
Community Wellbeing Committee

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Minutes of a meeting of Community Wellbeing Committee held in the Council Chambers, 126-148 Oxford St, Levin on Wednesday 25 February 2026 at 10:00 am.

PRESENT

Chairperson Councillor Jo Mason

Councillors Cr Katrina Mitchell-Kouttab

His Worship the Mayor Bernie Wanden (*Apology*)

Members	Kylie Turuwhenua-Tapsell	Jacqui Moyniham (<i>till 11.32am</i>)
	Leigh McMeeken	Di Rump (<i>Apology</i>)
	Mike Fletcher	Sam Gilpin (<i>Apology</i>)
	Neville Heihei (<i>Apology</i>)	Rebecca Kinloch
	Kelly Shanks	Tracey White (<i>Apology</i>)
	Lael Marshall	Maggie Regan (<i>Apology</i>)
	Grant Congdon	Paul McMillan (<i>till 10.43am</i>)
	Cacia Wall	Amarjit Maxwell (<i>Apology</i>)
	Matt Roberts	Rawinina Nikora-Townsend (<i>Apology</i>)
	Patrick Rennell (<i>Apology</i>)	
	Simon Kuiti	
	Rosemary Eyres (<i>Apology</i>)	
	Quintin Moeke (<i>Apology</i>)	

IN ATTENDANCE

Reporting Officer	Mark Hammond	Community Facilities and Services Manager
	Daniel Haigh	Group Manager Community Infrastructure
	Julia Atkins	Community Development Team Lead
	Emma Gowan	Community Development Advisor
	Laura Fisher	Community Development Advisor
Meeting Secretary	Alice Petersen	Democracy Support Officer

1 Apologies

The committee noted apologies from His Worship the Mayor Bernie Wanden, Di Rump, Sam Gilpin, Neville Heihei, Maggie Regan, Patrick Rennell, Amarjit Maxwell, Rawinina Nikora-Townsend, Tracey White, Rosemary Eyres, and Quintin Moeke.

2 Late Items

There were no late items.

4 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Members were reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest in writing they might have in respect of the items on this Agenda.

5 Presentations

5.1 Horowhenua Trust - Project Lift

Antony Young, Chair of Horowhenua NZ (HNZ), provided an update on Project Lift. Mr Young noted that HNZ has successfully pitched to the Social Investment Agency (SIF) to secure funding for youth impact programmes. The Trust's role will be to coordinate between SIF and program providers and act as steward of the funding. My Young advised the next steps include securing funding partnerships and signed agreements, formalising governance, implementing reporting frameworks, and capturing learnings from each model to support continuous improvement.

6 Reports for Noting

6.1 Community Wellbeing Network Report

Purpose | TE PŪTAKE

This report presented the Community Wellbeing Network Report to discuss and highlight grassroots issues, ideas, and or concerns present within the community and identified by Council's Community Networks.

Officers introduced the report noting that there was representatives of many of the networks present and invited them to speak to their report and highlight details of note.

Updates were provided by representatives or Council Officers of Horowhenua Access and Inclusion Network, Horowhenua Youth Services Network, Youth Voice, Horowhenua Older Person's Network, Education Horowhenua Network, Horowhenua Former Refugee Support Committee and Mana Kai Initiative.

Resolution Number CWCCC/2026/1

MOVED by Cr Mason, seconded Mr McMillan:

- A. That Report 26/18 Community Wellbeing Network Report be received and noted.

CARRIED

6.2 Community Wellbeing Dashboard Report

Purpose | TE PŪTAKE

This report presented the Community Wellbeing Dashboard to provide the Community with a visual dashboard that presents data and analysis, while also assisting in tracking the priority areas of the Community Wellbeing Strategy

Resolution Number CWCCC/2026/2

MOVED by CR Mason, seconded Cr Mitchell-Kouttab:

- A. That Report 26/77 Community Wellbeing Dashboard Report be received and noted.

CARRIED

Officers introduced the report, noting the data is a snapshot at the time of publicly available. Officer to questions from the committee.

6.3 Community Wellbeing Strategy Monitoring Report

Purpose | TE PŪTAKE

This report presented the Community Wellbeing Strategy Monitoring Report to highlighted progress made against the Community Wellbeing Strategy and Action Plan.

Resolution Number CWCCC/2026/3

MOVED by Mason, seconded Cr Mitchell-Kouttab:

- A. That Report 26/14 Community Wellbeing Strategy Monitoring Report be received and noted.

CARRIED

Officers introduced the report and noted that the update covers the last quarter, with delivery continuing in a reform environment which has influenced timing and workflow. Despite these pressures Year 2 is tracking positively.

6.4 Direction of Travel

Purpose | TE PŪTAKE

This report was presented to provide the Community Wellbeing Committee with some considerations for further focus to complement the work the Committee has been doing to meet the Community Wellbeing Strategy priorities and the Action Plan tasks. Essentially, the Committee identifying its own direction of travel. These considerations have been generated from the topics discussed at the Community Wellbeing Committee over the last couple of years and the associated reports and data from those meetings. T

Resolution Number CWCCC/2026/4

MOVED by Mason, seconded Cr Mitchell-Kouttab:

- A. That the Community Wellbeing Committee identifies the following areas of focus for 2026 in a bid to help with the direction of the Committee and therefore enabling wellbeing outcomes for the Horowhenua community.
 - A.1. 2026 focus areas: Connected and Safe Community; Emergency Preparedness; Health; Employment; Homelessness and Vulnerable Housing.
 - A.2. That a representative of Project Lift become a member of the Community Wellbeing Committee.

CARRIED

11.47 am

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

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