

HUTT CITY COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

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

Wednesday 21 November 2018 commencing at 6.00pm

PRESENT:

Cr G Barratt (Chair)	
Cr L Bridson	Cr J Briggs (from 6.08pm)
Cr S Edwards	Cr M Lulich
Cr G McDonald	Cr L Sutton (from 6.09pm)
Mayor WR Wallace	

APOLOGIES:

An apology was received from Cr Milne.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr T Stallinger, Chief Executive
Ms K Kelly, General Manager, City Transformation
Mr M Reid, General Manager, City and Community Services
Ms M Laban, Divisional Manager, Community Projects and Relationships
Ms D Hunter, Community Advisor - Funding and Community Contracts
Ms J Randall, Committee Advisor

PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. APOLOGIES

RESOLVED: (Cr Barratt/Mayor Wallace)

Minute No. CSC 18501

"That the apology received from Cr Milne be accepted, and leave of absence be granted."

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

4. RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL 11 December 2018

Accessibility and Inclusiveness (18/1777)

Mayor Wallace commended officers on their work with the disability sector. He said he had received positive feedback from members of the sector who had noticed real progress on issues affecting the disabled and aged communities. He noted Council strategies were moving Council towards being more inclusive. He added that Autism New Zealand had asked Council to record their thanks for Council's Accessibility and Inclusiveness Plan.

The Chair advised that since the Accessibility and Inclusiveness Plan Subcommittee (the Subcommittee) had been established, Council had been receiving more input from the disabled sector. She considered the work of the Subcommittee would continue to increase awareness of the disabled sector's needs.

RESOLVED: (Cr Barratt/Cr McDonald)

Minute No. CSC 18502

"That the Committee:

- (i) *notes the minutes of the 3 October 2018 meeting of the Accessibility and Inclusiveness Plan Subcommittee attached as Appendix 1 to the report;*
- (ii) *notes the actions made to be completed in time for the next meeting of the Accessibility and Inclusiveness Plan Subcommittee in 2019; and*
- (iii) *agrees that this report is an update for the Community Services Committee only and therefore does not need to be recommended to Council."*

5. COMMUNITY FUNDING 2018/2019 (18/1751)

Report No. CSC2018/5/313 by the Community Advisor - Funding and Community Contracts

The Community Advisor - Funding and Community Contracts elaborated on the report. She advised funding had been allocated to projects that would make a meaningful difference in the community. She noted the projects were aligned to priorities identified in the new funding strategy. She thanked the Chair and the Deputy Chair for their support in engaging with community groups.

Cr Briggs joined the meeting at 6.08pm.

Cr Sutton joined the meeting at 6.09pm.

In response to questions from members, the Community Advisor - Funding and Community Contracts advised that new criteria for funding included having a history of collaboration, access to other funding and being linked to other agencies with a similar kaupapa. She did not believe there were many organisations that would currently fit the criteria for funding. She suggested that going forward, Youth Inspire might be an example of an organisation that might fit the criteria and align with Council priorities. She said she would continue to work with organisations that did not fit the criteria so that they understood what was needed and could reapply when appropriate. She advised all groups with ongoing Council funding contracts would need to reapply under the new criteria from July 2019. She said the new funding model could carry funding across

financial years. She confirmed that the ongoing positive effects of funding on individuals were taken into account when assessing applications from organisations. She further confirmed many of the groups declined funding had been funded by Council previously, but that many had other sources of funding.

In response to a question from a member, the Divisional Manager Community Projects and Relationships explained the Youth Network model was an opportunity to meet with rangatahi in the after hours space and provide help in a holistic way. She said it was an experimental initiative funded by the Kakano Fund.

Mayor Wallace said it was important that the message about changes Council had made to funding priorities was clearly communicated across the city. He agreed a more acute focus on the young and the old ensured funding was making a difference where it was most needed.

The General Manager, City and Community Services joined members in congratulating the Community Advisor - Funding and Community Contracts on her communication with the community throughout the change period for Council funding. He added she had preserved her integrity throughout a difficult transition.

RESOLVED: (Cr Bridson/Cr McDonald)

Minute No. CSC 18503

"That the Committee:

- (i) *notes the recommendations made under the Kakano Fund; and*
- (ii) *agrees to the recommended allocations for the Mahia Atua Community Fund 2018/2019, attached as Appendix 1 to the report."*

6. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT** (18/1716)

Report No. CSC2018/5/312 by the General Manager, City and Community Services

The General Manager, City and Community Services elaborated on the report. He asked the Committee to advise him if changes to future reports were required.

Cr Briggs requested that any possible risks to services be identified in the General Manager's report. He said this would enable future planning.

In response to a question from a member, the Chair advised that officers were working through a process of investigating options for future Guy Fawkes celebrations and the sale of fireworks.

Members noted Youth Inspire had developed a positive relationship with employers which had encouraged ongoing youth employment. They were congratulated on their efforts.

RESOLVED: (Cr Barratt/Cr Briggs)

Minute No. CSC 18504

"That the Committee notes the updates contained in the report."

7. QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.25 pm.

Cr G Barratt
CHAIR

CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 11th day of December 2018