

Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 14 April 2021

Time	6:03pm – 8:10pm
Venue	Ngake – Room 16.09, Tahiwī, 113 The Terrace, Wellington

Members present

Chair	Jocelyn Kua
Members	Anthony Carter (Deputy Chair), Mino Cleverley, Natalia Fareti, Merio Marsters, Lisa Pouvalu
Councillors	
Staff	Liam Hodgetts (Chief Planning Officer), Clare Lundon (Senior Engagement Specialist), Sean Johnson (Democracy Advisor), Kate Hodgetts (Senior Policy Advisor), Samantha Hutcheson (Senior Policy Advisor)

Minutes

1. Meeting Procedures

6:03pm

- 1.1. Clare led the group in the opening prayer.
- 1.2. Apologies were received from the following members:

- Alvin, Aseri, Kira, Sai, Sunia, and Cr O'Neill – for absence.

The minutes of the previous meeting were presented for confirmation. It was noted that the apologies in the previous minutes were at the end of the minutes rather than the start. Sean confirmed that this was standard practice for Council minute taking, as in this case the apologies were received at the end of the meeting due to a reordering of agenda items.

- 1.3. Councillor O'Neill was unable to attend the meeting, they provided an update to members via email.
- 1.4. Liaison officer updates were received at the end of the meeting.

2. Discussion

6:07pm

2.1. Priority Strategies, *presented by Sam Hutcheson and Kate Hodgetts*

Sam and Kate noted that engagement on the Economic Development Strategy had been postponed.

They thanked PAG members for their feedback on the Priority Strategies at the December 2020 PAG meeting and also noted that Sam had further conversations with Kira about Aho-Tini 2030 (Arts, Culture and Creativity Strategy).

Aho-Tini 2030

Sam spoke to the group about Aho-Tini 2030. She noted four key pieces of feedback that they heard in early engagement on the strategy:

- Importance of shared history and identity – Wellington as the capital of islands in the Pacific
- Value of arts, culture & creativity for identity, wellbeing and pride - particularly for our young people
- Call to work with and support diverse communities - connecting through rich arts and cultural experiences
- Support for indigenous artists – for arts and creative careers

The challenges that COVID-19 brought to the sector were also highlighted.

She also spoke to the vision of the strategy:

The rich cultural traditions and identity of our capital city inspire our exciting and innovative arts, culture and creativity. Wellingtonians can access and participate in arts and culture, and explore their creativity. Innovation and collaboration are woven through everything we do.

Four focus areas have been identified that will drive our success in this area:

- Our people/**Aho Tangata** – connected, engaged, inclusive communities
- Partnership with Māori/**Aho Hononga**
- Our places and spaces/**Aho Whenua** – our city as a stage
- Pathways/**Aho Mahi** – successful arts and creative sector, and careers

PAG members were encouraged to submit on the strategy and share information with their communities. Information was provided for members to take away and if more is needed members are encouraged to contact Sean or Clare.

PAG members discussed the Aho-Tini 2030, topics of discussion included:

- The importance of a sense of community and inclusion in the creative sector.
- Wellington's place as the cultural capital and whether we should be comparing ourselves to other cities such as Auckland or celebrating our differences.
- The emerging importance of video games as a creative export.

Children and Young People Strategy and Social Wellbeing Framework

Kate addressed the group about the Children and Young People Strategy and the Social Wellbeing Framework.

The Children and Young People Strategy focuses on those from 0-24 years of age, which is one third of Wellington's population.

The Social Wellbeing Framework seeks to define social wellbeing and Council's role in that space.

Kate noted that they had engaged with a range of young people in early engagement on the Children and Young People Strategy, including sessions with South Wellington Intermediate School, Wellington High, Tawa College, the Boys and Girls Institute, and the Youth Council.

Four key pieces of feedback that came from that early engagement were:

- In general, concerns about safety in the city, housing affordability, deteriorating mental health, climate change
- Opportunity to support our young Pacific people – especially cultural performing arts
- Pathways to opportunities – Council role as a large employer and also working with tertiary institutions
- Keep supporting things that work eg. demand for basketball, access to libraries and facilities, events

The strategy takes the six key areas identified in central governments children and young people wellbeing framework and proposes a focus area for each of them that the Council will work on improving. The key areas and associated focus area are:

Children and young people ...

- ...are loved, safe and nurtured – Focus area: our central city
- ...are happy and healthy – Focus area: hauora across the city
- ...have what they need – Focus area: the basics
- ...are accepted, respected and connected – Focus area: you belong
- ...are learning and developing – Focus area: pathways
- ...are involved and empowered – Focus area: participating in change

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PAG members discussed the Children and Young People Strategy, topics of discussion included:

- Pathways for employment not just referring to first jobs, but also higher-level jobs and decision-making positions.
- The need to attract and retain young people in Wellington.
- The support for Pasifika young people, not just in the arts and culture sector but across all areas of life.
- How to measure the success of the strategy.

2.2. Long-term Plan, *presented by Clare Lundon*

Liam discussed each of the seven key decisions that have been identified as part of the Long-term Plan consultation with the group:

- More spending on fixing the water pipes.
- Ownership of wastewater laterals.
- Building more cycleways across the city.
- Paying for Te Atakura action plan.
- Resilience issues in Te Ngaku.

- Funding the Central Library rebuild.
- Reducing sewage sludge and waste.

Each of these key decisions has several options to choose from as part of the LTP consultation, as well as Council's preferred option.

PAG members identified three of the key decisions that of particular importance to Pasifika communities to focus on.

- Funding the Central Library rebuild.
- More spending on fixing the water pipes.
- Paying for Te Atakura action plan.

Notes of the discussion on these three key decisions is appended to the end of these minutes.

PAG will work on a group submission for the LTP. Members were also encouraged to submit individually and inform their communities.

1. Meeting Procedures (continued)

7:47pm

1.4. Updates were provided to the group:

- Sean noted that the Gambling Venues Policy, which PAG submitted on, will be considered by the Strategy and Policy Committee on 15 April 2021 and that the recommended option was a sinking lid policy.
- Liam updated the group that the Fale Malae Trust would address Council on the progress of the Fale Malae at the Strategy and Policy Committee meeting on 15 April 2021. A paper had been due for Council to consider on 8 April 2021, but this has been delayed as more information was required.
- Jocelyn noted that she had been contacted by the Fale Malae Trust to attend the Strategy and Policy meeting in support, as well as by the Chinese Garden Society who has previously looked to develop part of Frank Kitts Park into a Chinese Garden. Jocelyn has communicated with the Fale Malae Trust about community representation on the Trust and they have said that they will investigate this.

1.2. Natalia moved to pass the minutes of the previous meeting and this was seconded by Jocelyn.

3. Closing Prayer

8:10pm

3.1. Merio led the group in a closing prayer.

(The meeting closed at 8:10pm)

PAG Meeting Notes - Long Term Plan

Decision 1 – Increasing investment to fix the water pipes

Preferred Option: Not stated

- Impacts on rents/housing affordability
- Resilience
 - Major earthquake/pandemic, impacts on Pacifica already evident
 - Can't work from home
 - Employment
 - Health

Decision 4 – Funding for Te Atakura – First to Zero action plan (climate change)

Preferred Option: Option 3

- Pacific countries at risk
- Climate emergency
- Carbon emissions increased
- Youth have a strong message
- Mitigation is missing
- Adaptation is the focus
- Targets for central government
- Raising the profile car share/pooling
 - Incentives
 - Education
- Sustainability - join up actions with waste minimisation
- Town Centre Planning -
 - Amenities
 - Planning
- “Rich Diversity” in suburbs
- Affordability

Decision 6 – Funding the Central Library rebuild

Preferred Option: Option 1

- Need for these public spaces in the city
- Assistance from librarians - study
- Wi-Fi/internet
- Dry/warm
- WFH – not an option
- Newspapers free
- Reserved
- Access to community hub
- Design - Pacifica Library Vic Uni
- Safety
- Programmes for community
- Movie nights
- Opening hours - accessible
- Atmosphere
- Social interaction
- Literacy
- Holiday programmes
- Civic Centre – bring to life
- Young people hangout