

MINUTES



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MEMBERSHIP: Andy Cranston (Chair), Larry Foster (Deputy Chair), Bill Burdett, Shannon Dowsing, Amber Dunn, Karen Fenn, Malcolm MacLean, Josh Wharehinga and His Worship the Mayor (ex officio).

MINUTES of the COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & SERVICES

Held in Te Ruma Kaunihera (Council Chambers), Awarua, Fitzherbert Street, Gisborne on Wednesday 12 June 2019 at 9:00am.

PRESENT:

Councillors Andy Cranston (Chair), Larry Foster, Bill Burdett, Shannon Dowsing, Amber Dunn, Malcolm MacLean and Josh Wharehinga.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Director Liveable Communities Andrew White, Director Transformation & Relationships Keita Kohere, Strategic Planning Manager Jo Noble, Liveable Spaces Manager De-Arne Sutherland, Cultural Activities Manager Pene Walsh, Community Assets & Resources Manager Laird Kennedy, Democracy & Support Services Manager Heather Kohn and Committee Advisor Jill Simpson.

Secretarial Note: Items were heard out of order. For ease of reading the Minutes have been recorded in the order of the Agenda.

1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

3. Confirmation of non-confidential Minutes

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MOVED by Cr Burdett, seconded by Cr MacLean

That the Minutes of 1 May 2019 be accepted.

CARRIED

3.2 Action Sheet

Noted.

3.3 Governance Work Plan

Following questions of clarification around the Township Plans, Director Transformation & Relationships Keita Kohere informed the Committee that staff are working to an agreed programme which targets specifically Te Araroa along with other townships as agreed to in the Long Term Plan.

4. Leave of Absence

That the Leave of Absence from Cr Fenn be sustained.

CARRIED

5. Acknowledgements and Tributes

There were no acknowledgements and tributes.

6. Public Input and Petitions

Kathy Hayes and Kathy Sheldrake presented on Freedom Camping at the Marina Carpark. A letter was distributed to the Committee.

Further discussion included:

- There has been a noticeable increase in the numbers camping over the last 3 summers and concerns voiced particularly during the Fire in the Sky event with the Event Sponsors not able to get into the carpark because of the number of people camping.
- Kaiti Beach and Marina carpark are well used during the Rhythm and Vines events.
- The monitoring issue will be discussed at the Environmental Planning & Regulations Committee meeting.

Director Liveable Communities Andrew White told the Committee there is a monitoring and enforcement programme in place and questions have been raised around the level of resourcing for the programme. The Government is now providing resources which Council can apply for around the operational activities.

7. Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

8. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

9. Adjourned Business

9.1 19-139 Peel Street Toilets Update

Community Assets & Resources Manager Laird Kennedy updated the Committee regarding the location of the possible new Permaloo toilet. It is more cost effective to locate the Permaloo toilet at the Gladstone Road end because of the existing infrastructure and manhole cover.

Further discussion included:

- Council did not proceed with its original decision to disestablish the facility as a toilet given the investment in the Bright Street toilet facility, however there has been much discussion around the value of the Peel Street toilets as a central city toilet facility and the point was reached that if the cost to refurbish as a toilet facility was too high a smaller 24-hour facility beside the existing building could be provided which would also deal with some of the social issues in the area. A report is to be prepared

- providing indepth information around options on demolition, preparing for earthquake standards and alternate use.
- There are ample toilets from Wainui through to the town district including a new facility being built in the Inner Harbour area which would also provide better parking access.

Andrew White pointed out to the Committee there is now a deadline to work where the building needs to be made safe from an earthquake perspective ie at least made safe for the people around the building.

MOVED by Cr Dowsing, seconded by Cr Dunn

That the Community Development & Services Committee amend the resolution as follows:

1. Notes the contents of this report.
2. A further report be prepared for the Committee regarding demolition of the Peel Street facility as opposed to alternate options.

Voting was by Division:

For:	Against
Cr Cranston	Cr Burdett
Cr Foster	Cr Wharehinga
Cr Dowsing	
Cr Dunn	
Cr MacLean	

CARRIED

10. Reports of the Chief Executive and Staff for DECISION

10.1 19.193 Gisborne District Youth Council: Update and Options

Strategic Planning Manager Jo Noble discussion included:

- Time is nearing where youth will want to have a say at the table because of impending issues eg climate change and it is important that youth have a voice.
- Council did not engage with the Youth Council in the past it was more staff, and this should be addressed in the Terms of Reference. True value would be to help steer policy and inform decisions based on a community that Councillors may not have access to.
- Use of technology to enable students to teleconference in and to meet a more modern meeting environment.
- A positive note is that it has inspired a former Youth Council member to stand for Council.

MOVED by Cr Burdett, seconded by Cr Wharehinga

That the Community Development & Services Committee:

1. Notes the contents of this report - and in particular:
 - a) that it is timely for Council to review the terms of reference and operations of the Youth Council including its purpose, objectives, size, selection criteria, budget and facilitation;
2. Agrees to place the Gisborne District Youth Council on hold for 2019, which will enable a more thorough review of the Gisborne District Youth Council operation, purpose and Terms of Reference.

CARRIED

Secretarial Note: The Committee adjourned at 10.08 for morning tea and reconvened at 10.25am.

11. Reports of the Chief Executive and Staff for INFORMATION

11.1 19.188 Quarterly Activity Report

Cr Burdett complimented staff on the quality of the report.

Following a question around budgeted funding for the pontoons Andrew White told the Committee that in-depth discussions had occurred at the last Committee meeting in terms of carry forward proposals. The conclusion was a priority view on the three items ie safety around the Inner Harbour pontoons which is a top priority, the Museum roof is a priority in terms of water tightness and is now a maintenance item and the Marina pontoons was the third priority. Staff are comfortable that there are sufficient funds to complete all three priorities.

Secretarial Note: Councillor Burdett left the meeting at 10.29am

Further points of clarification were:

- Playground issues will be dealt with under the Township Plans.
- He-panui e-news is a good medium for Council information going out and a report will be brought back to the Committee on ways of increasing ratepayers subscribing.

MOVED by Cr Burdett, seconded by Cr Dowsing

That the Community Development & Services Committee:

1. Notes the contents of this report.

CARRIED

11.2. 19-212 Summer and Freedom Camping Season 2018/19 Update

Strategic Planning Manager Jo Noble advised the Committee this is a good opportunity to gather thoughts from the Committee as to where freedom camping should go and discuss the issues that need investigating further.

Further discussion included:

- Discussions are held with the Enforcement and Monitoring section of Council as part of this review process regarding identifying areas where monitoring is needed.
- The Marina carpark is not one of the areas that requires self-contained units.

- Freedom camping is becoming problematic in our area and will become worse because of increasing numbers. We do not wish to discourage freedom camping but it needs to be tightened up and the Bylaw reviewed before the summer season.
- An option could be to look at having one large facility that can be a safe environment and can be monitored as opposed to many different areas.
- Marina carpark is the front window to our rivers and needs tidying up.
- "Freedom Camping" title gives the wrong impression.

Cr Dunn thanked staff for the "Key Questions" area of the report and said it was a good starting point. Commencing at the outcome we wish to aspire to and working backwards is the best way to approach the review.

A report will be submitted to this Committee in September with a steer of what the bylaw may look like.

MOVED by Cr Wharehinga, seconded by Cr MacLean

That the Community Development & Services Committee:

1. Notes the contents of this report.

CARRIED

12. Close of Meeting

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.29am.

Andy Cranston

Chairperson