



Minutes of a meeting of the Community Development and Wellbeing Committee held in the Council Chamber, 156 High Street, Dannevirke on Wednesday 2 April 2025 commencing at 1:00 pm.

1. Present

Cr A K Franklin (Chairperson), Her Worship the Mayor - Mrs T H Collis, Crs P A Johns, M F Long, S A Wallace and S M Wards

In Attendance

- Ms K Shanks - Chief Executive Officer, Sport Manawatu
- Mrs R Treder - Community Connector, Sport Tararua

- Mr B Nicholson - Chief Executive
- Mrs K Tani - Group Manager – Strategy and Community Wellbeing
- Mr H Featonby - Group Manager - Infrastructure
- Mr K van der Oord - Communications Team Manager
- Ms Z Brighouse - Human Resources Business Partner (via Teams)
- Ms B Graves - District Librarian (via Teams)
- Mrs A Dunn - Manager – Democracy Services
- Mrs S Anthony - Democracy Support Officer

2. Welcome and Meeting Opening

The Chair opened the meeting with the prayer.

3. Apologies

That the apologies from Councillor E L Peeti-Webber (Deputy Mayor), Councillor K Sutherland, Councillor N Chase and Councillor S Gilmore be accepted, and leave of absence granted from the meeting.

Wards/Johns

Carried

4. Public Forum

4.1 Public Forum - Hato Hone St John

It was noted that the Area Operations Manager, Mid Central, from Hato Hone St John was no longer able to attend today's meeting, however would be invited to attend the June meeting of the Community Development and Wellbeing Committee.

The Chair noted that she had visited the Hato Hone St John site and work is well underway with the surface poured.

5. Presentation

5.2 Presentation - Update on Te Pae Oranga o Ruahine o Tararua Iwi Māori Partnership Board Community Health Plan

It was noted that the Chief Executive of Te Pae Oranga o Ruahine o Tararua Iwi Māori Partnership Board was not in attendance for today's meeting, however would be invited to attend the June meeting of the Community Development and Wellbeing Committee.

6. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda

Replacement apparatus for Fountaine Square, Woodville

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

Nil

8. Confirmation of Minutes

That the minutes of the Community Development and Wellbeing Committee meeting held on 5 February 2025 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Johns/Long

Carried

9. Reports

9.1 Sport Tararua report to March 2025

The Community Development and Wellbeing Committee considered the report of Sport Tararua that provided an update on activities during the second and third quarters of the financial year, aligned with the four key outcomes in their service contract. It highlighted the positive impact of their work and set the stage for the initiatives planned for the remainder of the year.

An overview of the report was presented by Kelly Shanks and Raelene Treder. Kelly advised that transport for High School sports teams in Tararua travelling to Palmerston North is a concern which will be raised at the upcoming Principal Cluster Meeting. It was asked if the Ministry of Education provided funding for transport and it was responded that no funding was received from the Ministry, there is a small amount of rural travel funding available from Sport Manawatu which is oversubscribed, however the rural schools faced additional charges in relation to time and additional costs of transport when travelling to Arena Manawatu, Palmerston North. This has a significant inequity as travel often disadvantages sports teams when schools only send top teams over to Palmerston North due to costs.

It was noted that Green Prescriptions saw an increase of referrals on the opening of Te Pae Oranga - this was a higher volume than normal, however no statistics have been captured to date to ascertain level of self-referrals.

Cr Wallace asked for clarification around the role of Community Connector and was advised that the role resonates with connection to other groups and connecting those groups to mechanisms.

Information was sought regarding trends for headphone use as this is now more common and what the safety risks are for this. It was agreed that Sport Manawatu would seek further information and report back on this.

It was noted that the calibre of youth at the recent Tararua Sports Award was very high and diverse.

That the Quarterly Partnership report from Sport Tararua for the period ending March 2025 be received.

Collis/Wallace

Carried

9.2 Management Report

The Community Development and Wellbeing Committee considered the report of the Group Manager – Strategy and Community Wellbeing that provided an

update on key activities and items of interest over the period since the last report to the committee.

The survey of Funeral Directors was highlighted showing positive results overall. A concern was raised regarding difficulties maintaining plots at the cemeteries, noting that this is a very sensitive topic. The team have been working with the Funeral Directors to increase engagement with families. There is a communications plan to carefully release further information around limiting decoration of plots and the safety risks.

An update was provided regarding the tree in Pahiatua, it was advised that there is a strict process to follow and a letter has now been sent by the Facilities Manager and the contractors are now booked to carry out the work in the next week or two.

A concern was raised regarding the high data count for the swimming pool usage which appeared to be inflated, it was advised that the figures were obtained from the operators of the pools, the council has no control over this information however do question the data and understand the data collection is not fabricated but collected in an unsatisfactory way.

A discussion was had around the equipment in various playgrounds in the district, it was advised that some are decommissioned following condition assessments which deem them to be unsafe and all equipment is prioritised for repair or replacement from a health and safety perspective. Audit checks are carried out to ensure compliance.

The committee acknowledged the great work from the Communications team engaging with the community for the Local Water Done Well proposal..

Cr Wards requested a comparison of Antenno use against other councils. It was noted that the app is user friendly and receives quick responses. A request was made for further promotion of Antenno, however caution was raised around using 'Sam' as the name of the promotional character as this was used by another organisation.

Mayor T Collis left the meeting at 2:03pm and returned at 2:04pm

That the report from the Group Manager - Strategy and Community Wellbeing dated 12 March 2025 concerning the Management Report be received.

Wards/Johns

Carried

10. Items not on the Agenda

10.1 Replacement apparatus for Fountaine Square, Woodville

Cr Johns expressed concern about the two items of apparatus that have been removed from the Fountaine Square playground. A slide had been removed in the past for safety reasons and the replacement apparatus was installed approximately 8 years ago and is now being removed. The Group Manager – Strategy and Wellbeing advised that the apparatus was removed 25 November 2024 as no longer compliant, the project manager is consulting with the community and the schools for replacement preference. It was noted that there is a strict procurement process in place for purchase of any future equipment.

11. Public Excluded Items of Business

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

Te Awa Community Foundation - Review of Memorandum of Understanding

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48 (1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution follows.

<i>General subject matter to be considered</i>	<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i>	<i>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
<i>Te Awa Community Foundation - Review of Memorandum of Understanding</i>	<i>To protect commercial and industrial negotiations</i>	<i><Section (1)(a)(i)</i>

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48 (1) (a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

s7(2)(i) The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

Collis/Wallace

Carried

The meeting went into public excluded session at 2:12pm and resumed open session at 2:30pm.

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 2:30pm.

Chairperson