

HUTT CITY COUNCIL
KOMITI 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 30 April 2025 commencing at 2:00 pm

PRESENT:

Cr K Brown (Chair)	Mayor C Barry
Cr G Barratt (until 3.57pm)	Cr J Briggs
Deputy Mayor T Lewis (until 3.57pm)	Cr K Morgan (Deputy Chair)
Cr C Parkin	Cr N Shaw
Cr G Tupou (from 2.03pm)	

APOLOGIES: Cr G Tupou for lateness and Cr G Barratt and Deputy Mayor Lewis for early departure.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Cr S Edwards
 A Blackshaw, Director Neighbourhoods and Communities
 A Nelson, Head of Parks and Reserves
 L Desrosiers, Head of Urban Development
 A Moore, Head of Connected Communities
 N Peurifoy, Leasing Coordinator
 D Gharbaoui, Policy Advisor
 N Ridley, Emergency Management Advisor
 A Quinn, Project Manager (Naenae)
 M Miller, Project Manager
 N MacDonald, Rangatahi Community Facilitator
 K Glanville, Senior Democracy Advisor
 H Clegg, Minute Taker

PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. OPENING FORMALITIES - KARAKIA TIMATANGA

Kia tau ngā manaakitanga a te mea ngaro	<i>Let the strength and life force of our ancestors 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 tina!	<i>Forward together!</i>
Tina! Hui e, Tāiki e!	

2. APOLOGIES

RESOLVED: (Cr Brown/Cr Barratt)

Minute No. CCPC 25201

"That the apology for lateness received from Cr Tupou and the apologies received for early departure from Cr Barratt and Deputy Mayor Lewis be accepted."

Cr Tupou joined the meeting at 2.03pm.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments are recorded under the item to which they relate.

RESOLVED: (Cr Brown/Cr Briggs)

Minute No. CCPC 25202

"Pursuant to Standing Order 16.2, the time limit for public comment be extended to allow all public speakers to speak."

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

Cr Briggs declared he was Acting Chief Executive of Vibe and worked in the Rangatahi | Youth space.

PRECEDENCE OF BUSINESS

Pursuant to Standing Order 10.4, the Chair accorded precedence to Item 7) 'Pito One Projects Overview', Item 5) 'Petone Wharf options within \$12M Long Term Plan budget cap', Item 8) 'Petone Recreation Ground Grandstand options within capped budget of \$3M' and Item 9) 'Petone Neighbourhood Hub options within \$5M capped Long Term Plan budget'.

The items are recorded in the order in which they are listed on the order paper.

5. RECOMMENDATION TO KOMITI ITI MAHERE Ā-NGAHURUTANGA/ MAHERE Ā-TAU | LONG TERM PLAN/ANNUAL PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE - 16 May 2025

Petone Wharf options within \$12M Long Term Plan budget cap

Speaking under public comment, **Pam Hanna and Sylvia Allan, representing Save Petone Wharf**, recommended the two-stage resource consent option. Sylvia Allan expressed confidence that the 25% contingency allowance would adequately cover unforeseen risks, citing the interest of four experienced marine contractors and improved contract rigour. She noted that repairs would improve the wharf's resilience in future seismic events involving liquefaction.

In response to questions from members, Sylvia Allan acknowledged the advice from Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) on the resource consent process and showed willingness to collaborate with them. Pam Hanna stated that the Save Petone Wharf group would support partial remediation using a two-stage resource consent approach.

Speaking under public comment, **Francis O'Riley from GK Shaw Limited** favoured option 2 as the most practical approach, warning that project delays could lead to higher costs from structural deterioration. He noted that standard marine consent conditions would be manageable for capable contractors and that weathering could make repairs indistinguishable within six months.

In response to questions from members, Francis O'Riley advised that GK Shaw Limited's remedial work after the 2021 earthquake did not require redoing.

Speaking under public comment, **Pete Fahy** talked about the original building design drawings, attached as page 16 to the minutes. He highlighted the historical integrity of the 116-year-old wharf and urged Council to allocate funds for its complete restoration. He believed shortening the structure would decrease its usability and limit public access. He suggested launching a "Give-a-Little" fundraising page to help cover any funding gaps.

Speaking under public comment, **Mike Fisher, representing the Petone Steering Group and Petone Community Board**, advised that both the Group and the Board supported option 2. He noted that while the community might agree to demolish the wharf's head, the rest of the structure should be preserved. He believed option 2 reflected the community's voice.

In response to a question from a member, Mike Fisher stated that if a "Give-a-Little" fundraising page were necessary to cover a funding shortfall, it would be a sensible option.

Speaking under public comment, **Kara Puketapu-Dentice, Chairperson of Taranaki Whānui ki te Upoko o Te Ika**, addressed several upcoming projects affecting the Petone foreshore. He encouraged members to consider broader development options, including the Honiana Te Puni Reserve. Recently returned to Mana Whenua, he noted that the reserve was viewed as a strategic entry point to the city and was located near the

original Pito-One pā. He proposed a co-governance partnership to unlock the reserve's cultural, social, and economic potential. He imagined it as a vibrant and interconnected urban hub that respects local heritage while promoting tourism, business, and community engagement. He emphasised that Taranaki Whānui was prepared to collaborate with Council in a co-governance and co-management development partnership.

In response to questions from members, Kara Puketapu-Dentice emphasised the cultural importance of the reserve and its popularity. He expressed that appropriate development could enhance its appeal and benefit the wider city. However, he also acknowledged the financial constraints involved. He noted that the project's viability would depend on support from Council and asked members to consider exploring co-governance options.

Speaking under public comment, **Denis Hulston** talked about a recent photo of people fishing on the wharf and expressed support for fully repairing it. He described the wharf as a cultural and historical icon that was vital to the Petone community. He stressed the urgency for securing funding and the need to begin the restoration project immediately.

In response to questions from members, Denis Hulston supported a fundraising campaign to restore the wharf. He acknowledged that residents outside the immediate area might not be fully supportive, but he emphasised that the wharf was a valuable asset for the entire city and should be preserved.

Speaking under public comment, **Roger Thackeray** expressed support for the wharf restoration project. He asked for comprehensive reporting to identify potential risks and aid in resource consent. He endorsed the long term vision Taranaki Whānui ki te Upoko o Te Ika proposed.

Adam Thornton from Dunning Thornton and Bernie Warmington from Align NZ were in attendance for the item.

Adam Thornton elaborated on the Dunning Thornton report.

In response to questions from members, Adam Thornton advised that the project team had thoroughly assessed the known risks and determined that only a few uncertainties remained. He pointed out that potential risks could include the necessity for additional pile remediation and the possibility of increasing material costs.

The Director Neighbourhoods and Communities stated that, as a coastal structure, the true condition of the wharf could only be assessed once the work commenced.

In response to further questions from members, the Head of Parks and Reserves clarified that most of the wharf, including its head, fell under the jurisdiction of GWRC, which meant that GWRC must grant resource

consents for any work conducted below the high tide mark.

Bernie Warmington explained that, while GWRC was not financially responsible for the wharf, it did oversee all consent activities within the harbour area below the high tide boundary.

In response to further questions from members, the Head of Parks and Reserves confirmed that all expenditure to date, including consultant fees and investigative work, was within the \$12M budget allocation. He noted that the remaining budget was \$11.8M. He stated that the proposed QRA P95 contingency level was based on a detailed risk assessment providing a solid safety buffer.

Adam Thornton supported this view, emphasising that the wharf's simple structure would likely result in unknowns compared to similar regional projects.

In response to questions from a member, Bernie Warmington advised that some timelines outlined in the report for the resource consent process were conservative. He said the actual start date for the process would depend on the design phase's completion and detailed plans' availability. He added that extra time had been built in to allow for possible public notification and appeals, though the process might take less than 19 months. The Head of Parks and Reserves advised against opening the wharf in stages due to health and safety concerns.

The meeting adjourned at 3.39pm and resumed at 3.47pm.

The Chair provided further details about considering additional recommendations beyond those proposed by the officers.

Mayor Barry emphasised the importance of adhering to the \$12M budget and looked forward to receiving more information about the consenting process at an upcoming Council meeting. He also recognised the efforts of everyone involved.

Deputy Mayor Lewis acknowledged the lengthy process and the effort of all involved. She expressed support for the recommendations.

Cr Barratt emphasised the importance of assuring all city residents that the project would stay within budget.

Cr Tupou thanked everyone involved and acknowledged that the project was still a work in progress.

Cr Briggs suggested that the Chair, Mayor Barry, and the officers follow up on the co-governance proposal at the upcoming partnerships hui with Taranaki Whānui ki te Upoko o Te Ika.

The Chair expressed thanks for the progress made so far and looked forward to the next steps.

<p>RECOMMENDED: (By Division) (Cr Brown/Deputy Mayor Lewis)</p> <p>Minute No. CCPC 25203</p>
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"That the Committee recommends that the Subcommittee:

- (1) receives and notes this report;*
- (2) receives and notes the report from Independent Advisor Adam Thornton, attached as Appendix 3 to the report*
- (3) notes the Matrix attached as Appendix 2 to the report, which analyses the advantages and disadvantages of each option;*
- (4) notes the feedback from the Petone Community Board, the Pito One Steering Group and Save the Wharf Campaign regarding the repair/remediation of the wharf attached as Appendix 4 to the report;*
- (5) notes that as the cost assessment of the options discussed does not represent a confirmed project cost and has not yet been subject to the P95 QRA contingency rate required by the Council decision of 17 May 2024, there is an ongoing risk that the physical works exceed the indicative prices in the report;*
- (6) notes the financial information on Council's previous wharf projects outlined in paragraphs 12-13 of the report;*
- (7) notes the increased risk relating to liquefaction outlined in paragraph 42 (f) of the report;*
- (8) notes that in the Registration of Interest (ROI), there were no responses from anyone offering significantly different technology to the approach used for the other Council wharves in recent years;*
- (9) notes feedback from the public speakers at the meeting;*
- (10) notes that the Petone Community Board, the Pito One Steering Group, and the Save the Wharf Campaign support option b 'repair/remediation of reduced wharf';*
- (11) approves option b) 'repair/remediation of reduced wharf' to be progressed;*
- (12) agrees to the intention to retain as much of the wharf as possible and to avoid delays where possible;*
- (13) directs officers to make immediate arrangements for a pre-consent lodgement meeting with a view to clarifying the types of consent required for repairs and whether a split consenting approach is viable, with a repair component first and a demolition component later, and the associated risks;*

(14) agrees that two representatives of the Save the Wharf campaign be included in the meeting to represent the community; and

(15) directs officers to report back to Council on the outcome of the meeting."

The motion was declared CARRIED by division with the voting as follows:

For:

Against:

Cr Brown

Cr Morgan

Mayor Barry

Cr Barratt

Cr Briggs

Deputy Mayor Lewis

Cr Parkin

Cr Shaw

Cr Tupou

Total: 9

Total: 0

Cr Barratt and Deputy Mayor Lewis left the meeting at 3.57pm.

6. **RECOMMENDATION TO TE KAUNIHERA O TE AWA KAIRANGI
HUTT CITY COUNCIL - 29 May 2025**

Colson Street Reserve - Exchange of Land

Speaking under public comment, **Matt Young** said the proposal represented a loss of valuable reserve land. He suggested that community engagement should begin immediately, noting that it should have occurred earlier.

In response to questions from members, Matt Young suggested exploring a wider range of options for the reserve, incorporating extensive community input rather than limiting engagement to a single proposal.

Daniel Moriarty, Chief Executive of Urban Plus Limited (UPL), was in attendance for the item.

The Head of Parks and Reserves elaborated on the report.

In response to a question from a member, the Head of Parks and Reserves confirmed that public consultation would be conducted under the Reserves Act.

The Head of Urban Design added that, besides the required statutory process, officers planned to incorporate informal and formal consultation methods to encourage more interactive input. Officers agreed to present the proposed community engagement plan to the Council meeting on 29 May 2025.

The Chief Executive of UPL suggested an engagement approach that would include an educational component to convey the project's intent and ensure the community was adequately informed. He emphasised that providing broader community benefits was central to Council's mandate.

In response to further questions from members, the Head of Parks and Reserves confirmed that a contingency plan was in place should the community oppose the proposal. He noted that the plan would involve reducing the number of residential units.

Mayor Barry supported the proposal, highlighting its potential to enhance land use, increase accessibility and deliver social housing. He noted these objectives aligned with Council's values.

Cr Shaw supported the proposal's potential to assist people experiencing homelessness and improve the reserve for broader public use.

RECOMMENDED: (Cr Brown/Mayor Barry) **Minute No. CCPC 25204**

"That the Committee recommends that Council:

- (1) receives the information; and*
- (2) approves officers to commence the Reserves Act exchange of land process (under the Reserves Act 1977) of part of the Colson Street Reserve for part of adjoining Urban Plus Ltd (UPL) land, subject to officers providing a community engagement plan at the Council meeting on 29 May 2025."*

7. PITO ONE PROJECTS OVERVIEW

Report No. CCPC2025/2/60 by the Director Neighbourhoods and Communities

The Director Neighbourhoods and Communities elaborated on the report.

RESOLVED: (Cr Brown/Cr Morgan)

Minute No. CCPC 25205

"That the Committee receives and notes the information."

8. **PETONE RECREATION GROUND GRANDSTAND OPTIONS WITHIN CAPPED BUDGET OF \$3M**

Report No. CCPC2025/2/115 by the Parks Project Manager

The Head of Parks and Reserves elaborated on the report. He mentioned that they had not received any cost estimates yet.

RESOLVED: (Cr Brown/Cr Tupou)

Minute No. CCPC 25206

"That the Committee:

- (1) receives and notes the information;*
- (2) notes that the cost estimates were not available for this meeting;*
- (3) notes consultation that has been undertaken with the Petone Rugby Club, Pito One Steering Group and the Petone Community Board; and*
- (4) notes that a report will be considered by the Committee when options analysis has been carried out and further community consultation undertaken."*

9. **PETONE NEIGHBOURHOOD HUB OPTIONS WITHIN \$5M CAPPED LONG TERM PLAN BUDGET**

Report No. CCPC2025/2/114 by the Head of Neighbourhood Hubs and Library Services

The Project Manager elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members, the Project Manager outlined plans to replace the atrium with timber walls and a skylighted metal roof to address issues related to solar gain. He noted that these upgrades would extend the building's lifespan by 40 years and confirmed that a 15% contingency was appropriate for the project.

RESOLVED: (Cr Brown/Cr Shaw)

Minute No. CCPC 25207

"That the Committee:

- (1) notes the information in this report, including the condition assessment for the Petone Hub building;*
- (2) notes additional safety measures that have recently been implemented for the glass atrium;*
- (3) notes that the project was presented at a community feedback session on 9 April 2025;*
- (4) notes that a cost estimate of \$4,938,000, excluding GST, has been received;*
- (5) agrees to proceed with the identified repairs as the cost estimate is within the \$5M budget; and*
- (6) directs officers to conduct regular budget reviews and immediately raise any risk of the capped \$5M budget being exceeded, so that re-scoping options can be considered."*

10. **PROPOSAL FOR LONG TERM TELECOMMUNICATIONS LICENCE**

Report No. CCPC2025/2/108 by the Leasing Coordinator

The Leasing Coordinator elaborated on the report.

RESOLVED: (Cr Brown/Cr Morgan)

Minute No. CCPC 25208

"That the Committee:

- (1) receives and notes the information; and*
- (2) approves the proposed Telecommunications licence term of 15 years on reserve land."*

11. UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A HOMELESSNESS DASHBOARD FOR TE AWA KAIRANGI KI TAI LOWER HUTT

Report No. CCPC2025/2/109 by the Policy Advisor

The Policy Advisor elaborated on the report, confirming that the dashboard was expected to be completed by the end of May 2025.

Cr Shaw believed the dashboard would enhance planning, funding and support efforts for the city's homeless community.

The Chair highlighted the importance of understanding homelessness in allocating resources effectively. She noted that the dashboard would strengthen the city's advocacy with other authorities and government bodies.

RESOLVED: (Cr Brown/Cr Briggs)

Minute No. CCPC 25209

"That the Committee:

- (1) notes that on 9 September 2024, the Committee agreed that officers would report back on 30 April 2025, on the development of a homelessness dashboard (the dashboard) and seek agreement to launch the dashboard in May 2025;*
- (2) notes that officers provided a Council briefing on the dashboard on 23 April 2025;*
- (3) agrees to the proposed content of the dashboard; and*
- (4) agrees to the proposed steps for launching the dashboard in May 2025."*

12. COMMUNITY OF INTEREST UPDATE: RANGATAHI

Memorandum dated 7 April 2025 by the Head of Connected Communities

The Head of Connected Communities elaborated on the report.

The Rangatahi Community Facilitator highlighted the recent Youth Inspire cohort session, which aimed to involve youth directly with Council.

Cr Briggs expressed optimism about the potential for increased engagement with rangatahi in the future.

Cr Morgan welcomed the progress of the Rangatahi Engagement Action Plan, noting that it was becoming a reality.

RESOLVED: (Cr Brown/Cr Shaw)

Minute No. CCPC 25210

"That the Committee:

- (1) receives and notes the memorandum;*
- (2) notes the progress being made against the Rangatahi Engagement Action Plan (the Plan), including the establishment of a Student Leaders' Network attached as Appendix 1 to the memorandum; and*
- (3) notes the next steps for the Plan outlined in the memorandum."*

13. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SIX MONTH UPDATE - FY 2024/25

Report No. CCPC2025/2/110 by the Emergency Management Advisor

The Emergency Management Advisor elaborated on the report.

RESOLVED: (Cr Brown/Cr Briggs)

Minute No. CCPC 25211

"That the Committee receives and notes the information."

14. CITY SAFETY AND CCTV UPDATE

Memorandum dated 7 April 2025 by the Head of Connected Communities

The Head of Connected Communities elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members, the Head of Connected Communities stated that officers were aware of growing issues in Hillary Court, Naenae and were working with New Zealand Police to find solutions.

The Chair thanked the outgoing City Safety Manager and wished him well in his future endeavours.

RESOLVED: (Cr Brown/Cr Shaw)

Minute No. CCPC 25212

"That the Committee:

- (1) receives and notes the report;*
- (2) thanks Matt McKenzie for his work in the role of City Safety Manager;*
- (3) notes progress on City Safety against Long Term Plan outcomes and measures that focus on crime prevention, community resilience and safety, and business and retail safety;*
- (4) notes that Police have recently recognised Council's increased investment in CCTV and its support of Community Patrols, and acknowledged their importance in policing and crime reduction in Lower Hutt; and*
- (5) notes that crime overall in Lower Hutt is reducing, but serious crime is on the increase, with most crimes committed in the CBD."*

15. **TE NGAENGAE POOL + FITNESS - FINAL REPORT**

Memorandum dated 7 April 2025 by the Project Manager (Naenae)

The Project Manager (Naenae) elaborated on the report.

Cr Briggs congratulated the Project Manager (Naenae) for demonstrating strong project management skills. He acknowledged Mayor Barry's leadership in securing government funding and commended officers for their ongoing efforts, particularly in engaging with the community.

RESOLVED: (Cr Brown/Cr Briggs)

Minute No. CCPC 25213

"That the Subcommittee receives and notes the completion of the Te Ngaengae Pool + Fitness project, including the final report and lesson learned register."

16. **NEIGHBOURHOODS AND COMMUNITIES DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Report No. CCPC2025/2/113 by the Director Neighbourhoods and Communities

The Director Neighbourhoods and Communities elaborated on the report.

RESOLVED: (Cr Brown/Cr Morgan)

Minute No. CCPC 25214

"That the Committee receives and notes the information."

17. **INFORMATION ITEM**

Communities, Culture and Partnerships Committee Work Programme 2025

Memorandum dated 28 March 2025 by the Senior Democracy Advisor

RESOLVED: (Cr Brown/Cr Tupou)

Minute No. CCPC 25215

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

18. **QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

19. CLOSING FORMALITIES - KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA

Mai te tohi rangi, ki te tohu nuku,	Of heavenly and terrestrial blessings may it
Tiaho I roto, mārāma I roto,	twinkle and shine within me and allow my
Tupu mauri ora ki te whai ao ki te ao	being to grow out into the work of life and
Mārāma	light
Haumi e, hui e tāiki e	Draw together!
	Affirm!

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 4.49pm.

Cr K Brown
CHAIR

CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 29th day of May 2025

