

Pacific Advisory Group Minutes

Wednesday 10 October 2018, 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Wellington City Council, 101 Wakefield St, Committee Room 1

Members: Sai Lealea, Kira Hundleby, Aseri Kua, Ilisapeti Pouvalu, Jocelyn Kua (Deputy Chair), Anne Allen-Moetaua, Samson Samasoni (Chair), Merio Marsters, Natalia Fareti, Sunia Foliaki, Alvin Mitikulena, Ofania Ikiua, Anthony Carter

Councillors: Cr Dawson, Cr Free

WCC Staff: Angela Sopp

Guests: Luamanuvao Dame Winnie Laban

1.	<p>Opening Prayer Jocelyn</p>	6.00pm
2.	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Apologies were received from Alvin, Anne, Lisa, Kane</p> <p>Apologies for late arrival and/or early departure received from Merio, Kira</p>	6.05pm
3.	<p>Confirmation of September 2018 Minutes No changes required Moved by Jocelyn, seconded by Kira</p> <p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Pacific Business Awards: Wellington City Council have sponsored the established business award. Some PAG members will be attending (economic development and youth sub-groups, Chair and Deputy), along with Kane, Angela, the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors Dawson and Free, Lance Walker from WREDA. This is a great opportunity to support Pacific business in Wellington and raise awareness of PAG.</p> <p>WREDA meetings: Sai and Jessica are in the process of arranging a follow up meeting.</p> <p>Homeownership workshop: Has not progressed yet but Sponsor is still keen to support.</p> <p>Meeting with David Stuart’s team: still to arrange.</p> <p>E-Newsletter: slightly delayed, will go out after the Pacific Business Awards.</p> <p>Survey of PAG members: A confidential online survey will be developed and sent out.</p>	6.10pm

4.	<p>Councillors Update</p> <p>Councillor Free provided an update on working with Greater Wellington Regional Council to improve the bus network and also talked about the work being done on better walking experiences and cycleways in Kilbirnie.</p> <p>Councillor Dawson provided an update on the various housing initiatives underway including the apartment conversion programme up and running and also talked about the WCC Healthy Homes submission that will be submitted to MBIE next week. He also talked about the Social Forum being organised for next week for a range of Wellington based social services to come together and network/collaborate.</p> <p>Action: Councillor Dawson to supply a list of Pacific based organisations invited to the Social Forum.</p>	6.15pm
5.	<p>Pasifika Pathways Programme – Luamanuvao Dame Winnie Laban</p> <p>Natalia provided a welcome to PAG for Luamanuvao Dame Winnie Laban.</p> <p>Dame Winnie provided a background briefing about this new programme (one year pre-degree level 5 Diploma in University Studies). The focus is on building literacy and numeracy and introduces Pacific students to a broad range of course and disciplines and sets out the career options and pathways from these qualifications.</p> <p>PAG provided valuable input and ideas including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A formal role for WCC to support the programme (scholarships?) - Involving Pacific professionals from both the public and private sector - Encouraging the support and involvement of parents - Using a targeted approach – preference is to study what is needed - Importance of a ‘success mindset’ and ensuring students finish the course without unnecessary student debt - Getting the right balance between focussing on Pacific enrolment and retention - Getting the right governance arrangements in place - Working with individual Pacific communities for feedback and input - Ensuring access to the first year free tuition available from govt - Ensuring other NZ universities are making similar opportunities available <p>Action: The Youth sub-group will lead PAG involvement in this initiative and will follow up soon with Dame Winnie about next steps in supporting this work.</p>	6.20pm
6.	<p>Work Plan and reporting for the next annual report period</p> <p>Angela provided an update on the process for the next calendar year for developing and finalising the PAG Work Plan for 2018/19 and reporting requirements.</p> <p>Action: Democracy Services to email the timeline/process graph to guide work on next steps.</p>	7.00pm

7.	<p>Action Plan updates</p> <p>Youth (Anthony): - Meeting with Olivia from Community Services about Pacific involvement and providing advice on best practice for Pacific engagement in the Youth Summit and Child Friendly Framework.</p> <p>Arts & Culture (Merio): - Kira is the lead for relationship management with the WCC Events team regarding the Pasifika Festival. While the opportunity for input into the Pasifika Festival in 2019 is minimal, the group will focus on building better engagement for the festival in 2020 and its future.</p> <p>Health & Wellbeing (Sunia): - See attached update</p> <p>Governance (Jocelyn): - Met with CAB who provided date on Pacific clientele across WLG city CABs. - Cab acknowledges they need to do more to make the service accessible to Pacific people and would like PAG to provide guidance and even a volunteer. - Progressing conversations about WCC adopting Kapasa through Kane Patena.</p> <p>Communications (Samson): - E-newsletter has been delayed but will go out after the Pacific Business Awards.</p>	7.15pm
8.	<p>Other Matters</p> <p>Sunia asked for PAG endorsement of a study he and Alvin are undertaking (Asthma prevalence in Pacific populations in Wellington). Information has been sent through to PAG.</p> <p>Action: Sunia to provide more detailed information. Governance group to look into whether an 'endorsement policy' is required for PAG.</p> <p>Samson has suggested the December meeting be set aside for a 15th anniversary celebration and would like ideas and input from PAG members about how to celebrate this milestone. There will be no meeting in January, with February being the first meeting in 2019.</p> <p>Action: Democracy Services to work with the Chair/Deputy to schedule meetings dates for 2019.</p>	7:45pm
9.	<p>Closing prayer Aseri provides the closing prayer.</p>	8.00pm