

# PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Council Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Civic Administration Building, 32 The Square, Palmerston North on 04 August 2021, commencing at 9.02am.

**Members Present:** Grant Smith (The Mayor) (in the Chair) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor and Aleisha Rutherford.

**Apologies:** Councillor Bruno Petrenas.

Councillor Billy Meehan entered the meeting remotely at 9.07am during consideration of clause 74. He was not present for clauses 72 and 73 inclusive.

Councillor Aleisha Rutherford left the meeting at 11.36am during consideration of clause 75. She was not present for clauses 75.2 to 79 inclusive.

### 72-21 Apologies

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Aleisha Rutherford.

#### RESOLVED

That Council receive the apologies.

Clause 72-21 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

#### For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor and Aleisha Rutherford.

#### Declaration of Interest

Councillor Aleisha Rutherford declared a conflict of interest in Item 8 'Committee Chair appointment for the remainder of 2019-22 term' (clause 77) and took no further part in discussion or debate.

### 73-21 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Aleisha Rutherford.

#### RESOLVED

That the Public and Confidential minutes of the ordinary meeting of 7

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July 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Clause 73-21 above was carried 13 votes to 1, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor and Aleisha Rutherford.

**Against:**

Councillor Lorna Johnson.

## REPORTS

**74-21**

**Response to Greater Bunnythorpe Community Proposal**

Report, presented by Hannah White, Democracy and Governance Manager.

Councillor Billy Meehan joined the meeting remotely at 9.07am.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Rachel Bowen.

**RESOLVED**

That the Council reject the Greater Bunnythorpe proposal of 13 June 2021 and place public notice of this decision.

Clause 74-21 above was carried 12 votes to 3, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor and Aleisha Rutherford.

**Against:**

Councillors Brent Barrett, Leonie Hapeta and Lorna Johnson.

**75-21**

**Representation review 2021 - Initial Proposal**

Report, presented by Hannah White, Democracy and Governance Manager.

The meeting adjourned at 10.49am.

The meeting resumed at 11.09am.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Leonie Hapeta.

**RESOLVED**

1. That the Council resolves pursuant to sections 19H and 19J and clauses 1 and 2 of Schedule 1A of the Local Electoral Act 2001, to adopt the following as its initial proposal for the review of

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representation arrangements for the 2022 and 2025 triennial local elections:

- a) The Palmerston North City Council to comprise the mayor elected at-large and 15 councillors to be elected under the ward system, specifically 13 general ward councillors and two Māori ward councillors;
- b) The Palmerston North City Council to comprise two wards, these being:
  - (i) Te Hirawanui General Ward as delineated on Plan LG-040-2013-W-1 deposited with the Local Government Commission and represented by 13 general ward councillors (elected by those electors city-wide on the general electoral roll);
  - (ii) Te Pūao Māori Ward as delineated on Plan LG-040-2013-W-1 deposited with the Local Government Commission and represented by two Māori ward councillors (elected by those electors city-wide on the Māori electoral roll);
- c) The reasons for city-wide wards being that Palmerston North has a single, cohesive and city-wide community of interest that tightly overlaps the functional, perceptual and political dimensions of its population and that 15 councillors is an appropriate number to fairly and effectively represent the city;
- d) No community boards be established as the Council is satisfied there are no communities that are sufficiently distinct or isolated to warrant community board representation and that there are sufficient mechanisms for fair and effective representation already available.

Clause 75-21 above was carried 11 votes to 4, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Renee Dingwall, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan and Aleisha Rutherford.

**Against:**

Councillors Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay QSM, Orphée Mickalad and Karen Naylor.

Councillor Aleisha Rutherford left the meeting at 11.36am.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Leonie Hapeta.

### **RESOLVED**

2. That the Council places public notice and invites submissions on the initial proposal from 6 August 2021 to 4pm 6 September 2021, with submissions to be heard on 21 September 2021.

Clause 75-21 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

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**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad and Karen Naylor.

**Note:**

Moved Aleisha Rutherford, seconded Lew Findlay QSM

Prior to adopting the resolutions stated in clauses 75.1 and 75.2 above, the following motion was proposed:

1. That the Council resolves pursuant to sections 19H and 19J and clauses 1 and 2 of Schedule 1A of the Local Electoral Act 2001, to adopt the following as its initial proposal for the review of representation arrangements for the 2022 and 2025 triennial local elections:

- a) The Palmerston North City Council to comprise the mayor elected at-large and 10 councillors to be elected under the ward system, specifically 9 general ward councillors and 1 Māori ward councillor;
- b) The Palmerston North City Council to comprise two wards, these being:
  - (i) Te Hirawanui General Ward as delineated on Plan LG-040-2013-W-1 deposited with the Local Government Commission and represented by 9 general ward councillors (elected by those electors city-wide on the general electoral roll);
  - (ii) Te Pūao Māori Ward as delineated on Plan LG-040-2013-W-1 deposited with the Local Government Commission and represented by 1 Māori ward councillor (elected by those electors city-wide on the Māori electoral roll);
- c) The reasons for city-wide wards being that Palmerston North has a single, cohesive and city-wide community of interest that tightly overlaps the functional, perceptual and political dimensions of its population and that 10 councillors is an appropriate number to fairly and effectively represent the city;
- d) No community boards be established as the Council is satisfied there are no communities that are sufficiently distinct or isolated to warrant community board representation and that there are sufficient mechanisms for fair and effective representation already available.

The motion was lost 6 votes to 9, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay QSM, Karen Naylor and Aleisha Rutherford.

**Against:**

Councillors Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Zulfiqar Butt, Renee Dingwall, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan and Orphée Mickalad.

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**76-21 Rotation of Trustees on Caccia Birch Trust Board**

Memorandum, presented by Hannah White, Democracy & Governance Manager.

The Democracy & Governance Manager explained the following corrections to the report:

- the two council-appointed trustees retired rather than resigned.
- In 3.1 the maximum number of trustees on the board should read 8 not 7.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Lorna Johnson.

**RESOLVED**

1. That the Council resolves to appoint two councillors onto the Caccia Birch Trust Board for a term of one year ending 1 August 2022.
2. That expressions of interests from councillors interested in being appointed to the Caccia Birch Trust Board be sought, and recommendations be brought to Council on 1 September 2021.

Clause 76-21 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad and Karen Naylor.

**77-21 Committee Chair appointment for the remainder of 2019-22 term**

Memorandum, presented by Hannah White, Democracy and Governance Manager.

Councillor Aleisha Rutherford declared a conflict of interest.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Patrick Handcock ONZM.

**RESOLVED**

1. That the Council adopts the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Deputy Mayor Aleisha Rutherford as the Chair of the Chief Executive's Performance Review Panel, effective 01 August 2021.
2. That the Council make the recommendations to the Remuneration Authority regarding Elected Member remuneration as listed in 3.4 of the report "Committee Chair appointment for the remainder of the 2019-2022 term."

Clause 77-21 above was carried 11 votes to 1, with 2 abstentions, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

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The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Billy Meehan and Orphée Mickalad.

**Against:**

Councillor Rachel Bowen.

**Abstained:**

Councillors Lorna Johnson and Karen Naylor.

**78-21**

**Scheduling of additional Council Meeting**

Memorandum, presented by Hannah White, Democracy and Governance Manager.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Orphée Mickalad.

**RESOLVED**

That the Council schedule a Council meeting for 9am, 18 August 2021 in the Council Chambers, 32 Te Marae o Hine The Square, Palmerston North.

Clause 78-21 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad and Karen Naylor.

**79-21**

**Council Work Schedule**

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Patrick Handcock ONZM.

**RESOLVED**

That the Council receive its Work Schedule dated August 2021.

Clause 79-21 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad and Karen Naylor.

The meeting finished at 12.01pm

Confirmed 25 August 2021

**Mayor**