

# Takatāpui Rainbow Advisory Council

## Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, 18 May 2022

**Time:** 6:00pm – 8:00pm

**Venue:** Ngake (16.09) Level 16 Tahiwī, 113 The Terrace, Wellington and Zoom

### Purpose

- Assist and advise the City Council on how to help grow a great City where diverse rainbow people and communities thrive and contribute to the city's priorities.
- Bring knowledge and insight to Council to ensure rainbow inclusion in our City.
- It is recognised that members come from and remain connected to their communities, and share their expertise and individual lived experience in this advisory role.

### Attendance

<b>Chairperson:</b>	Tyler Dunkel (Co-Chair), Natalie Piesse (Co-Chair)
<b>Members:</b>	Connor McLeod, Mani Mitchell, Maggie Shippam, Stan Thomas
<b>Liaison Councillors:</b>	Cr Teri O'Neill
<b>WCC Staff:</b>	Karepa Wall (Chief Māori Officer), Vondy Thornton (Community and Neighbourhood Advisor), TJ Fowler (Principal Health & Safety Services Advisor), Pax Austin (Project Manager), Clara Breitenmoser (Project Manager Pōneke Promise), Damian Storey (Democracy Advisor), Leteicha Lowry (Democracy Advisor)

## Meeting Procedures

The meeting opened at 6:04pm.

1. Apologies were received from Rākau Buchannan, Ashley Edge, Brodie Fraser, Sam Low, and Cr Fitzsimons.

No issues were raised with the minutes of the previous meeting.

2. No conflicts of interest were declared.
3. Members shared what was on top with them for this week.

## Items

4. **Pōneke Promise**, *Presented by Clara Breitenmoser.*

Staff presented on the current status of the Pōneke Promise, particularly:

- Focus on Courtenay place, Te Aro Park, and Cuba Street
- Taking a data-driven approach to reducing harm, improving public spaces, increasing community spaces and business confidence
  - Reducing harm – Sexual Violence Prevention Action Plan; Safer Venues project; Take 10 safe space; Know Your City Limit alcohol ban area; and partnerships including Hāpai Ake, CCTV, Police, and VUWSA and MAWSA.
  - Improving Public Spaces – improving lighting; pedestrian safety and ‘parklets’; urban design upgrades of Te Aro Park; public toilets; hikoī with partners for awareness in space design.
  - Community Spaces – Te Wāhi Āwahina; Te Pokapū Hapori; Interim Youth Hub.
  - Business Confidence – Hāpai Ake; capability building with retailers and partners; Te Wāhi Āwhina supporting businesses.

The group discussed and asked questions on topics including: the approach being a good example of rainbow partnerships; comms around delivery, community engagement and public submissions; buy-in and continued commitment from private businesses and Venues Wellington; engagement with elders in the rainbow community; performers as a voice in the bar safety space.

Members thought this to be a strong example of how to partner with rainbow communities and suggested this be used as a case study and/or included in the appendix in the end of year report.

Members discussed how older members of the rainbow community often miss out on participation in the city and how this may be addressed.

5. **Queer at Council - Introductions**, *Presented by TJ Fowler, Pax Austin, and Vondy Thornton.*

Presenters outlined the network’s background, focus, and goals. The group discussed ways TRAC and Queer at Council might collaborate in the future. Queer at Council will explore the possibility of including TRAC in their comms.

## 6. Updates

The group provided updates, including:

- Recruitment for new TRAC members - closes 23 May; current members encouraged to indicate if they would like to be considered for takatāpui seats.
- TRAC submission to the Annual Plan has been made.

## 7. TRAC on Track

- Current Council projects and Rainbow Role: explored potential role objectives and interaction with the Inclusion Strategy.
- Democracy Liaison officers confirmed that TRAC are invited to attend Advisory Group orientations event.
- Democracy Liaison Officers to discuss upcoming TRAC annual report with co-Chairs.
- TRAC on Track/Actions taskmaster role assigned.
- Meetings: exploring options for additional meetings and potential payment for attendance at additional events/other Advisory Groups' meetings.

The meeting concluded at 8:04 pm.

## Information

**Next meeting date:** 15/06/2022

### **Actions from this meeting:**

1. Co-Chairs to provide Pōneke Promise team with information about MSD's Connected Service.
2. Democracy Liaison Officers to ensure Pōneke Promise team provided contact details to help connect with rainbow elders.
3. Accessibility Action Plan Survey link to be circulated.
4. Democracy Liaison Officers to discuss upcoming TRAC annual report with co-chairs.
5. Democracy Liaison Officers to ensure TRAC submission to Annual Plan has been received and that it is noted TRAC wish to speak to their submission. Ensure submission is shared on Shared Drive for all members.
6. TRAC to gather feedback from Queer at Council on Rainbow Role (via Karepa Wall as ELT Liaison).
7. TRAC keen to meet team responsible for new Council buildings and facilities at a future meeting.
8. Democracy Liaison Officers to organise an update on the Inclusion Strategy implementation at a future meeting.
9. Explore the development of a Poneke Promise case study as an example of best practice in collaboration with community providers.

**Actions from previous meetings:**

1. TRAC keen to discuss how Rainbow Tick works at a future meeting.
2. TRAC interested to discuss more on: District Plan, Central Library & Rainbow Room; Multi-year funding contracts; Absolutely Positively Wellingtonian awards.
3. Following March 2022 hui, TRAC aim to follow up with Cr O'Neill on CCOs, and later to revisit CCOs further in the future on the topic of inclusivity.
4. TRAC keen to work closely with other Advisory Groups and attend each other's meetings, and there is a standing reciprocal invite to Auckland City Council's Rainbow Communities Advisory Panel to attend a TRAC meeting.