

Takatāpui Rainbow Advisory Council

Minutes

Date: Wednesday, 17 August 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:	Tyler Dunkel (Co-Chair)
Members:	Sam Low, Vinod Bal, Tatyana King-Finau, Carew Paki, Brodie Fraser
Liaison Councillors:	Cr Teri O'Neill
WCC Staff:	Karepa Wall (Chief Māori Officer), Leteicha Lowry (Democracy Advisor), Stan Thomas (Hāpai Ake), Silas Phillips (Mataaho Aronui Māori Strategy Advisor), Kristine Ford (Principal Advisor Policy), Georgina Lamb (Senior Engagement Specialist)
Present:	Cr Iona Pannett

Meeting Procedures

The meeting opened at 6:06pm.

1. Apologies were received from Ashley, Mani, Maggie, Vondy, and Councillor Fitzsimons for absence.

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

Minutes carried – SL/TD

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

Items

4. **ELT/Councillor Updates**, *Presented by Karepa Wall and Councillor O'Neill.*

Councillor O'Neill shared the following updates with the group:

- Wellington City Council will have special voting locations during the local election. In addition to the voting hub at Te Pokapū Hapori, four additional locations have been added for the final week of voting at the following libraries: Johnsonville, Kilbirnie, Karori, and Newtown.
- At the Pūroro Rangaranga | Social, Cultural and Economic Committee meeting on the 4th of August, a decision was made to establish a community housing provider.

Councillor Pannett shared the following update with the group:

- Proposed District Plan submissions close on the 12th of September.

Karepa shared the following updates with the group:

- The final meetings of the triennium for all committees are coming up. Reports going to such meetings include the Regional Economic Development Plan, Tūpiki Ora Action Plan and the WCC advisory groups' annual workplans.
- Internal discussions have been occurring, including HR, people and capability, and community services, regarding the rainbow role proposal provided by TRAC. The proposed role has a strategic and an operational component – if this position is to be created, the focus will be on the strategic direction. Currently, it is thought this role would best sit in the strategy, policy and governance area of Council. There may be a trial for this position for a short period eg. 12-18 months, thought this is not definitive and is a decision for the CEO.

5. **Engagement Review**, Presented by Georgina Lamb.

George introduced herself and spoke to the group about the engagement team and the current engagement review that is taking place. This is a review of how engagement is done at Council internally and externally, and includes consulting WCC's advisory groups. The results will feed into a larger engagement plan. A specific engagement survey will be shared with TRAC members for contribution.

6. **Community Facilities Review**, Presented by Kristine Ford.

Kristine presented to the group on the Community Facilities Review. This is a review of the community facilities across the city. City-wide surveys will be carried out to identify who does/doesn't use the Council and community facilities and why/why not. This will inform the plan which intends to make facilities more welcoming, accessible, and equitable. The ultimate goal is to have the right facility in the right place at the right time. Engagement will begin later this year, with the goal of finalising the plan in July 2023. Members' comments included:

- Appreciated Kristine's preparation in presenting to the group and her bringing specific questions.
- In strong support of rainbow-specific or rainbow-friendly spaces, especially low or no-cost facilities, and those not centred around alcohol. Noted there is an absence of these in the CBD.
- Preferred consolidation of resources to provide better facilities, especially community facilities, over quantity.
- Discussed spaces for NGOs and other organisations to meet and this being a current gap, leading to meetings occurring in spaces not fit-for-purpose or in unsafe locations. Would like spaces for board meetings and community engagement for organisations to engage. Noted other cities provide discounts to community groups for space hire.
- Noted an assumption made about the rainbow community is that rainbow people have the same barriers – This is not the case, especially if they fit into multiple minority groups.

Kristine will present back to the group following surveying and analysis of the results, in January 2023.

7. **Break**

8. **TRAC survey results**, Presented by Leteicha.

Leteicha presented to the group the results of the TRAC "check in" survey.

9. **Annual Workplan**

Members discussed the annual workplan which is currently being drafted. This will be presented to the Pūroro Rangaranga | Social, Cultural and Economic Committee meeting on the 1st of September. Members are encouraged to attend this. A draft of the workplan will need to be completed and provided to the democracy advisor by the 22nd of August for inclusion in the meeting agenda.

The meeting concluded at 7:44pm.

Information

Next meeting date: 21/09/2022

Actions from this meeting:

1. Democracy advisor to:
 - Provide contact details for presenters to TRAC members for further feedback.
 - Provide link to engagement survey to TRAC members.
2. TRAC members to:
 - Complete and submit to the democracy advisor the annual workplan by 22 August 2022.