

HUTT CITY COUNCILKOMITI HAPORI AHUREA ME NGĀ RANGAPŪ
COMMUNITIES, CULTURE AND PARTNERSHIPS COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held in the Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 30 Laings Road, Lower
Hutt on

Wednesday 13 November 2024 commencing at 2:00 pm

PRESENT:

Cr K Brown (Chair)	Mayor C Barry (from 2.14pm)
Cr G Barratt	Cr J Briggs
Deputy Mayor T Lewis	Cr K Morgan (Deputy Chair)
Cr C Parkin	Cr N Shaw
Cr G Tupou (from 2.07pm)	

APOLOGIES: There were no apologies.

IN ATTENDANCE:

A Blackshaw, Director Neighbourhoods and Communities
 J Griffiths, Director Strategy and Engagement (part meeting)
 K Butler-Hare, Tumuaki Māori (part meeting)
 R Hardie, Head of Strategy and Policy (part meeting)
 K Stannard, Head of Democratic Services (part meeting)
 L Coe, Acting Head of Connected Communities (part meeting)
 A Nelson, Head of Parks and Reserves
 M McKenzie, City Safety Manager (part meeting)
 S Brannigan, CCTV Team Leader (part meeting)
 A Jansen, City Safety Coordinator (part meeting)
 D Gharbaoui, Policy Advisor (part meeting)
 H Houppapa, Senior Policy Advisor (part meeting)
 A Quinn, Project Manager - Naenae (part meeting)
 A Robinson, Emergency Management Lead (part meeting)
 S King, Neighbourhood Facilitator (part meeting)
 N MacDonald, Community Facilitator - Rangatahi (part meeting)
 V Gilmour, Democracy Advisor

PUBLIC BUSINESS**1. OPENING FORMALITIES - KARAKIA TIMATANGA**

Kia tau ngā manaakitanga a te mea	<i>Let the strength and life force of our ancestors</i>
ngaro	<i>Be with each and every one of us</i>
ki runga ki tēnā, ki tēnā o tātou	<i>Freeing our path from obstruction</i>
Kia mahea te hua mākihikihi	<i>So that our words, spiritual power, love, and</i>
kia toi te kupu, toi te mana, toi te aroha,	<i>language are upheld;</i>
toi te Reo Māori	<i>Permanently fixed, established and understood!</i>
kia tūturu, ka whakamaua kia tīna!	<i>Forward together!</i>
Tīna! Hui e, Tāiki e!	

2. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments are recorded under the item to which they relate.

Cr Tupou joined the meeting at 2.07pm.

Mayor Barry joined the meeting at 2.14pm.

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

PRECEDENCE OF BUSINESS

In accordance with Standing Order 10.4, Items 6) Annual Providers Update on the Homelessness Strategy and 9) Emergency Management Update For 1 April 2024 - 30 September 2024 were accorded precedence of business. The items are recorded in the order they were listed on the order paper.

5. TE HERENGA KAIRANGI FIRST SIX-MONTH PROGRESS REPORT

Report No. CCPC2024/5/315 by the Senior Policy Advisor | Pou Tohutohu Kaupapa Here Matua-Māori

The Senior Policy Advisor and Tumuaki Māori elaborated on the report.

RESOLVED: (Cr Brown/Cr Parkin)

Minute No. CCPC 24501

"That the Committee:

(1) *receives and notes the information;*

(2) *notes the progress made against the outcomes and actions identified in Te Herenga Kairangi:*
https://hccpublicdocs.azurewebsites.net/api/download/2657e0a4b3614301b65dd99406a07ad2/_mtgmngmnt/960a596871949f4ec2a175a26f49f4394d; and

(3) *approves Te Herenga Kairangi six-month report:*
https://hccpublicdocs.azurewebsites.net/api/download/2657e0a4b3614301b65dd99406a07ad2/_mtgmngmnt/8db87e9c7002944e2a89e784cd4be77644."

6. ANNUAL PROVIDERS UPDATE ON THE HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY

Report No. CCPC2024/5/314 by the Acting Head of Connected Communities

Oscar Upperton, Senior Lawyer from Community Law; Lynda Ryan, Manager Homelessness Prevention from Tākiri Mai te Ata Whānau Ora Collective; and Tiliga Melba Tolai, Navigation Team Leader from Tuatahi Centre were in attendance for the item.

The Acting Head of Connected Communities elaborated on the report. The Manager Homelessness Prevention emphasised the increasing demand in the community due to reduced emergency housing resources.

In response to questions from members, the Manager Homelessness Prevention explained that they have a contract with Council and additional contracts for data and tracking collections. She highlighted a partnership with Kāinga Ora and Tākiri Mai under a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for new builds in the Epuni precinct. She noted the ongoing housing shortage and outlined their advocacy for families with disabilities. She said the effectiveness of Kāinga Ora's regional placements table in matching individuals with housing. She identified that while many Kāinga Ora homes remained vacant, Tākiri Mai was working to expedite placements. She also mentioned that the government stopped construction after the new builds were occupied.

RESOLVED: (Cr Brown/Cr Barratt)

Minute No. CCPC 24502

"That the Committee:

- (1) notes that under the Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt Homelessness Strategy (the strategy) adopted in March 2019, Council provides funding to three providers to deliver actions as part of the strategy;*
- (2) notes that as part of their contracts, the providers report quarterly on their activities in response to addressing homelessness;*
- (3) notes the progress made by the Kaupapa partners in relation to their contracts; and*
- (4) notes that the format of annual provider updates will change from next year to reflect new reporting requirements, introduced as part of the provider contract review, enabling more detailed and meaningful data collection on homelessness in the city."*

7. WHAKATUPU NGAENGAE

Memorandum dated 28 October 2024 by the Project Manager - Naenae

The Project Manager - Naenae elaborated on the report.

In response to a question from a member, the Director Neighbourhoods and Communities explained that communication regarding the partial closure of Huia Pool started several months ago, initially targeting regular users and groups. She said that communication with casual users followed a month later, with updates via social media and advertisements in the Hutt News. She confirmed that further updates would continue over the coming weeks

RESOLVED: (Cr Brown/Deputy Mayor Lewis)

Minute No. CCPC 24503

"That the Committee:

- (1) receives and notes the information; and*
- (2) notes the following progress that has been made on the Whakatupu Ngaengae project in the period September 2024 to October 2024:*
 - (a) work on the new Naenae Pool and Fitness Centre is nearing completion, and confidence remains high that the project can be completed within budget. Transition to Council-led operations is currently underway, and the community is excited about the opening of the pool; and*
 - (b) notes that the planned enhancements to Walter Mildenhall Park have reached the tender stage, with four shortlisted contractors bidding. A contract is expected to be awarded before Christmas, and construction is set to begin in mid-January 2025."*

8. CITY SAFETY - SIX-MONTH UPDATE

Report No. CCPC2024/5/317 by the City Safety Manager

The City Safety Manager introduced the new CCTV Team Leader and the City Safety Coordinator to the members and elaborated on the report. He advised that the offending dynamic for youth was a concern and that there may be a prolonged offending pattern in the city.

In response to questions from members, the City Safety Manager offered the following insights:

- addressing mental health issues alongside crime-related incidents had become increasingly challenging. These situations often require multiple interventions from the Police to connect individuals with mental health services. Police responses to mental health callouts were typically delayed, sometimes requiring up to five calls before a response was received.
- there were significant obstacles in securing emergency housing for individuals with mental health needs. Housing providers often prioritise other clients due to concerns about tenancy stability.
- there had been noticeable changes in youth offending patterns. Retailers and the National Retail Association have reported an increase in theft incidents that often involve threats or violence, though the underlying causes of this change remain unclear.

RESOLVED: (Cr Brown/Cr Barratt)

Minute No. CCPC 24504

"That that Committee receives and notes the information."

9. **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE FOR 1 APRIL 2024 - 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

Report No. CCPC2024/5/319 by the Emergency Management Lead

Nickola Loodin, Team Leader Community Resilience and Recovery and Jessica Hare, Business and Development Manager from Wellington Region Emergency Management Office (WREMO) were in attendance for the item.

The Emergency Management Lead elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members, the Emergency Management Lead and the Team Leader Community Resilience and Recovery provided the following insights:

- the city experienced minimal emergency events over the winter. Water supply could be a concern in the upcoming summer, but measures were in place, including selling 500 emergency water tanks.
- Waiwhetū Marae was the only marae with an emergency gear container funded by Te Puni Kōkiri. Council could support other marae if they applied.
- Te Puni Kōkiri set the funding criteria.
- WREMO was collaborating with schools on preparedness.
- there were plans to remove the mobile generator installed at Pomare School, though this still needed to be prioritised.

RESOLVED: (Cr Brown/Cr Morgan)

Minute No. CCPC 24505

"That the Committee receives and notes the report."

10. RANGATAHI | YOUTH ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

Report No. CCPC2024/5/316 by the Acting Head of Connected Communities

Speaking under public comment, **Desire' Morris, General Manager and Gemma Turney, Senior Youth Advisor from Youth Inspire**, expressed their desire to strengthen their partnership with Council to support underserved youth seeking employment in the Hutt Valley. They highlighted their work with Naenae and Taitā Colleges on in-school programmes that guide students in transitioning from education to employment.

In response to questions from members, the Senior Youth Advisor noted that most referrals were from the Ministry of Social Development and school programmes. She emphasised the ongoing search for entry-level jobs for young people. The General Manager noted her discussions with the Hutt Valley Chamber of Commerce to encourage business partnerships that create opportunities for young people through Youth Inspire programmes.

The Acting Head of Connected Communities elaborated on the report.

In response to a question from a member, the Community Facilitator - Rangatahi noted a strong need for safe, inclusive spaces for young people. She explained that while schools, sports clubs and some youth organisations offered support, she identified a gap in a central, youth-friendly hub. She suggested adapting community hubs and libraries to serve young people better, aligning with the Rangatahi Engagement Action Plan.

RESOLVED: (Cr Brown/Cr Briggs)

Minute No. CCPC 24506

"That the Committee:

- (1) notes that it adopted the Rangatahi Engagement Action Plan on 1 May 2024;*
- (2) notes that a 1.0 FTE position of Rangatahi Community Facilitator was agreed upon and funded by Council as part of the Long-Term Plan; and*
- (3) notes that the 2024/25 work plan has been developed, which will be reported back every six months."*

11. NEIGHBOURHOODS AND COMMUNITIES FOCUS AREA - TAITĀ / POMARE

Report No. CCPC2024/5/318 by the Acting Head of Connected Communities

The Neighbourhood Facilitator elaborated on the report. She acknowledged the passing of Anaru (Fats) Moke, a beloved community champion, and Serenah Nicholson and Rose Moreli-Tuita'alili, two dedicated leaders who created meaningful pathways for whānau. She also recognised Cr Shaw's contributions to the Northern Ward. She highlighted the storyboard hikoi project at Walter Nash Park, developed with Sue Ray and Common Ground, to honour young community members and provide nurturing spaces for youth.

Marry Barry left the meeting at 3.13pm.

In response to a question from a member, the Neighbourhood Facilitator advised that Pomare was generally considered part of Taitā, which spanned from Wingate to the end of Pomare.

Marry Barry rejoined the meeting at 3.20pm.

In response to a question from a member, the Neighbourhood Facilitator explained that the storyboard was created in partnership with local schools to support literacy programmes at the primary and intermediate levels. She said that the focus was on the stories children want to tell, whether about the neighbourhood or the people within it.

RESOLVED: (Cr Brown/Cr Barratt)

Minute No. CCPC 24507

"That the Committee notes and receives the information."

12. INFORMATION ITEMS

a) Neighbourhoods and Communities Director's Report

Report No. CCPC2024/5/107 by the Director Neighbourhoods and Communities

Speaking under public comment, Em Lewis, Executive Director and Lindy Young, Funding and Relationships Manager representing Nikau Foundation, shared a presentation attached as pages 10-12 to the minutes.

In response to questions from members, the Funding and Relationship Manager confirmed that while the Nikau Foundation had co-funded with councils in the past, it could not fund councils directly. She noted that grants ranged from \$500 to \$30,000, with most applications coming from charitable organisations or incorporated societies. She added that no funds were allocated for sports, as funding was donor-advised.

The Executive Director explained that the Nikau Foundation's funding approach was broad, with additional information available on their website:

<https://www.nikaufoundation.nz/>

The Director Neighbourhoods and Communities elaborated on the report.

In response to a question from a member, the Director Neighbourhoods and Communities explained that Council had four roles focused on managing relationships with various communities of interest, each covering different portfolios.

RESOLVED: (Cr Brown/Cr Tupou)

Minute No. CCPC 24508

"That the Committee receives and notes the information."

b) Communities, Culture and Partnerships Committee Forward Programme 2025

Memorandum dated 22 October 2024 by the Democracy Advisor

RESOLVED: (Cr Brown/Cr Morgan)

Minute No. CCPC 24509

"That the Forward Programme 2025 for the Communities, Culture and Partnerships Committee be received and noted."

13. QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

14. CLOSING FORMALITIES - KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA

Mai te tohi rangi, ki te tohu nuku,
Tiaho I roto, mārama I roto,
Tupu mauri ora ki te whai ao ki te ao
Mārama
Haumi e, hui e tāiki e

Of heavenly and terrestrial blessings may it
twinkle and shine within me and allow my
being to grow out into the work of life and
light
Draw together!
Affirm!

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 3.30pm.

K Brown
CHAIR

**CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 10th day of December 2024**



Kia ora, we're Nikau Foundation.

Te Upoko-o-te-Ika-a-Māui,
the Greater Wellington region's
community foundation.

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