



CENTRAL COMMUNITY PANEL

8 May 2019

Order Paper for the meeting to be held in the
Turakirae Meeting Room, Ground Floor, Hutt City Council,
30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt,
on:

Tuesday 14 May 2019 commencing at 6.30pm

Membership

Jo Clendon (Chair)
Alex Bengree
Prabha Ravi
Deputy Mayor D Bassett

Chris Hay
Cr S Edwards

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Central, Eastern, Northern and Western Community Panels Delegations, Guidelines and Criteria

Membership: 7

5 community representatives and 2 Ward Councillors

Quorum: 4 (to include one Ward Councillor)
Meeting Cycle: When required
Reports to: Community Services Committee (yearly)

This document records the delegation of Council functions, responsibilities, duties and powers to Community Panels ('the Panels'). The delegations are expressed in general terms. The delegations shall be exercised with proper regard for the Council's strategic direction, policies, plans and Standing Orders.

Note: Community Panels are a new concept for Hutt City. Council has deliberately kept the guidelines and rules broad and at a high level. Panels are encouraged to help shape themselves and evolve in order to best meet their key responsibilities.

PURPOSE:

The Panels were established by Council at its meeting held on 23 May 2017. The purpose of the Panels is outlined in the general functions listed below. The role of the Panels is to represent and act as an advocate for the interests of their communities.

GENERAL FUNCTIONS:

- **Representation** – discuss, debate and provide feedback to Council on all important local issues, city wide matters of significance, Annual Plans and policy setting.
- Allocate and manage a **Local Community Projects Fund**.
- Allocate and manage the local **Community Engagement Fund for the Central, Eastern, Northern and Western Wards** to assist and support local community events and initiatives.

GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUNDS:

- To be used to fund one or more local community projects per triennium.
- Projects are to develop community assets that are not able to be funded in Council's Long Term Plan and/or Annual Plan.
- Community assets include, but are not limited to, playgrounds, street furniture, public art, tree planting, lighting, safety improvements, way finding, signage, improvements to existing public places and facilities. These community assets should be in public spaces.
- The development of new assets needs to be in accordance with Council strategies, policies and plans.

- Where on-going maintenance and or other costs are required after completion, these need to be provided for. This may be by way of formal agreement with the relevant division of Council.
- Approval of spending must be by resolution of the Panels.
- A report must be submitted, at the end of each financial year, to the Community Services Committee, detailing expenditure over the year.

CRITERIA FOR THE PANELS TO MANAGE THE LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND:

- See attached Appendix 1 for the internal process that must be followed to ensure appropriate officers receive information on projects and can provide feedback.
- Projects must be supported by officers if there are on-going maintenance or other costs post completion.
- Each Panel will agree and determine a process for determining how projects will be identified and how funding decisions will be made.

CRITERIA FOR THE PANELS TO MANAGE THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FUND

- The fund is for local activities and events that directly benefit the communities concerned.
- To be eligible for funding the organisation must be a charitable trust or an incorporated society and the activity must take place within the Hutt.
- Panels may choose to allocate the entire fund in one funding round or they can have two funding rounds per annum. An appropriate assessment sheet is used by members when determining which organisation(s) should receive funding.
- The funds can be used towards the hireage of equipment, advertising costs, purchasing food for a specific event. Operational costs cannot be applied for.
- Organisations that are granted funding are responsible for completing an accountability form to report on the funds spent.
- Council's Community Funding Advisor is available to support and assist community groups when making applications through the Council's online grants system.

STANDING ORDERS:

The Hutt City Council's Standing Orders apply, subject to the provisions for meeting quorum and decision making as set out in these delegations.

INFORMAL MEETINGS AND ADMINISTRATION:

- Where funding decisions are not being made, the Panels are encouraged to meet informally.

- Council's Secretariat Services Division will support each Panel by way of formal meeting administration, co-ordination and governance advice.
- A senior member of Council's Community Services Division will support each Panel.

CHAIRS

Chairs will be recommended to Council at the beginning of the triennium, for a 12 month period. At which point, the Panel will elect its Chair for the remaining term. It is preferred that Ward Councillors are not Chairs, although this is possible should no other panel member be able to commit to the role.

Appendix 1 - Checklist for Local Community Projects Fund

Attach project description/application to this checklist and email to relevant Manager(s).

Divisional Manager Parks and Gardens
Divisional Manager Road and Traffic
City Safety Manager
Divisional Manager Leisure Active
Divisional Manager Museums
Divisional Manager Environmental Consents
Divisional Manager Regulatory Services

Council Managers to complete:

1. Do you support this project? Yes or No (please circle)
2. Do you have any initial concerns with this project?
3. What needs to be taken into account when the panel is considering this project for funding? (bylaws, consents):
4. Do you deem this to be a new asset? Yes or No (please circle)

If yes, does it align with Council's strategic, policies or plans?

If no, why not?

5. Is there budget set aside for this project? Yes or No (please circle)
If yes, please state what year this funding will be made available:

Can you liaise with this group in your planning stages of this project, for their input
Yes or No (please circle)

If no, why not?

6. Can this project be funded through Council's Long Term Plan? Yes or No (please circle)
If no, why not:
7. Will there be a maintenance budget or other costs post completed that need to be factored into this project? Yes or No (please circle)

If yes, please advise the amount required:

HUTT CITY COUNCIL

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ORDER PAPER

PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. **APOLOGIES**

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Generally up to 30 minutes is set aside for public comment (three minutes per speaker on items appearing on the agenda). Speakers may be asked questions on the matters they raise.

3. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

4. **MINUTES**

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5. **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FUND 2018-2019** (19/409)

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6. **QUESTIONS**

With reference to section 32 of Standing Orders, before putting a question a member shall endeavour to obtain the information. Questions shall be concise and in writing and handed to the Chair prior to the commencement of the meeting.

HUTT CITY COUNCILCENTRAL COMMUNITY PANEL

Minutes of a meeting held in the Turakirae Meeting Room, Ground Floor
30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt on

Monday 11 February 2019 commencing at 6.30pm

PRESENT:

Ms J Clendon (Chair) Ms A Bengree
Mr C Hay Ms P Ravi
Cr S Edward Deputy Mayor D Bassett
(until 6.45pm)

APOLOGIES:

Deputy Mayor Bassett for early departure.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr B Hodgins, Strategic Advisor
Ms D Hunter, Community Advisor - Funding and
Community Contracts

PUBLIC BUSINESS**1. APOLOGIES**

RESOLVED: (Ms Clendon/Mr Hay)

Minute No. CCP 19101

"That the apology for early departure received from Deputy Mayor Bassett be accepted."

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

There were no conflicts of interest declarations.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED: (Ms Clendon/Mr Hay)

Minute No. CCP 19102

"That the minutes of the Central Community Panel meeting held on Monday 12 November 2018, be confirmed as a true and correct record."

5. **CENTRAL COMMUNITY PANEL PROJECTS FUND** (19/50)

Memorandum dated 9 January 2019 by the Community Advisor - Funding and Community Contracts

The Community Advisor Funding and Community Contracts elaborated on the memorandum.

With regard to the purchase and installation of a piece of playground equipment for disabled children, members noted the officer's recommendation was to locate the piece of play equipment outside the Central Ward. Members agreed that locating equipment in a different ward was contrary to the purpose of the fund.

With regard to the Avalon Park Lions Club model train (the train) tracks proposal, members were advised by the Strategic Advisor that the Lions Club had been awarded \$50,000.00 from Council through the 2018/2019 Annual Plan to support remedial work to replace the train track. Members recognised that the train was exceptionally popular and agreed the train service was a valuable asset to the community. They were also cognisant that the Lions Club had the potential to become more financially sustainable in the future with the increased revenue being generated from the train.

Deputy Mayor Bassett left the meeting at 6.45pm.

With regard to the proposal for an accessible public toilet in central Lower Hutt, members noted there was currently only one Changing Places toilet in New Zealand located at the Hamilton Gardens. Members agreed an accessible toilet would be a valuable asset for the community. They suggested officers discussed the proposal with officers at Hamilton City Council to learn more about what was involved. Members noted there was a possibility that the project could be completed in partnership with Changing Places New Zealand supporting the balance of the project.

RESOLVED: (Ms Clendon/Cr Edwards)

Minute No. CCP 19103

"That the Panel:

- (i) notes the Guidelines and Criteria for the Central Community Panel Projects Fund;*
- (ii) agrees to allocate \$100,000 towards the development of a toilet facility in the central city for persons with severe disability; and*
- (iii) agrees to allocate \$14,000 as a one off contribution towards the replacement of Avalon Park train tracks."*

6. **QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.44 pm.

Ms J Clendon
CHAIR

CONFIRMED as a true and correct record Dated this 14th day of May 2019

Our Reference 19/409



TO: Chair and Members
Central Community Panel

FROM: Debbie Hunter

DATE: 29 March 2019

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FUND 2018-2019

Recommendations

That the Panel:

- (i) notes that the Community Engagement Fund closed on 30 April 2019 and three applications had been received;
- (ii) agrees that the applications were considered according to the merits of the application criteria and priorities of the fund; and
- (iii) agrees to determine the funding to be granted to the community engagement fund applications.

Purpose of Memorandum

1. For the Panel to assess and determine the funding to be granted to the eligible Community Engagement Fund applications.

Background

Community Engagement Fund

2. Hutt City Council agreed through the 2018/2019 Annual Plan to contribute \$48,850 for the Community Board/Panel Community Engagement Fund.
3. This is for local activities/events that directly benefit the communities concerned.
4. The fund was promoted through Hutt City Council's grants system, and through contacts/networks via members of the Community Boards/Panels.
5. Three applications were received under the Central Community Panel Community Engagement Fund requesting a total of \$5,508.00. They are as follows:

No.	Organisation	Description	\$Eligible Request
1	Lower Hutt CAB	Towards the purchase of a Bureau phone system.	3,646.00

2	English Language Partners Lower Hutt	Towards venue hire and the purchase of food for their English Language Partners end of year staff and volunteer celebrations to be held in Lower Hutt.	1,000.00
3	Women of Worth Lower Hutt	Towards venue hire, advertising and the purchase of food for their Open Day Collaborative Introduction to the Community event.	862.00
		TOTAL REQUESTS	\$5,508.00

6. The Panel has \$5,718.00 available to be allocated. The funds need to be allocated by end of June 2019.
7. Panel members completed an assessment sheet rating each application and the ratings have been collated and included to form a collective rating for the application.
8. Standard conditions apply for any funding that is approved. Organisations are required to submit an accountability form within six weeks of completion of the project/event.

Appendices

There are no appendices for this Memorandum.

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Approved By: Melanie Laban
Divisional Manager, Community Projects and Relationships