
Community Wellbeing Committee

OPEN MINUTES

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Minutes of a meeting of Community Wellbeing Committee held in the Council Chambers, 126-148 Oxford St, Levin on Wednesday 13 August 2025 at 10:00 am.

PRESENT

Chairperson	His Worship the Mayor Bernie Wanden	
Councillors	Councillor Clint Grimstone	Councillor Nina Hori Te Pa (Apology)
Present	Catherine McAuliffe	<i>MASH Trust</i>
	Grant Congdon (Apology)	<i>Horowhenua College</i>
	Jacqui Monyihan	<i>Oranga Tamariki Horowhenua</i>
	Kylie Turuwhenua-Tapsell	<i>Sport Manawatu</i>
	Lee McMeeken	<i>Corrections NZ</i>
	Maggie Ryan (Apology)	<i>Department of Internal Affairs</i>
	Matt Roberts	<i>Horowhenua Mana Kai Collective</i>
	Michael Fletcher	<i>Ministry of Social Development</i>
	Neville Heihei	<i>Te Tūmatakahuki</i>
	Patricia Jacobs (Apology)	<i>Ngāti Wehiwehi</i>
	Paul McMillian (Apology)	<i>Ministry of Social Development</i>
	Quintin Moeke	<i>Youth Services Network</i>
	Rebecca Kinloch (Apology)	<i>Kāinga Ora</i>
	Reihana Adlam (Apology)	<i>Te Tūmatakahuki</i>
	Renee Regal	<i>Kāinga Ora</i>
	Rosemary Eyres (Apology)	<i>Network Representative</i>
	Sharon Williams	<i>Youth Services Network / Assess and Inclusion Network</i>

Reporting Officer	Mark Hammond	Community Facilities and Services Manager
	Anna Johnson	Community Development Lead
	Emma Gowan	Community Development Advisor
	Laura Fisher	Community Development Coordinator
Meeting Secretary	Alice Petersen	Democracy Support Officer

1 Apologies

Resolution number CWCCC/2025/10

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Grimstone:

That the apology from Councillor Nina Hori Te Pa, Rosemary Eyres, Rebecca Kinloch, Paul McMillian, Patricia Jacobs, Maggie Ryan and Grant Congdon be accepted.

CARRIED

2 Late Items

There were no late items.

3 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution Number CWCCC/2025/11

MOVED by Mayor Wanden: Seconded Lee McMeeken

That the minutes of the meeting of the Community Wellbeing Committee held on Wednesday, 21 May 2025, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

5 Reports for Noting

5.1 Community Wellbeing Network Report

Purpose | TE PŪTAKE

This report was presented the Community Wellbeing Network Report for discussion and to highlight any grassroots issues, ideas or concerns that are present within the community.

This matter relates to Community Connections and Better Wellbeing.

Activate the key priorities within the Community Wellbeing Strategy.

Resolution Number CWCCC/2025/12

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Grimstone:

- A. That Report 25/448 Community Wellbeing Network Report be received and noted.

CARRIED

The Mayor introduced the report noting that there was representatives of each of the networks present and invited them to speak to the report and highlight details of note. Updates were provided by representatives of Horowhenua Access and Inclusion Network, Horowhenua Youth Services Network, Youth Voice, Horowhenua Older Person's Network, Education Horowhenua Network, Horowhenua Welcoming Communities Programme and Mana Kai Collective.

Attachments

- 1 Community Wellbeing Committee - Network Report Presentation - 13 Aug 2025

5.2 Community Wellbeing Dashboard Report

Purpose | TE PŪTAKE

This report presented the Community Wellbeing Dashboard to provide the Community with a visual dashboard presenting data, analysis and assist in the tracking of the Community Wellbeing Strategy priority areas.

This matter relates to Community Connections and Better Wellbeing.

Activate the key priorities within the Community Wellbeing Strategy.

Resolution Number CWCCC/2025/13

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Grimstone:

- A. That Report 25/450 Community Wellbeing Dashboard Report be received and noted.

CARRIED

Officers introduced the report, noting its ongoing and evolving nature as work progresses. Officers spoke to the report, highlighting key areas and statistics.

Beneficiary statistics are increasing; emergency housing and special needs grant applications have remained steady but the total amount granted having increased. Locals on the jobseeker benefit has increased by 6.8% over the past quarter. Hardship payments increased by 4.5% compared to the same period last year, with the majority of these payments used to assist with food costs. Representatives from the Ministry of Social Development advised that the Government's emergency housing policy is currently under review.

Officers also highlighted the Practice Plus service continues to be well used, particularly for same-day appointments that are not available through GP's. An increase in subdivision consent applications was also noted as this could mean in increase is housing stock.

5.3 Community Wellbeing Strategy Monitoring Report

Purpose | TE PŪTAKE

This report presented the Community Wellbeing Strategy Monitoring Report highlighting progress made against the Community Wellbeing Strategy (the Strategy) and Action Plan.

The report also presented an opportunity for the Committee to discuss and raise any concerns or need to reprioritise the focus of the work programme of the Committee.

This matter relates to Community Connections and Better Wellbeing.

Activate the key priorities within the Community Wellbeing Strategy.

Resolution Number CWCCC/2025/14

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Grimstone:

- A. That Report 25/449 Community Wellbeing Strategy Monitoring Report be received and noted.

CARRIED

Officers introduced the report, congratulating the committee and Council's Community Development Team on a successful first year of delivering the action plan. The monitoring report is a positive report highlighting achievements and progress made.

His Worship the Mayor echoed the sentiments, acknowledging the committee and Community Development Team's efforts. As it was the final meeting of the triennium, the Mayor took the opportunity to thank all committee members for their contributions to information sharing, collaboration, and networking throughout the last three years.

The meeting closed with a karakia

11.22 pm

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD
AT A MEETING OF COMMUNITY WELLBEING
COMMITTEE HELD ON

DATE:

CHAIRPERSON: