

**MINUTES OF PACIFIC ADVISORY GROUP MEETING HELD**  
**WEDNESDAY 17 MAY 2006 IN COMMITTEE ROOM 2**  
**WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL 101 WAKEFIELD STREET WELLINGTON**

**PRESENT**

Tapuala Fagaloa  
Mua'ausa A Uili  
Tafa M To'o  
Arby Mitikulena  
Rev Lagi Sipeli  
Iona Taiki  
Vula Murphy  
Save Daugunu

**APOLOGIES**

Valeti Finau  
Isoa Sele  
Titia Vaerua  
Alick Shaw  
Harry Tauafiafi  
Ellen Keir

**COUNCIL STAFF**

Marie Retimanu-Pule  
Vasi Siohane  
Nick Toonen  
Roger Tweedy  
Billie Tait-Jones  
Phoebe Velovaa  
Alice Cowan

**GUEST:** Pererika Timutimu from the Maori Legal Service

**CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME**

Iona Taiki – Deputy Chairperson welcomed everyone and will be chaired the meeting as Valeti Finau (Chairperson) was unable to attend the meeting

Pererika Timutimu from the Maori Legal Service would like to extend to the PAG members and their families legal advice free of charge. If you would like legal advice on any matters please contact Pererika on telephone (04) 4731249.

**APOLOGIES**

Acceptance of apologies: Save Daugunu  
Seconded by: Arby Mitikulena

**COUNCIL UPDATE**

Nick Toonen – Manager of City Communities would like to congratulate everyone for a successful Pacific Forum that was held on 19 April 2006 at the Wesley Church Hall. It was a tremendous community event within the community and the Pacific Island and non Pacific Island staff at Council.

He went on to talk about City Communities which is a business unit within the Wellington City Council.

City Communities objectives/principles are to

- build communities, empower communities so that the communities can help themselves,
- engage through relationships
- Social capital (trust). Social capital is where city communities help build trust between community & council and other institutions.

City Communities work with

- place based communities for example communities within a ward
- population based communities (for example; Pacific, Disability, Ethnic, Aged & Youth)
- communities based around common experience (Disability)

City Communities activities include

- reference/advisory groups and forums
- building networks and relationships, creating linkages
- assisting access to information
- building skills through training/coaching
- events and projects
- advocacy role

Please see the Circulated documents for the structure for City Communities.

Pacific Advisory Group is important part to the Pacific Island community. If there are any issues in the Pacific Island community they need to be taken to PAG who will in turn pass these on to Council.

As Vasi Siohane has been appointed the new Pacific Advisor and Marie Retimanu-Pule as the senior advisor looking after the Pacific community they are key contacts within council who will work closely with PAG.

### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Confirmation that minutes of last meeting is a true and accurate record: Arby Mitikulena  
Seconded by: Tafa To'o

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Copies of the Immigration Act Review was given to PAG members.

### **UPDATE OF ACTION POINTS**

### **COMMUNITY SPACE FOR PACIFIC PEOPLE INCLUDING NEWTOWN NETWORK GROUP: SUB GROUP REPORT**

Roger Tweedy – Social development advisor for WCC has two reports.

1. Report of the Accommodation Needs of Inner City Key Social Agencies in Wellington
2. Assessment of community needs report

There were many things that were identified from these reports one being that there is no Pacific Island group operating within the inner city area and we need to address what are the needs of the Pacific Island community.

No decision has been made regarding the Pacific Centre at Newtown. What will happen with the centre is still under consultation.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN – SUB GROUP REPORT**

The sub committee have meet and are in the process in trying to refine and develop the document. There will be a further update at the next PAG meeting.

## **ARBY MITIKULENA'S PROPOSALS – SUB GROUP REPORT**

Proposal: PAG become a council controlled organisation

Arby has had an e-mail discussion with Wayne Maxwell who is the Director of Council Controlled Organisations which was very productive. It was asked if a Council Controlled Organisation or Council Organisation would be better for PAG. It was thought that PAG would be better as a Council Organisation.

Hopefully there will be documents for the PAG to review on becoming a council organisation at the next meeting, if you have any questions please contact Arby Mitikulena.

## **SAMOAN COMMUNITY – FORMALITIES**

A letter has been sent to Namuulu T Cleverly acknowledging her resignation and thanking her for the work she has done while a part of PAG.

PAG has received Galumalemana Hunkin's resignation and this has been accepted and a letter was also sent to acknowledge his contribution to PAG.

A warm welcome to the two new Samoan representatives:

### **Tapuala Fagaloa and Mua'ausa A Uili**

Tapuala was a printer for the Evening Post but retired 5 years ago. He was a past member of Porirua City Council. He has accepted this position to help the Samoan community.

Mua'ausa is semi retired and undertakes a vast amount of community work as he belongs to numerous community groups. He likes to help the elderly ones in his church to exercise and is very passionate in helping the Pacific Island Youth.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **PACIFIC FORUM 19 APRIL REPORT/FEEDBACK**

Marie will finish the report as soon as possible. If you have any feedback please phone or e-mail Marie.

The next forum is in September so it is a good time for PAG to start thinking about a theme.

### **ABSENCES FROM MEETINGS**

There have been no Tokelau representatives at the last few meetings. Marie will phone these representatives to see if they are going to continue being part of PAG. Also to inform the Tokelau community whether they will replace the two members or wait until the end of the year when elections will be held.

### **COMMUNITY REPORTS**

**Tonga:** Apologies from Valeti as she is in Tonga due to a family matter.

The group has received \$700.00 for their performance at Ring of Fire. This money will be put into their Safer Community Tonga account. They would like to thank David Daniela, Linda Va'aua and everyone that were involved.

They are still waiting for a grant to finish their road safety course.

If you have any feedback on the items that we mentioned at the Pacific Forum please contact Vula Murphy or Valeti Finau.

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

Iona Taiki closed the meeting with a prayer.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday 21 June 2006.