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# Community Wellbeing Committee

## OPEN MINUTES UNCONFIRMED

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Minutes of a meeting of Community Wellbeing Committee held in the Council Chambers, 126-148 Oxford St, Levin on Wednesday 27 May 2026 at 10:00 am.

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### PRESENT

<b>Chairperson</b>	Councillor Jo Mason
<b>Mayor</b>	His Workship the Mayor Bernie Wanden ( <i>Apology</i> )
<b>Councillors</b>	Cr Katrina Mitchell-Kouttab
<b>Members</b>	Amarjit Maxwell
	Beth Purcell
	Dr Betty-Lou Iwikau
	Maggie Regan
	Michael Fletcher
	Jacqui Moynihan ( <i>Apology</i> )
	Neville Heihei
	Paul McMillian ( <i>Apology</i> )
	Joanne Parker
	Kylie Turuwhenua-Tapsell
	Sarah Elliot
	Rebecca Kinloch ( <i>Apology</i> )
	Leigh McMeeken
	Patrick Rennell
	Mel Baxer
	Simon Kuiti
	Cacia Wall
	Lael Marshall

### IN ATTENDANCE

<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Mark Hammond	Community Facilities and Services Manager
	David McCorkindale	Group Manager Community Vision and Delivery
	Alison Diaz	Chief Financial Officer
	Julia Atkins	Community Development Team Lead
	Emma Gowan	Community Development Advisor
	Laura Fisher	Community Development Advisor
<b>Meeting Secretary</b>	Alice Petersen	Democracy Support Officer

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**1 Apologies**

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**Resolution number CWCCC/2026/5**

MOVED by Cr Mason, seconded Cr Mitchell-Kouttab:

That the apology from members Mayor Bernie Wanden, Paul McMillian, Rebecca Kinloch and Jacqui Moynihan be accepted.

**CARRIED**

**2 Late Items**

There were no late items.

**3 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.

**4 Confirmation of Minutes**

**Resolution Number CWCCC/2026/6**

MOVED by Cr Mason, seconded Kylie Turuwhenua-Tapsell:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Community Wellbeing Committee held on Wednesday, 25 February 2026, be confirmed as a true and correct record

**CARRIED**

Announcement following meeting. HNZ trust confirmed project lift is not happening at this time. Thanked for time and effort.

**5 Reports for Decision**

## 5.1 Community Safety Forum Proposal

### Purpose | TE PŪTAKE

This report was present to seek endorsement from the Community Wellbeing Committee for the establishment of a Community Safety Forum, in line with the Community Wellbeing Strategy *Hapori Pakari, Strong Communities 2024-27*.

Officers introduced the report, highlighting its alignment with the Community Wellbeing Strategy. Officers outlined the proposed next steps should the initiative be endorsed and invited feedback on the suggested organisations and groups involved.

Committee Chair Cr Mason opened the floor for questions and comments. A representative from the Department of Corrections expressed positive support for the initiative and welcomed the opportunity to connect and collaborate through more focused engagement sessions. A representative from Oranga Tamariki noted the absence of faith based organisations and representation from the southern end of the district within the proposed group. This feedback was acknowledged, and officers confirmed they would work to identify and engage with relevant organisations to address these gaps.

### Resolution Number CWCCC/2026/7

MOVED by Leigh McMeeken, seconded Beth Purcell:

- A. That the Committee endorses the establishment of the Horowhenua Community Safety Forum.
- B. That the Committee approves the appointment of Councillor Mitchell-Kouttab as Chair of the Horowhenua Community Safety Forum.
- C. That the Committee endorses the participation of the key agencies, organisations and community groups outlined in paragraph 14 of this report in the Horowhenua Community Safety Forum

**CARRIED**

## 5.2 Community Wellbeing Committee Priorities - Safe and Connected Community Report

### Purpose | TE PŪTAKE

This report as presented to provide the Community Wellbeing Committee with a detailed look at the activities and services taking place in Horowhenua that increase connection and make our community safer. This report follows the Committee's decision to concentrate on five priority areas of focus for 2026, the first being *Safe and Connected Community*.

Officers introduced the report, providing background context and noting its alignment with the "Safe and Connected" theme of the meeting. They outlined key areas of focus and highlighted specific questions where they were seeking feedback from the Committee.

Representatives from various agencies provided updates on their current activities and initiatives aimed at supporting a safe and connected community and what the role of the Community Wellbeing Committee is.

The Chair thanked all representatives for their contributions to the discussion.

Officers provided a summary of key themes heard during the discussion, including:

- The importance of fostering a connected community and strengthening relationships across organisations.
- Enhancing a sense of place and belonging, with specific reference to the role of marae.
- The value of sharing positive community stories, including opportunities to promote Horowhenua through coordinated marketing initiatives, potentially under Council's destination management approach.

#### **Resolution Number CWCCC/2026/8**

MOVED by Cr Mason, seconded Michael Fletcher:

- A. That the Committee notes the work being undertaken to contribute building a Safe and Connected Horowhenua Community.
- B. That the Committee contributes to a discussion about other initiatives supporting a Safe and Connected Community that are taking place in the district.
- C. The Committee agrees to undertake agreed actions to respond to specific challenges the community is facing.

**CARRIED**

## **7 Reports for Noting**

### **6.1 Community Wellbeing Network Report**

#### **Purpose | TE PŪTAKE**

This report presents 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 Youth Voice, Horowhenua Access and Inclusion Network, Horowhenua Older Person's Network, Education Horowhenua Network, Horowhenua Youth Services Network, Horowhenua Former Refugee Support Committee, Housing Matters, and Mana Kai Initiative.

#### **Resolution Number CWCCC/2026/9**

MOVED by Maggie Regan, seconded Cr Mitchell-Kouttab:

- A. That Report 26/170 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 is 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.

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

### Resolution Number CWCCC/2026/10

MOVED by Sarah Elliot, seconded Kylie Turuwhenua-Tapsell:

- A. That Report 26/171 Community Wellbeing Dashboard Report be received and noted.

**CARRIED**

## 6.3 Community Wellbeing Strategy Monitoring Report

### Purpose | TE PŪTAKE

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

Officers introduced the report sharing highlights from the last quarter that align with the each of the focus areas.

### Resolution Number CWCCC/2026/11

MOVED by Cr Mason, seconded Cr Mitchell-Kouttab:

- A. That Report 26/172 Community Wellbeing Strategy Monitoring Report be received and noted.

**CARRIED**

11.54 am

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

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AT A MEETING OF COMMUNITY WELLBEING  
COMMITTEE HELD ON

**DATE:** .....

**CHAIRPERSON:**