



# Takatāpui Rainbow Advisory Council

## Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, 7 December 2022

**Time:** 6:00pm – 8:00pm

**Venue:** Whātaimai (16.11) 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)
<b>Members:</b>	Brodie Fraser, Connor McLeod, Mani Mitchell, Maggie Shippam, Sam Low, Tatyana King-Finau, Moko Mataa, Alex Sawyer
<b>Liaison Councillors:</b>	Councillor Iona Pannett, Councillor Teri O'Neill (alternate)
<b>WCC Staff:</b>	Karepa Wall (Tātai Heke Māori Chief Māori Officer), Leteicha Lowry (Kaitohutohu Manapori Democracy Advisor), Brett Mason (Kaiārahi Matua Tū Taonga Senior Cultural Heritage Advisor), Mark Lindsay (Pouārahi Tū Taonga Cultural Heritage Manager)

## Meeting Procedures

The hui opened at 6:01pm.

1. Apologies were received from Carew Paki and Vinod Bal for absence.  
No issues were raised with the minutes of the previous hui.
2. No conflicts of interest were declared.
3. Members shared what was on top with them for this week.

## Items

### 4. ELT/Councillor update

Karepa shared the following updates:

- There is an upcoming recess for Council.
- WCC's Senior Accessibility Advisor has resigned – ELT is still looking at the inclusion advisor position. An update will be provided in 2023.

Councillor Pannett shared the following updates:

- Tomorrow will be a committee meeting for decision making.
- She is keen to be a voice for the group around the table and to take direction.

### 5. Cultural Heritage Strategy, *presented by Brett Mason and Mark Lindsay.*

Staff presented on the Cultural Heritage Strategy. This is to replace the heritage policy which ran from 2010, moving from a focus on the built environment, and evolving to the tangible and intangible environment.

Members' comments included:

- Regarding colonial history, how is it identified what is no longer appropriate? – Provided example of toppling statues.
- Asked if there were safeguards in the strategy for future proofing, and whether decisions could be revoked. Officers responded that sites can be formally protected but, with the city as a forum, the narrative can be changeable.
- Asked about heritage status implications on resource consents, and how this could create barriers to intensification. Officers responded that the solution involved finding a balance between heritage and intensification.
- Given the strategy is at a high level, would like officers to return next year when more feedback can be given on detail and specific sites etc.
- Identified Tapu-te-Ranga Marae and 128 Able Smith Street as areas of significance.
- Supported a value-based approach rather than once based on public consensus as don't want to leave room for debate on certain issues eg. trans lives.
- Want things to be well-kept – referred to rainbow crossing as a nice idea but disappointed with tyre marks and maintenance.

6. Break
7. Planning session (continued)

Led by Tyler, members continued their planning session from the previous meeting of TRAC on 16 November 2022.

The hui concluded at 8:03pm.

## **Information**

**Next meeting date:** 15/02/2023

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

- TRAC members to review briefing letter to presenters for potential updates.
- Democracy advisor to investigate presentation of information on previous Council lesbian and gay advisory group.
- Democracy advisor to investigate transport resources for advisory group members.
- Tyler to invite new members to informal external hui in January.

### **Actions from previous meetings:**

- Democracy advisor to ensure a break is incorporated in each meeting.