



Minutes of a meeting of the Community Development and Wellbeing Committee held in the Council Chamber, 136 Main Street, Pahiatua on Wednesday 6 November 2024 commencing at 1:00pm.

1. Present

Her Worship the Mayor - Mrs T H Collis, Crs E L Peeti-Webber (Deputy Mayor), N L Chase, A K Franklin (via Teams), S M Gilmore, P A Johns, M F Long, K A Sutherland and S A Wallace (via Teams).

In Attendance

- Mr R Suppiah - Group Manager – Corporate and Regulatory (via Teams)
- Mrs K Tani - Group Manager – Strategy and Community Wellbeing
- Ms S Lowe - Group Manager – People, Capability and Customer Experience (via Teams)
- Ms K Stevens - Community Partnerships Coordinator
- Mrs A Dunn - Manager – Democracy Services
- Ms S Ellis - Democracy Support Officer

2. Welcome and Meeting Opening

The Deputy Chairperson opened the meeting with an introduction including an acknowledgement of the polish children’s reunion, and a commendation of the Pahiatua Museum and the Chairperson’s work in organising the event.

Councillor P A Johns joined the meeting at 1:02pm.

3. Apologies

That the apology from Councillor S M Wards be approved, and leave of absence granted for the meeting.

Collis/Sutherland

Carried

4. Public Forum

There were no requests for Public Forum.

5. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda

No additional items were notified.

6. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest in Relation to this Meeting's Items of Business

Cr E Peeti-Webber – Sport Manawatu.

7. Confirmation of Minutes

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 4 September 2024 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Johns/Sutherland

Carried

Councillor S A Wallace left the meeting at 1:04pm

8. Presentations

8.1 Presentation - Pahiatua Community Plan

Ali Romanos, Chairperson of Explore Pahiatua Community Committee, was in attendance to present the proposed Pahiatua Community Plan. He made acknowledgement of the support provided to Explore Pahiatua from the Community Partnerships Coordinator, and commended the progress made in assembling the document.

He noted that Pahiatua had a well-established structure which promoted community involvement and engagement, and spoke to his satisfaction at having a document that could be put forward to project stakeholders and funders. It was underlined that the Plan was a living document that would be updated as and when projects were considered or completed; and it was acknowledged that several of the projects included in the current Plan were well underway or even completed.

Councillor S A Wallace returned to the meeting at 1:11pm

It was additionally noted that some projects had been cancelled as well; this was with a notable reference to the youth services projects, given the service had moved out of Pahiatua at present.

The Committee commended the work undertaken for the Community Plan. Regarding community consultation, it was noted that primarily in-person measures were undertaken, and that social media – notably Facebook – was not well utilised.

It was asked when construction of the Pahiatua Pool would begin, and whether the \$5.1 million figure was still correct; it was noted that the figure was now closer to 6 when accounting for GST.

8.2 Presentation - Norsewood Community Plan

Phil Grant and John Ellison of Norsewood Promotions were in attendance to present the proposed Norsewood Community Plan. They noted their pride at having a document to present to potential project funders.

They spoke about the plans for the implementation of a heritage trail, which could constitute a good tourist attraction for the area. They added that a trial run including similar signboards would be undertaken on a private wetland.

They outlined plans for the construction of a 'long house', noting that Norsewood currently had no large standing hall capable of safely accommodating a larger capacity than 50 people. They noted that it would be difficult to find funding for, but that efforts to get the community involved would be emphasised, and the comparative ease of starting local projects in a smaller village as opposed to a larger town was not something to be overlooked.

Regarding Connect Tararua, it was underlined that the lacking internet in the region was still affecting business.

The importance of marketing small towns was discussed, as well as what projects would be eligible for external funding, and whether consultants could be solicited in some areas.

It was noted that, given the Scandinavian connection, IKEA could be contacted to ascertain any interest in helping build the project.

The inclusion of smaller projects alongside long-term projects was commended by the Committee, and the high turnout to local events such as the Viking Festival was lauded. It was queried whether Norsewood had considered the support of a twin town/village, but given the responsibility and mutual support required this was unlikely at this stage.

It was noted that, on account of a prominent organiser of the Viking Festival being unable to remain in New Zealand next year, there may not be a Viking Festival until 2026.

9. Reports

9.1 Bush Multisports Trust Annual Report 2024

The Community Development and Wellbeing Committee considered the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 19 September 2024 that presented

for consideration the Bush Multisports Trust Annual Report for the period ending 30 June 2024, as required by the Bush Multisports Trust and Tararua District Council contract.

Raylene Treder of the Bush Multisports Trust and Rebecca Brown, Bush Multisport Facility Manager, were in attendance and spoke to their report.

It was acknowledged that the effectiveness of the new insulation for the stadium in winter was yet to be evaluated, but that groups and teams utilising the space had observed a difference in temperature and were overall happy with the change.

A heavy fibre curtain was noted to have been installed as an optional divider, allowing the room to be used as both a sporting facility and conference hall. The curtain was stated to be insulated, albeit with a gap on top, and that its heaviness would prevent it from being able to fly open and cause a disruption.

That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 19 September 2024 concerning the Bush Multisports Trust Annual Report 2024 be received.

That the Annual Report from the Bush Multisports Trust for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 be received.

Peeti-Webber/Johns

Carried

9.2 **Sport Tararua Quarterly Report to September 2024**

The Community Development and Wellbeing Committee considered the report from the Group Manager - Strategy and Community Wellbeing dated 29 October 2024 that presented for consideration the Sport Tararua Quarterly Report for the period ending 30 September 2024, as required by the Sport Tararua and Tararua District Council contract. Carl Johnstone, Victor Romero and Murray Te Huki, alongside Hinekawa Wilson-Munday, were also in attendance to speak to the report.

Councillor N L Chase joined the meeting at 2:03pm

The attendance of extra Sport Manawatu members at the meeting was well-received, and it was recommended that other members be included next time to provide insight into differing areas of the organisation.

That the report from the Group Manager - Strategy and Community Wellbeing dated 29 October 2024 concerning the Sport Tararua Quarterly Report to September 2024 be received.

That the Quarterly Report from Sport Tararua for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 September 2024 be received.

Long/Sutherland

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 2:09pm, and reconvened at 2:20pm.

9.3 **Management Report**

The Community Development and Wellbeing Committee considered the report from the Group Manager - Strategy and Community Wellbeing dated 30 October 2024 that provided an update on key activities and items of interest over the period since the last report to the committee.

Councillor K A Sutherland returned to the meeting at 2:22pm.

In response to a question about costs for hireage of digital spaces, and the new digital spaces trailer, clarification was provided that use of Digital Spaces and equipment was available for the use of local organisations or businesses in order to deliver these services or programmes, these were available at no charge, however this excluded the use of the digital trailer.

Her Worship the Mayor left the meeting at 2:35pm and returned at 2:36pm.

Discussions were had regarding what issues raised by pensioner housing tenants could be resolved by the tenants themselves or required the submission of a CRM. It was also added that, while streamlining of future operations via leaving minor maintenance issues to tenants themselves was under consideration, the data provided via inclusion of minor concerns in CRMs was invaluable at this time.

That the report from the Group Manager - Strategy and Community Wellbeing dated 30 October 2024 concerning the Management Report be received.

Johns/Long

Carried

9.4 **Capital Programme Report**

The Community Development and Wellbeing Committee considered the report from the Manager - Programmes & Projects dated 23 October 2024 that provided an update on the capital programme and key project statuses.

Her Worship the Mayor left the meeting at 3:08pm.

It was requested that project sheets be included regarding the Pahiata Pool project.

It was asked whether all digitised records would be available from March 2025, as real estate agents were found to have difficulty obtaining property information quickly.

That the report from the Manager - Programmes & Projects dated 23 October

2024 concerning the Capital Programme Report be received.

Sutherland/Peeti-Webber

Carried

10. Items not on the Agenda

Nil

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 3:12pm.

Chairperson