Lew Rohloff and Allen Little (all present and past members of the CWC).

Eleanor Gully, Disability – An extremely productive year and extended thanks to Helen Hayes re: relocation of Jack Allen House and the Access and Inclusion Plan. Hard copies of the A&I Plan are being circulated and liaison has occurred with Muaūpoko Tribal Authority regards Māori translation of the Plan.

A blessing of the new Jack Allen Community Hub is to be organised, formal leases have been signed, an MOU with HDC formed, and contracts drafted for existing tenants; move in date is 01 March 2018. A street party farewell planned at the old JAH site.

HDCs Emergency Management Officer Andrew Howard presented to the A&I Forum. The working party will proceed with initiatives undertaken to improve resilience and preparedness; the most significant initiative to date being the promotion of Life Tubes. HDC has distributed these to various agencies.

Looking ahead, A&I will be collaborating with Pathways Horowhenua, Life to the Max and Youth Network on employment opportunities for those who identify as disabled youth. Forum attendance/representation has increased from 6 members to more than 20 organisations.

Congratulations to the Horowhenua Special Olympics for gaining the Mayoral Award.

Mention was made that the group also undertakes the distribution of newsletters (e.g. Elderberries, Uplift) to those who are unable to obtain them.

Jo Smith, MCDHB – Gave a background to the reasoning behind circulation of the STAR 4 documentation to the Committee (ref email of 04 October 2017) – the great public interest generated within the community around the future of the Horowhenua Health Centre, and a fear that the services provided would disappear. This is not the situation.

With the Horowhenua district having the lowest number of GPs and staff resource shortages there is a real need to grow that capability as well as capacity for the growing ageing population; thus the decision to change the medical model to best meet the needs of the community. The preferred options decided on outline the initial direction, with work coming into play in 2018.

With her DHB hat on, a brief update was provided, commenting that there is a great deal happening in the older persons sector, with key focus around ACC fall/fracture work. Echoed the great work of the CWC.

Katie Brosnahan, MSD – Shared the success of the services centre supporting clients into work, providing statistics around these services (largely reductions). Noted there has been a slight increase of health conditions/disabilities. Overall the statistics reflect the strengths of the economy and labour market.

Barbara Bradnock, MCDHB – Largely BAU. Reminded all that both whooping cough and mumps are circulating the community.

Mike Fletcher, MSD – Working on contract extensions to 2020; beginning the planning process for funding (not extended in the family violence area) in MSD and across other agencies in that space. Extended thanks to Crs Jo Mason and Victoria Kaye-Simmons for their community response.

Betty-Lou Iwikau, Raukawa Whanau-Ora – Working hard around strategy partners, particularly Iwi to work collaboratively across that spread.

Rangatahi Symposium confirmed for March 2018 which aims to inspire rangatahi Māori (Y10-13) to engage/create leaders. Invitations have been circulated to our kura and will be dispatched to the workforce including targeting local education providers (e.g. HLC, sports and aged care).

The entire workforce (staff through to management and board level) of Raukawa Whanau-Ora have undertaken training to understand the RBA (Results Based Accountability) framework; believes the RBA will assist with engagement and provision of services.

Eve Fone, Oranga Tamariki – Undergoing a third name change with the removal of “vulnerable” from the Ministry of Vulnerable Children. BAU coming into Christmas. Always on the lookout for caregivers, with publicity around this need being planned for the New Year.

Tracey Merson, HALT – 25 agencies in Horowhenua. About to come into a traditionally busy time but prepared for the daily triage, as are the Police; noting that most NGOs do close down over the Christmas period.

Patrick, HLC – Provided statistics for the year: 220 students graduated, for many this is their first qualification achieved. In partnership with MSD, HLC have supported 120 people back into workforce. Evident that qualifications make a notable change in their lives and a key driver. With the support of Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) and MSD 12 tertiary programmes offered and continuing to work with long-term unemployed. Funding dependent, an initiative in 2018 is to champion driver licensing in partnership with the colleges and LTTM. An invitation was extended to other agencies if interested in partnering.

Deborah Campbell, Neighbourhood Support – Gave a brief introduction on what her role entails and the agencies she works with as the newly appointed Horowhenua district development coordinator.

Sarn Paroli, NZ Police – Spoke of the good news stories that the community is delivering of which the Police are happy to be part of, with tangible outcomes that have been achieved throughout the year motivating the team. Road policing is a critical focus over the holiday period. The big themes to communicate with families is patience; also, dwelling burglaries. In relation to family harm, the Shoe Box initiative really makes a real difference and can prevent some of the triggers that leads to violence in the home.

The Chair closed the meeting by thanking the Committee’s contribution over the year and looked forward to 2018. Acknowledged Liam McLeavey as a person and for his participation and the value he contributed to the CWC forum. Wished everyone a good Christmas and happy break.

3:00 pm

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

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AT A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY WELLBEING  
COMMITTEE HELD ON

**DATE:**.....

**CHAIRPERSON:**.....