



Te Kaunihera o
Te Awa Kairangi ki Uta
Upper Hutt City Council

City Services Committee | Te Kōmiti Ratonga ā-Taone Minutes

Record of a meeting of the City Services Committee held in Council Chambers, Civic Centre, 838 - 842 Fergusson Drive on Wednesday 5 February 2025, commencing at 4.30 pm.

Present: Councillor D Wheeler (Chair), Councillor T M Ultra (Deputy Chair), Mayor W N Guppy, Councillor D M Bentley, Councillor M G Carey, Councillor A W Hammond and Councillor E Holderness.

Apology: Councillor C B G Carson

In attendance: Deputy Mayor H Swales and Councillor H Newell

1. Apologies

Councillor Carson gave his apologies

MOVED: Mayor Guppy/Councillor Wheeler

"The apology received from Councillor Carson is accepted and leave of absence is granted."

MOTION CARRIED: CS 250101

Both Deputy Mayor Swales and Councillor Newell were in attendance

MOVED: Councillor Wheeler / Councillor Holderness

"That Deputy Mayor Swales and Councillor Newell be granted speaking rights with no voting rights."

MOTION CARRIED: CS 250102

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of Interest made

3. Public Forum

Heather Blissett spoke to Item 4: Community Services Group report and tabled the document appended as **attachment 1** to the minutes.

4. Community Services Group Report

The Community Services Group officers answered members' questions regarding: the library's management software migration, open spaces and facilities, the welcoming communities programme, Library key performance indicators, and sports fields.

The Director of Whirinaki Whare Taonga answered a member's question regarding her professional development experience in Paris as a keynote speaker in January 2025.

MOVED: Councillor Wheeler / Councillor Ultra

"That Council receives and notes the Community Services Group Report."

MOTION CARRIED: CS 250103

5. Engagement, Strategy and Planning Services Group Report

The Engagement, Strategy and Planning Group Manager noted that the Consultation on Upper Hutt Bowling Club's proposed long-term lease of [Maidstone Park land](#) opened on 27 January and will close on 24 February 2025.

The Engagement, Strategy and Planning Group officers answered members' questions regarding council communications and engagement.

MOVED: Councillor Wheeler/ Mayor Guppy

"That Council receives and notes the Engagement, Strategy and Planning Services Group Report."

MOTION CARRIED: CS 250104

6. Operations Group Report

The Chair welcomed Tim Harty, the new Group Manager of Operations.

The Group Manager of Operations answered members' questions regarding Waste Minimisation and the recent Government changes to some policies.

The Operations Group officers answered members' questions regarding renewals work, Akatārawa Cemetery development, water supply, Pinehaven Stream flood protection upgrade, speed limit changes, resource consents and compliance, the summary of resource consent decisions, emergency management, the water consumption report, Western Hills Trunks Sewer update, the compliance services report, and the Wellington Water Limited; Leak Dashboard.

MOVED: Councillor Wheeler / Councillor Hammond

"That Council receives and notes the Operations Group Report."

MOTION CARRIED: CS 250105

Included attachment:

[Tabled document from Heather Blissett](#)

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The Chair closed the meeting at 5.43 pm

Councillor D Wheeler
Chair

1. I congratulate you on Birchville Park. It's one of the success stories that is a result of collaboration. The partnership we have formed between Council and Forest and Bird provides beautiful places for humans and healthy places for Nature. It would be great to invite those wonderful rangatahi from Heretaunga College back who came and planted on a very wet muddy day to return to see how they have grown.

Could we collaborate a little further? Let's put up QR codes and/or interpretive signs that give the history of the area and of the working groups that created what existed including photos. Maybe links to personal stories and interactive activities for young and old. Create a self-guided trail providing something for all ages.

2. Maidstone Terrace land currently out for consultation.

My first reaction was that this action absolutely saves a spur. If land that is currently zoned for high density housing in a prime location with existing infrastructure can be made recreational then it confirms that our housing targets have been reached. There is no room for 'in principle' here.

The location is within walking distance to town, public transport, schools, H2Oxtreme, recreation, marae, Brewtown and sports.

Some of us have been exploring accommodation options both permanent and transient. Either way this resolves a housing crisis, accommodation for manuhiri and travellers.

I've crunched some very basic figures. They were based on Lindale on Kapiti Coast. People provide their own whare. Be it tiny home, caravan, motorhome or bus. The place is tidy. For \$150 per week they can connect to power and have a dump station. At Lindale there are communal buildings.

My numbers are based on 30 campground sized sites at \$150 per week. Equals \$234,000 per year.

If you were to include 10 casual motorhome parks at \$5 per night. Potential to earn (5x10 = \$50 single traveller. or 10 x 10 = \$100 couple traveller per night) = \$350 to \$700 per week on top of the permanent people.

So if I average the casual traveller income per week to be \$500.

Income	\$234,000 (campground sites)
	<u>\$ 26,000 (motorhome parks)</u>
	\$260,000 per year x 33 years (as proposed) = \$8,580,000

Now I realize that this is estimated gross income and you may be able to fit more than 30 permanent or 10 casual sites on that land. I am just trying to emphasize that minimum effort can produce maximum benefit. Trust me. The amount of power required would be minimal as most is obtained via solar panels in most cases.

Imagine if you were to partner with the marae. I see this as a win win. Affordable place to live which is close to marae, shops, transport, park and Brewtown. People provide their own whare unless in future you want to add cabins and amenities at some point.

Not only does this generate income but brings more money into area for local businesses.

3. Why is the workshop on the the 10th of February a closed workshop to the public. The topics are; Annual plan, Gambling venue policy review, district plan update, next steps for the rating policy and Local Water done well update. Why is that secretive. What have you got to hide.

4. I am meeting with Sammie Heemi from Orongomai next week to discuss Weaving the Harakeke for 2025. Thank you to everyone who made the pilot a success that it was. We can only grow and expand from here.