



Takatāpui Rainbow Advisory Council

Minutes

Date: Wednesday, 20 July 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

Chairperson:	Natalie Piesse (Co-Chair)
Members:	Rākau Buchannan, Ashley Edge, Brodie Fraser, Mani Mitchell, Maggie Shippam, Sam Low, Vinod Bal, Tatyana King-Finau, Carew Paki
Liaison Councillors:	Cr Teri O'Neill, Cr Fleur Fitzsimons (Alternate)
WCC Staff:	Karepa Wall (Chief Māori Officer, Leteicha Lowry (Democracy Advisor), Stan Thomas (Hāpai Ake), Sean Johnson (Democracy Services Team Leader)

Meeting Procedures

The meeting opened at 6:00pm.

1. Apologies were received from Karepa for lateness, Tyler and Connor for absence, and Teri for partial absence.

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

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

Items

4. **ELT/ Councillor Updates**

Councillor O'Neill shared the following updates:

- Council passed approval of the District Plan for public notification
- Council passed approval of option one as the preferred programme option for Let's Get Wellington Moving (LGWM)
- St James venue space has been opened
- WCC announced Dixon Street urban design improvements
- WCC have decided to investigate a Community Housing Provider
- WCC has announced a partnership with the Ronald McDonald House and pools to provide swimming pool access to families accessing treatment
- Wellington has been recognised by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) for climate action
- The fluoride independent inquiry report has come back (Wellington Water)
- A vote failed at a recent Council meeting to join Communities 4 Local Democracy.

5. **LGOIMA and Advisory Groups, Presented by Richard Leverington**

Richard presented to the group on the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (1987). The purpose of the act is to build trust in local authorities by making official information accessible to the public. Richard's advice to the group was to treat communication relating to TRAC as they would wish for it to be seen by others, given such information is subject to LGOIMA.

Members asked questions regarding the grounds for withholding information, and how LGOIMA compares to OIA. Officers responded that information can be withheld for a number of reasons including to protect the privacy of individuals, and OIA is the central government version of LGOIMA. Individual safety was of concern to the group due to vulnerability. Richard is happy to provide advice to the group re: privacy as Council's Chief Privacy Officer.

6. **Break (5 minutes)**

7. Introduction to WCC, Presented by Sean Johnson

Sean gave an introductory presentation to the group on the role and functions of Council and of WCC's advisory groups.

Members asked questions regarding the 2020 local elections about accessibility to voter information and ratepayer votes. Members asked how TRAC came to light and were informed the group was established after hearing from the community there was a gap, incumbent candidates made an election promise, and a vote to establish the group was passed and implemented at the Council table.

8. Introduction of work plan/action plan, processes of meetings, roles and responsibilities, and reflections of successes this past year, Presented by Natalie

Natalie presented on the previous TRAC workplan and the recent completed work of TRAC in preparation for the new annual report and workplan, which will go to Pūroro Rangaranga | Social, Cultural and Economic Committee on the 1st of September. This will be discussed further at the next TRAC meeting with a focus on what went well, what could be done better, and what the group would like to change over the next 12 months.

The meeting concluded at 8:03pm.

Information

Next meeting date: 17/08/2022

Actions from this meeting:

1. Leteicha to follow up re: information on a former rainbow advisory group in Wellington in the 90's.