

## Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 23 September 2020

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<b>Time</b>	6:12 pm – 8:20 pm
<b>Venue</b>	Ngake – Room 16.09, Tahiwī, 113 The Terrace, Wellington

### Members present

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<b>Chair</b>	Jocelyn Kua
<b>Members</b>	Anthony Carter (Deputy Chair), Mino Cleverley, Sunia Foliaki, Sai Lealea, Merio Marsters,
<b>Councillors</b>	Mayor Andy Foster, Councillor Teri O'Neill
<b>Staff</b>	Sean Johnson (Democracy Advisor)

### Minutes

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#### 1. Meeting Procedures

6:00 pm

1.1. Sai lead the group in the opening prayer.

1.2. Apologies were received from the following members:

- Natalia, Kira, Ofania, Aseri, Alvin, and Lisa – for absence.

Resolved That the Pacific Advisory Group accepts the given apologies.

Jocelyn Kua (Chair) / Anthony Carter (Deputy Chair)

**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.

Jocelyn Kua (Chair) / Merio Marsters

**CARRIED**

1.4. Members made the following announcements:

- Mayor Foster announced that Wellington City Council would be sending a letter to the Cook Island High Commission expressing condolences for the death of Dr Joseph Williams QSO, the former prime minister of the Cook Islands.
- Merio noted that Dr Williams' brother, Tuaine Williams, had also passed away the day before.

### 3. Councillors Update

6:23 pm

3.1. Cr O'Neill provided an update to the group on her work and the work of Council in the last month. Particular points that were noted included:

- Tongan Language Week.
- Security issues on Courtenay Place, including a \$95,000 grant from the Council to Take 10.
- Cr O'Neill's work with the Ministry of Social Development and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development to combat homelessness in the city.
- The launch of Bee Aware month (<https://www.beeawarenz.co.nz/>).
- The upcoming 'Great Kererū Count' (<https://www.greatkererucount.nz/>).
- Predator Free Wellington getting 7.6 million of funding as part of the governments Jobs for Nature programme.
- The Te Atakura Implementation Plan being passed by Council.
- The Golden Mile Improvements, Proposed Solid Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw, and Planning for Growth – Spatial Plan consultation documents being adopted by Council.
- The Council would be considering the 'Strategic Housing Investment Plan - developments and disposals' on Thursday 10 September.

### 2. Discussion

6:35 pm

#### 2.1. Te Atakura Implementation Steering Group, *presented by Tom Petit*

Tom introduced 'Te Atakura – first to zero' as the Council's plan to become a net zero emissions city by 2050, with a commitment to making the most significant cuts by 2030.

Council passed an implementation plan on 6 August 2020. As part of this adoption, Council passed a motion to add a PAG representative to the Te Atakura Steering Group which provides strategic direction to achieve citywide emissions reduction targets.

Tom requested that expressions of interest to be on the Group be sent to Sean by Monday 14 September.

(Secretarial Note: Mino was subsequently appointed as the PAG representative on the Te Atakura Steering Group)

#### 2.2. Gambling Venues Policy, *presented by Jim Lewis*

Jim Lewis from the WCC Policy team presented to the group about the Gambling Venues Policy review, which is currently open for consultation.

Jim noted that Council is a relatively small player in regulating Class 4 (pokie) gambling, but that it does have the power to restrict the location and number of new venues for machines.

The Council is currently consulting on three options for its policy:

- A. Implement a sinking lid to allow no new venues in Wellington. (Council's preferred option)
- B. Reduce the caps on the maximum number of machines by 87. This option will also require the Council to undertake some administrative changes including changes to

the zone descriptions to align with the 2019 Representation Review. It also proposes to reinstate the Primary Activity clause, so that machines can only be located in venues with a valid on licence and restricted designation as R18.

C. No change to the existing policy, or another change that we haven't considered.

PAG unanimously supported Option A, subject to a formal submission being drafted. Mino volunteered to write a submission on behalf of PAG.

Fuailalagi Heger, representing Mapu Maia Pacific Services, addressed PAG regarding gambling harm and the Gambling Venues Policy. She encouraged PAG to submit on the consultation.

### 2.3. Planning for Growth, *presented by Clare Lundon*

Jocelyn and Clare have met to discuss a potential 'Pasifika Focus Group' to aid the WCC Engagement team on getting messages out to Pacific communities for Planning for Growth and other projects.

It was noted that this concept is still in early stages.

PAG was broadly supportive of the group.

Clare encouraged members to think about those in their communities who might be interested.

## 4. Other Matters

**8:18 pm**

- No other matters were discussed.

## 5. Closing Prayer

5.1. Sunia lead the group in a closing prayer.

(The meeting closed at 8:20 pm)