

Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 11 December 2019

Time 6:12 pm – 7:25 pm
Venue Ngake – Room 16.09, Tahiwī, 113 The Terrace, Wellington

Members present

Chair Anthony Carter (Deputy Chair),
Members Mino Cleverley, Natalia Fareti, Kira Hundleby, Ofania Ikiua, Sai Lealea, Alvin Mitikulena, Lisa Pouvalu
Councillor Liaison Cr O'Neill
Staff Hedi Mueller (Democracy Advisor)

Minutes

1. Meeting Procedures

6:12 pm

1.1. Anthony led the group in the opening prayer.

1.2. Apologies were received from the following members:

- Alvin, Ofania and Kira – for lateness
- Jocelyn, Aseri, Sunia, Merio and Sean – for absence.

Resolved That the Pacific Advisory Group accepts the given apologies.

Anthony Carter (Deputy Chair) / Sai Lealea

CARRIED

(Mino arrived at 6:14)

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.

Sai Lealea / Natalia Fareti

CARRIED

1.4. Members made the following announcements:

- Update from Jocelyn and Aseri's family:
Thank you for all the thoughts, prayers and messages. Flowers have already been sorted on behalf of PAG, Anthony will be in touch regarding donations and attendance at the funeral. Cr O'Neill advised that Deputy Mayor Free and Paul Eagle have sent their support and have offered their help.

2. Workshops

6:21 pm

2.1. Workshop on Let's Get Wellington Moving – Safer Speed Limits Consultation, *presented by Hedi Mueller*

Hedi presented the consultation website and led a discussion on the group's opinions of the positives and negatives of the proposal.

Topics of discussion in regards to the presentation included:

- Lowering speed limits to 30km/h may lead to more jaywalking
- Safer speed limits consultation may indicate a move toward a pedestrianised urban centre
- If speed limits are reduced, it may mean more cars and more congestion
- Busses may have priority and therefore have faster travel times, leading to more use of public transport
- 50km/h roads on arterial routes means that vehicles bypassing the city can avoid 30km/h roads
- The speed bumps currently on the Golden Mile deter drivers, so these could be implemented on other 30km/h roads
- Boulcott St and Taranaki St may be better left as 50km/h roads, however traffic normally dictates that you have to travel at 30km/h anyway
- 30km/h zones could be extended to include Molesworth St and around Parliament, as there is a high number of pedestrians in this area
- Use of traffic counters to get data on how many vehicles use these roads
- Possibility of using other international pedestrianised urban centres as a guide

(Kira and Ofania arrived at 6:39 pm)

Actions

- PAG members to input any feedback to the [website](#) by 15 December 2019

3. Councillor's Update

6:47 pm

3.1. Councillor Update, presented by Cr Teri O'Neill

Cr O'Neill advised that at the Strategy and Policy Committee meeting earlier that day, the Council had endorsed the Let's Get Wellington Moving package to move to the business cases stage.

She had attended the new councillor induction workshop Introduction to Advisory Groups on 5 December, and there was a brief update on the Advisory Group Review. There is no update on timeframe at this point as we are waiting on report from MartinJenkins, which will be received at some point in 2020. She clarified that the review is not looking at creating new advisory groups.

She advised that she had attended a meeting about the Fale Malae on 26 November, for which there was broad support from councillors. The meeting was an update on the next steps for the project, and that Bunny St is looking like the most likely site.

Hayley Evans also advised that that Fale Malae preliminary design is critical at this point, as there cannot be community consultation without it, and it requires exact specifications so that view shafts can be considered. Having the specificity in the preliminary design will also help with gaining funding. Decisions are yet to be made regarding the way the space is used, but other venues around Wellington are being consulted with to see which gaps need to be filled. It is likely to include a 400 person performance space.

Hayley confirmed that there hasn't been an indication of time frames and also that rate payer funding is not contributing to the project. Natalia advised that she could not comment on anything regarding the Fale Malae as this is a conflict of interest for her.

The group noted they were happy that action was finally getting underway.

Cr O'Neill finished by letting the group know that she is happy to follow projects that are of particular interest to the group, or if they have any specific expectations of her they only need to let her know.

4. Members' Updates

7:07 pm

- Hayley advised she has resigned from WCC and that PAG will have a new ELT member to support them. At the moment, ELT is focussing on finalising the budget, as there are some large projects ahead such as Let's Get Wellington Moving, Te Ngākau Civic Square and Planning for Growth. ELT are also preparing for the new Chief Executive Barbara McKerrow, with current CE Kevin Lavery departing early next year.
- Sai queried if there were any general warnings from the Council to look out for over the summer, Hayley will check for anything official but recommended having stores of water for emergency preparation. Cr O'Neill also suggested checking in on others who may be isolated over the festive season.
- Kira advised that a Melanesian dance group is performing at Victoria University on Saturday 14 December, as part of the Diversity Festival that runs from 6pm to 9pm.
- Mino discussed the measles outbreak in Samoa, and that his wife flew there yesterday to help. The Rotary Club had provided \$1000 of funding, so she took surgical masks that can prevent respiratory spread of disease, and Pamol as it is significantly cheaper to purchase in New Zealand.
- Sai advised that Fiji has had first measles fatality.
- The group expressed the need for any relatives returning to the islands for Christmas to be immunised, especially children.
- Mino advised that the Rotary Club is short of candidates for Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, which is a leadership development programme running 22-26 January 2020. Applications close on 15th December and Mino will link more information on Loomio.
- Sai discussed community use of Council community centres, in particular the Tawa Community Centre which is closed between 21 December 2019 and 21 January 2020, forcing communities to look for other venues. The group suggested golf and bowling clubs as alternative venue options.

- Anthony advised that he attended the Introduction to Advisory Groups workshop last week, along with Sai, Merio and Natalia. Anthony gave an overview of PAG, and advised that the Youth Council, Environmental Reference Group and Accessibility Advisory Group also hoped there would be more collaboration across groups in the future.
- Kira queried whether there was feedback from a previous action item regarding a meeting between ELT and PAG, in regards to ethnic diversity in WCC. Hedi advised that hadn't provided an update for the current meeting but would follow up with Sean.
- Sai queried if the first meeting for 2020 would be a planning session, and if so sessions on the WCC budget and annual plan would be good.
- Anthony read out a thank you on behalf of the chair, commending the group for their commitment, steadfastness, enthusiasm and heart over 2019. Thanks were also given to the Councillors, ELT, Council Officers and the Democracy Services team for their support and work.

Actions

- ELT to follow up on general warnings for the summer period
- Democracy Advisor to follow up about Pasifika break down of staff members and potential for a meeting between ELT and PAG
- Democracy Advisor to follow up on meetings and forward programme for 2020

5. Closing Prayer

7:24 pm

5.1. Anthony led the group in a closing prayer.

(The meeting closed at 7:25pm)