

Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 13 November 2019

Time 6:08 pm – 8:19 pm

Venue Ngake – Room 16.09, Tahiwī, 113 The Terrace, Wellington

Members present

Chair Jocelyn Kua

Members Anthony Carter (Deputy Chair), Mino Cleverley, Natalia Fareti, Sunia Foliaki, Kira Hundleby, Ofania Ikiua, Aseri Kua, Sai Lealea, Merio Marsters, Alvin Mitikulena

Councillor Liaison TBD

Staff Sean Johnson (Democracy Advisor)

Other Councillors Present Cr O'Neill

Minutes

1. Meeting Procedures

6:08 pm

1.1. Anthony led the group in the opening prayer.

The Chairperson accorded precedence to some items of business and announced that the agenda would be considered in the following order:

Item	2.2	Presentation from MPP
Item	2.1	WCC use of Kapasa The Pacific Policy Tool
Item	2.3	Introduction to Loomio
Item	1.2	Apologies
Item	1.3	Confirmation of the minutes
Item	1.4	Announcements
Item	2.4	Webpage Update – Next Steps
Item	3.1	Overview of WCC Leadership Structure
Item	3.2	Census Information about WCC Pacific Staff
Item	4	Closing Prayer

2. Presentations

6:14 pm

2.2. Presentation from MPP, *presented by Maureen Tukaroa Betham and Fa'alogo Vaai (MPP)*

Maureen and Fa'alogo presented on the 'Pacific Aotearoa Lalanga Fou' report, which describes the modern environment for Pacific peoples in New Zealand.

They thanked PAG for their earlier contribution to the report and the challenging questions that they asked during the consultation.

Four particular goals were identified as part of the report:

1. Thriving Pacific languages, cultures and identities
2. Prosperous Pacific communities
3. Resilient and healthy Pacific peoples
4. Confident, thriving and resilient Pacific young people

It was particularly noted the work that has gone into getting budget to carry out work in furthering these goals.

Topics of discussion with regards to the presentation included:

- Clarity around the goals identified in the report.
- The Pacific communities' expectation around seeing what the secured budget will be used for.
- Which specific community groups had been consulted with when developing the report?
- How will MPP measure success against the goals of the report?
 - It was noted that MPP has recently appointed Aiono Matthew Aileone as Deputy Chief Executive – Policy, Research and Evaluation, and that he will be looking into how MPP measures their success.
- The work going into strengthening relationships between MPP and of the ministry's.

(Alvin arrived at 6:29 pm)

2.1. WCC use of Kapasa The Pacific Policy Tool, *presented by Kate Hodgetts (Senior Policy Advisor WCC)*

Kate Hodgetts presented on WCC use of Kapasa: The Pacific Policy Tool and how it was a useful tool for the Policy Team to use when they were formulating policy for the Council to consider.

Kate then talked about the Policy Team's 2018/19 work programme and some of the projects that it had been useful to get a Pacific perspective on.

This was followed by an overview of the 2019/20 work programme and attention was drawn to the projects that PAG members might be interested in discussing over the next year.

Topics of discussion with regards to the presentation included:

- Possible Pacific involvement in the Accessible Wellington work plan.
- The difficulty of getting reliable data on the Pacific population in Wellington, and the effects of this.
- The possibility of having a standard item at PAG meetings looking at the Council work coming up.
- The effect of the increasing cost of living in Wellington.

Actions

- Jocelyn, Anthony, and Democracy Advisor to investigate putting standard item on the agenda looking at the WCC forward programme.

(The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm and resumed at 7:09 pm)

(Merio arrived at 7:09 pm)

2.3. Introduction to Loomio, *presented by John Gieryn (Loomio)*

John took the group through a presentation on how to use Loomio, a decision-making platform that PAG will be using going forward to help facilitate discussion and decision-making between meetings.

John covered how to set up the group and how to use it in a typical setting. Members were shown how to create threads and polls. John also covered some tips and tricks to get the most out of Loomio.

Actions

- Democracy Advisor to share presentation slides with the group.
- Anthony to write guidelines for the group's use of Loomio.
- Christmas Party thread to be created.

1. Meeting Procedures – Continued

7:47 pm

1.2. Apologies were received from the following members:

- Alvin, Merio – for lateness; and
- Lisa, Hayley – for absence.

Resolved That the Pacific Advisory Group accepts the given apologies.

Alvin Mitikulena / Kira Hundleby

CARRIED

1.3. The minutes of the previous meeting were presented for confirmation.

Resolved That the Pacific Advisory Group accepts the minutes of the previous meeting as a true and correct record, with a minor amendment to the term 'local body elections'

Alvin Mitikulena / Kira Hundleby

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1.4. Members made the following announcements:

- Councillor O'Neill announced that she had been nominated as the Councillor Liaison for PAG for the 2019/22 triennium and that this would be confirmed at the Council meeting on the 20th November 2019.

She gave a short introduction to herself and some of the reasons why she stood for Council. She noted that she was particularly keen to work with PAG and that was an appointment that she has sought out.

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- PAG welcomed Councillor O'Neill to the group and reiterated that they were excited to begin working together.

2. Presentations - Continued

7:53 pm

2.4. Webpage Update, *presented by Sean Johnson*

Sean updated the group on the proposed changes to the PAG webpage on the WCC website. He had discussed with the WCC Website Management Team what would be possible to implement. It was advised that simple changes to the webpage including a photo of members and links to previous PAG work would be easy to implement, and that Pacific content on other pages could be linked to if wanted. However, work that involved many images could not be implemented.

Actions

- Democracy Advisor to work on updating PAG webpage.

3. Other Matters

7:57 pm

3.1. Overview of WCC Leadership Structure, *presented by Sean Johnson*

Sean presented an overview of the WCC leadership structure, consisting of the executive leadership team and tier 3 managers. This information had been requested at the previous PAG meeting.

The lack of Pacific representation in the leadership structure was noted by members.

Members indicated support for inclusion of a specific team within WCC focused on Pacific issues. The Democracy Advisor indicated that this was something that could be explored more fully at a future PAG meeting.

Actions

- Add Pacific staff representation discussion to PAG forward programme.

3.2. Census Information about WCC Staff, *presented by Sean Johnson*

Sean presented the information that WCC holds on the ethnicity of its staff, as presented in the WCC Annual Report 2018/19.

It was noted that there was a low percentage of Pacific staff when compares to the Pacific portion of the population as at the 2018 census.

Members requested that somebody from HR present to the group at a future meeting to discuss the issues at play.

Actions

- Democracy Advisor to liaise with HR to get somebody to present on Pacific staff numbers at WCC and the Korero Mai survey used to get those numbers.

4. Closing Prayer

8:18 pm

4.1. Aseri lead the group in a closing prayer.

(The meeting closed at 8:19 pm)