

NAPIER PEOPLE AND PLACES COMMITTEE

Open Minutes

Meeting Date: Thursday 28 March 2024

Time: 9.30am – 11.02am

Venue Large Exhibition Hall
War Memorial Centre
Marine Parade
Napier

Livestreamed via Council's Facebook page

Present **Chair:** Councillor McGrath
Members: Mayor Wise, Deputy Mayor Brosnan, Councillors Boag, Browne, Crown, Greig, Mawson, Price, Simpson, Tareha and Taylor
Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi representatives – Joe Tareha and Evelyn Ratima (Evelyn Ratima arrived at 10:05 am)

In Attendance Acting Chief Executive (Jessica Ellerm)
Executive Director Community Services (Thunes Cloete)
Executive Director City Services (Lance Titter)
Acting Executive Director Infrastructure Services (Jamie Goodsir)
Manager Communications and Marketing (Julia Stevens)
Pou Whakarae (Mōrehu Te Tomo)
Senior Advisor Policy (Rebecca Peterson)
Emergency Management Officer (Blake McDavitt)
Manager Community Strategies (Anne Bradbury)
Chief Financial Officer (Caroline Thompson)
Team Leader Transportation (Robin Malley)
Senior Advisor Policy (Michele Grigg)

Also in Attendance Art Deco Trust Representatives (Jeremy Smith, Barbara Arnott and Simon Gunn)

Public Forum:

Peter Grant (Co-Chair) Positive Ageing Strategy Advisory Group

Administration

Governance Advisors (Jemma McDade and Carolyn Hunt)

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Karakia

The meeting opened with the Council karakia.

Apologies

Councillors Tareha / Browne

That the apology for absence from Councillor Chrystal and an apology for lateness from Evelyn Ratima be accepted.

Carried

Conflicts of interest

Nil

Public forum

Mr Peter Grant, Co-Chair, Positive Ageing Strategy Advisory Group (PASAG) and Michelle Grigg as Napier City Council (NCC) Support Leader presented an update.

1. Mr Grant acknowledged the support from Lexia Puna, Councillor Mawson and Michele Grigg. He recognised the passing of kaumatua Piri Prentice.
2. Ms Grigg acknowledged the contribution of Mr Grant and Ms Puna. She described the PASAG significant achievements to date. A first iteration of an action plan has been developed.
3. Napier has been recognised as the 6th city in New Zealand working towards being Age Friendly. This is a World Health Organisation initiative and enables PASAG to receive information from other cities. Housing and transport are two key issues. PASAG provide submissions to incorporate 'age friendly' elements into NCC plans.
4. Mr Grant outlined the focus and process of involving community organisations in order to better understand their needs. He spoke to the value of NCC facilitation to ensure that community need is reflected. PASAG were commended for the fantastic work being undertaken.

Mr Grant and Ms Grigg answered questions from Council confirming:

- The 'MyWay' on call bus system currently available in Hastings is being investigated as to the possibility of it being extended into Napier. Concern regarding the safe incorporation of mobility scooters was noted.
- PASAG have a process to submit on Government proposals, though many submissions are made from a personal perspective. They do make submissions to Government and are an active contributor to the NCC submission process.
- PASAG are approached for comment where NCC strategies are relevant to them. They have a group of 'champions' who lead this role. Specific mention was made of a possible auditing role in relation to accessibility in the roll out of the Rooding Strategy. The suggestion was made that PASAG could be on the Hawkes Bay Regional Council Advisory group for transport.

Announcements by the Mayor

3 Year Plan

Mayor Wise encouraged the public to read the Three Year Plan to understand the reasons for the rates increases and what Council is planning for the next three years.

There are six areas Council wants the public's views on. These are: council owned housing, maintaining a rate to improve resilience, how council investments are managed, increases to fees and charges, the funding of certain tourism facilities and the future of council office accommodation.

Submissions are open until 26 April 2024 and can be made online or at the Napier or Taradale Libraries, or the NCC Customer Service Centre.

Announcements by the Chairperson

Nil

Announcements by the management

Nil

Confirmation of minutes

Councillors Greig / Price

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2023 were taken as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Carried

AGENDA ITEMS

1. MEMORIAL SQUARE COMMUNITY ROOMS UPDATE

Type of Report:	Information
Legal Reference:	N/A
Document ID:	1743466
Reporting Officer/s & Unit:	Jamie Goodsir, Acting Executive Director Infrastructure Services

1.1 Purpose of Report

To update Council on the Memorial Square Community Rooms refurbishment project. Art Deco Trust Representatives Jeremy Smith, Barbara Arnott and Simon Dunn will be present at the meeting to answer further questions on the funding update for the Memorial Square Community Rooms.

At the meeting Mr Goodsir spoke to the report and answered questions from Councillors confirming:

- Stage 1 is necessary for the building regardless of its future use. This stage involves removal of asbestos and structural work including removal of the roof.
- The building will need to be fenced and the level of disruption to the Saturday markets will be confirmed.
- The timeframe provided for completion is realistic.
- The staged process isn't a delay; it is a way to ensure that progress is made so that the building can be available for community use.
- Stage 1 doesn't place NCC at any financial risk.

Evelyn Ratima joined the meeting at 10.05am

COMMITTEE Councillors Price / Tareha

RESOLUTION

The Napier People and Places Committee:

- a. **Receive** the report titled "Memorial Square Community Rooms update."
- b. **Approve** the construction works being split into two stages, once the asbestos remediation in the sub-floor is completed by Council, with Stage 1 being the seismic structural strengthening and associated works, and Stage 2 the remainder of project works.

Carried

2. ORANGE SKY SERVICE

<i>Type of Report:</i>	Information
<i>Legal Reference:</i>	N/A
<i>Document ID:</i>	1743045
<i>Reporting Officer/s & Unit:</i>	Rebecca Peterson, Senior Advisor Policy

2.1 Purpose of Report

To provide an overview of the proposed Orange Sky service for Napier. Orange Sky is a not-for-profit organisation that provides people experiencing homelessness or hardship access to free laundry services and non-judgemental conversation.

At the meeting

Ms Peterson and Mr Tulley (Napier Assist) presented the report.

An informational video about the Orange Sky service was viewed by the Committee.

Orange Sky provides a portable laundry service for homeless and vulnerable community members. It also enables people to connect with wrap-around service providers.

The service is active in other major cities; Hawke's Bay will be the first to have a regional service. Orange Sky are working to understand if any consents are required at specific locations including grey water management.

Mr Tulley presented data outlining the numbers of homeless in the CBD and along the beachfront over a 5 month period. The service is responding to this need and is planned to launch in July 2024.

In response to questions from Councillors it was clarified:

- The data included homeless people sleeping in cars parked in carparks who moved on to work during the day. One car may contain multiple people, though no families with children were found.
- The locations of the service would be placed to meet the needs of the community. It is a support mechanism for those experiencing hardship and would not replace other efforts to support people into housing. The i-site is still available for showers.
- Orange Sky will report on the level of service provided. They will work with connected services to improve the living situation of the homeless community.
- There are no costs to NCC in relation to this service. Volunteering Hawkes Bay will work with wrap-around service providers to ensure that people are connected to services.
- The need for this service has been established in the community. Good relationships with providers will resolve location and proximity issues.

COMMITTEE Deputy Mayor Brosnan / Mayor Wise

RESOLUTION

The Napier People and Places Committee:

- a. **Receive** the contents of this report intended to provide an overview of the Orange Sky Aotearoa service for Napier.

Carried

3. CDEM GROUP REVIEW OF RESPONSE TO CYCLONE GABRIELLE

Type of Report: Information

Legal Reference: N/A

Document ID: 1744168

Reporting Officer/s & Unit: Anne Bradbury, Manager Community Strategies

3.1 Purpose of Report

This report tables the independent review of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group's response to Cyclone Gabrielle.

At the meeting

Ms Bradbury and Mr McDavitt summarised the document which is an independent external review recommending improvements at local, regional and national levels.

In response to questions from Councillors:

- The Hawkes Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management Committee received this report on Monday. The findings and recommendations are complex. The Regional Committee will work with councils, community groups and leaders. A fully resourced overhaul across the country is needed at pace.
- Training and clarification of the role of councillors to be confirmed at the Council workshop this afternoon

COMMITTEE Mayor Wise / Councillor Browne

RESOLUTION

The Napier People and Places Committee:

- a. **Note** the review of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group's response to Cyclone Gabrielle.

Carried

Minor matters

There were no minor matters.

The meeting closed at 11.02am

Approved and adopted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Chairperson

Date of approval