

# Pacific Advisory Group

## Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, 1 February 2023

**Time:** 6:14pm – 8:00pm

**Venue:** 113 The Terrace, 16.11

### Purpose

- Advise Council on how to help grow a great City, where Pasifika peoples thrive and contribute to Council's priorities.
- Bring knowledge and extra insight into Council about how the different needs of Wellington's Pasifika communities can be addressed in the context of Council's roles and priorities.
- It is recognised that members come from and remain connected to their communities, it is from this foundation members share their expertise and lived experience in this advisory role, and engage with their communities and others as part of the wider council consultation processes. The expectations around this connection are set out in the Communication and Involvement of communities points below'.

### Membership

<b>Co-Chairs:</b>	Natalia Fareti, Antony Carter
<b>Present:</b>	Maria Clark, Maikaeli Kilione, Jocelyn Kua, Lisa Pouvalu, Sandra Tisam, Nia Bartley.
<b>Liaison Councillors:</b>	Cr Sarah Free.
<b>WCC Staff:</b>	Lexy Seedhouse (Manager of Engagement), Alisi Puloka (Democracy Advisor), Marcella Freeman (Democracy Advisor), Silas Manuera (Advisor, Tira Poutama Iwi Partnerships - Maori Outcomes).

## Meeting Procedures

The meeting opened at 6.14pm.

1. Opening Prayer
2. Icebreaker
3. No conflicts of interest were declared.
4. There were edits to be made to the minutes for the September meeting, these will be signed off in the next meeting once edits have been made.
5. Apologies were received from the following members:
  - Mino Cleverley– for absence.

## Items

6. PAG talanoa, Presented by Co-chairs.

The current topics were discussed by members.

- a) Current meeting structure and roles of Members.
  - Struggling with lack of material before meetings leading to having to work on the spot.
  - Only one opportunity to provide feedback on projects.
  - Clarification of actions at the end of the meeting by Democracy Advisor.
  - Discussion around the work liaisons and democracy services are doing to ensure presenters engage with group in meaningful ways.
  - Lack of clarity around what members are expected to do.
- b) Updates from our Pacifica communities
  - Members discussing the lack of opportunities to engage with communities, due to lack of documents and time. Resulting in concerns of not being able to represent communities adequately.
  - Having opportunity to share updates from members communities seen as a positive.
- c) 2023 priorities for PAG
  - Improving feedback loop. Encouraging officers to report back with progress in projections.
  - Alisi shared ways in which we are planning to close the feedback loop. A questionnaire sent to officers after presentation, information then passed onto PAG. Decision then made if more follow up is required from the presenters.
  - Being more visible to Council kaimahi.
  - Working with and supporting other advisory groups.
- d) PAG Terms of reference
  - Review stipulation of members needing to live within the boundaries of Wellington City Council.

- Change in stipulations around membership to encourage higher member numbers.

#### e) Recruitment

- New tikanga in allowing other members to practice chairing the meetings through taking turns.

### **Other issues raised**

- Disaster management planning. Specifically following severe weather events in Auckland.

#### 7. Updates from the Co-Chairs

- Issues with traveling to Samoa. Such as delays and long wait times for tickets.
- MP Barbara Edmonds as the new Minister for Pacific Peoples.
- Pasifika festival coming up on 11 February 2023.

#### 8. Members' updates

- Census this to be held this year. Concerns were raised around last census not capturing Pasifika communities correctly.
- Tuvalu updates: stall at Newtown festival. Some stats people being included, encourage voting. March 5.
- Mind the gap. Speaking on Pacific pay gap.
- Updates in the Niue community included: bereavements in communities. COVID increased numbers, concerning among elderly members of communities and leading to low attendance in community events. While young people's attendance in community events increasing.
- Pacific women's conference being held in Tokelau.

#### 9. Further updates

#### 10. General Business

#### 11. Summary of actions from today's fono

- Democracy Advisor to advise members if there is a Wellington City Council stall at the upcoming Pasifika festival.
- Democracy Advisors to update minutes from previous meeting.
- Members to review Terms of Reference.
- Members to update groups Facebook page responsibility.

## **Information**

**Next meeting date:** 1/03/2023