



MINUTES

**Community, Transparency &
Engagement Committee meeting
Tuesday, 15 October 2024**

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**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNITY, TRANSPARENCY & ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL, GROUND FLOOR
MEETING ROOMS 1 & 1B, 306 CAMERON ROAD, TAURANGA
ON TUESDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2024 AT 9.30AM**

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cr Kevin Schuler (Chairperson), Cr Hautapu Baker, Cr Rick Curach, Cr Steve Morris, Cr Rod Taylor
- APOLOGIES:** Mayor Mahé Drysdale
- LEAVE OF ABSENCE:** Cr Mikaere Sydney
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Paul Davidson (Chief Financial Officer), Barbara Dempsey (General Manager: Community Services), Sarah Omundsen (General Manager: Regulatory and Compliance), Alastair McNeill (General Manager: Corporate Services), Gareth Wallis (General Manager: City Development & Partnerships), Kendyl Sullivan (City Partnerships Specialist), Ruth Woodward (Team Leader Policy), Jane Barnett (Policy Analyst), Shawn Geard (City Centre Infrastructure Lead), Ross Hudson (Manager: Strategic Planning & Partnerships, Spaces & Places), Jenna Waite (Manager: Spaces & Places Engagement), Sonya McCall (Open Space & Community Facilities Planner), Alison Law (Manager: Spaces and Places), Ceilidh Dunphy (Community Relations Manager), Lucy Reed (Team Leader: Strategic Community Relations), Coral Hair (Manager: Democracy & Governance Services), Anahera Dinsdale (Acting Team Leader: Governance Services), Caroline Irvin (Governance Advisor), Aimee Aranas (Governance Advisor)
- EXTERNAL:** Tina Harris, Bay Venues Limited
Leah Sutton and Julia Manktelow, Papamoa Unlimited,
Genevieve Whitson, Downtown/Mainstreet Tauranga,
Rebecca Busby, Tony Ryan, Rosalie Crawford, Greerton Village
Community Association

1 OPENING KARAKIA

Cr Baker opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 APOLOGIES

APOLOGY

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CTE2/24/1

Moved: Cr Hautapu Baker

Seconded: Cr Rod Taylor

That the apology for absence received from Cr Mayor Drysdale and the leave of absence from Cr Sydney be accepted.

CARRIED

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

4 ACCEPTANCE OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TO BE TRANSFERRED INTO THE OPEN

Nil

6 CHANGE TO ORDER OF BUSINESS

Nil

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1 Minutes of the Community, Transparency & Engagement Committee meeting held on 10 September 2024

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CTE2/24/2

Moved: Cr Rick Curach

Seconded: Cr Rod Taylor

That the minutes of the Community, Transparency & Engagement Committee meeting held on 10 September 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Rod Taylor declared a conflict of interest in relation to item 10.3: 'The Development of an Alcohol Fees Bylaw', and took no part in the discussion or voting on the matter.

.9 DEPUTATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS

9.1 Petition - Mount Maunganui Hot Pools Opening Hour

External Julie and Jim Carle – Mount Maunganui Residents

Key Points

- Mrs Carle represented walkers, swimmers and aqua members of the Mount Hot Pools, a unique essential rehabilitation and health and wellness public facility.
- The opening time changed to 7am after the Covid pandemic, however research showed that most other public pools around the country opened at 5.30-6.00 am.
- After talking to walkers, swimmers, aqua members and other members of public, there were now 127 signatures in support of opening at 6am.
- It was felt the Mount Hot Pools were not meeting the needs of the community. Working people who used to attend at 6am were now excluded. This also included no longer being able to cope with the traffic and restricted access to those with a disability or accessibility issues.

- Opening at 7am was causing disharmony between the walkers, swimmers and aqua class members due to restricted and clashing class times. The Mount Hot Pools website stated their pools were for swimmers and bathers.
- Other facilities and businesses were able to open at 6am so there should be no staffing problems.
- Complaints had been made both verbally and in writing to the Hot Pools and Council. It felt like Council's policy of community transparency and engagement had failed.
- Mr Carle was a typical active retiree who used the pools as one option for an injury recovery.
- Previously pool access at 6am was without congestion, however now activities such as aqua aerobics took up the majority of the pool area with only one or two lanes for others leaving very little area to exercise.
- It was thought greater use of the pools would generate more income and be of benefit to the facility in terms of money for maintenance and other costs.
- The submitters requested that the Mount Hot Pools resume opening at 6am to allow better access and use for everyone.

In response to questions

- There could be queues of between ten to twenty people in the morning waiting for the pools to open.

Staff response to questions

- Now that the petition had been tabled, staff would come back with a report on the history of the pools, the reason for the decision to keep to a 7am as the opening time, the costs to open earlier and Council's commercial policies. Council would then make a recommendation to Bay Venues Limited.
- It was noted that prior to the Covid pandemic, there was an average of 12 people using the pool from 6am resulting in a decision being made to change the opening time to 7am as there was an average of 24 people arriving at that time.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CTE2/24/3

Moved: Cr Rod Taylor

Seconded: Cr Hautapu Baker

That the Community, Transparency & Engagement Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Petition - Mount Maunganui Hot Pools Opening Hour".
- (b) Request that staff bring a report back to Council to consider extending the opening hours of the Mount Hot Pools.

CARRIED

9.2 Tabled Item: Petition - Halt the Installation of a Rainbow Crossing in Tauranga's CBD'

External Mr Wayne Farrant

Key Points

- As a resident and ratepayer of Tauranga, Mr Farrant was concerned about allocation of city funds towards projects that might not directly benefit the communities' essential needs, noting that the community was not made aware of this as there was no consultation carried out.
- The rainbow crossing was a significant expense which could be better directed towards infrastructure, healthcare or other community services.
- The cities resources should prioritise solutions for more practical issues affecting the daily lives of the community.
- The symbolism of diversity and inclusion behind the rainbow crossing gesture was respected, however it was crucial to weigh this against the broader needs of the community, in particular in terms of fiscal responsibility.

- The estimated maintenance cost and possible costs of repairing vandalism could be used to address more pressing infrastructure or community development projects.
- It was felt this was an unnecessary expense and a divisive decision. The aim of the petition being presented to the meeting today was not to undermine the values of diversity and inclusion but to highlight the importance of resource allocation in the cities budget.
- The submitter called upon the Committee to reconsider its decision to go ahead with the rainbow crossing.

In response to questions

- Putting the crossing on a road meant that it would need to be painted and as such would incur maintenance costs.
- Rainbow crossings were very divisive and there had been a lot of vandalism done to similar crossings in other cities.
- The main issues were the cost, the lack of consultation and how divisive this issue was.

Staff response to questions

- A high level cost estimate at this stage in terms of installation was \$10,500, \$4,500 of which was for traffic management. Estimated cost for maintenance was \$10,000. A decision to maintain the crossing on an ongoing basis had not been made. The amount equated to approximately 12 cents per year per residential ratepayer.
- Council currently only carried out some low level traffic management, however going forward cost and benefit assessments would be undertaken for each project or contract to ascertain if Council could do items such as installing crossings cheaper in-house. This was part of an exercise being done at the moment to determine the final cost.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CTE2/24/4

Moved: Cr Hautapu Baker

Seconded: Cr Steve Morris

That the Community, Transparency & Engagement Committee:

- (a) Receives the petition 'Halt the Installation of a Rainbow Crossing in Tauranga's CBD'.

CARRIED

10 BUSINESS

10.1 Mainstreets' Report and Presentations for the Period 1 January to 30 June 2024

Staff Gareth Wallis, General Manager: City Development & Partnerships
Kendyl Sullivan, City Partnerships Specialist

External

- 1) Leah Sutton and Julia Manktelow - Papamoa Unlimited
- 2) Genevieve Whitson - Downtown/Mainstreet Tauranga
- 3) Rebecca Busby, Tony Ryan, Rosalie Crawford - Greerton Village Community Association

Key Points

- The General Manager: City Development & Partnerships provided a summary of the report.

Pāpāmoa Unlimited

Leah Sutton and Julia Manktelow of Papamoa Unlimited spoke to a PowerPoint presentation providing the following points:

- Pāpāmoa Unlimited was established in 2014 and a charter to create three or four community events that brought income into the Papamoa region for the community and ratepayers.
- Achievements over the last ten years included continuation of free events through the Covid epidemic to encourage health and wellbeing for the community and a change to two major events and one smaller event.
- Papamoa Unlimited was very grateful to the Commissioners who provided funding to enable strategic planning which changed the organisation from being reactive to proactive and to operate more from a position of growth. The organisation was looking at creating the 'Gold Coast of New Zealand' along the Papamoa area.
- There had been great collaboration between the four town centres, with Papamoa Unlimited contributing to 'Tantalising Tauranga'.
- Culture and inclusivity were very important and Pāpāmoa Unlimited had worked very hard to build a meaningful relationship with the Nga Potiki a Tamapahore Trust.
- 'Papamoa Light Up The Waterway' was an event to tell the story of Matariki. This was an illuminated walkway along the Te Ara o Wairakei stormwater trail that focused on telling the stories of the whenua and was very well attended.
- Pāpāmoa Unlimited had three major events fall into one financial year which had an adverse effect on its finances. This meant a lot of fundraising had to be done.
- Although Pāpāmoa was the fastest growing suburb in the subregion, it had very little budget and as such it made sense to extend the targeted rate boundary. This would create more revenue to put back into the area.
- Community safety concerns such as various incidents in alleyways had been raised with Pāpāmoa Unlimited who had then provided the Police and Council with this information.
- Next on the calendar was the official Pāpāmoa Santa Parade which brought around 25,000 people to Pāpāmoa.

In response to questions

- Pāpāmoa Unlimited had a very big push on funding to try to stay out of financial deficit. Working together with Nga Potiki a Tamapahore Trust had opened more funding opportunities.
- Two major events were planned for this year but if funding was not found one event would be pulled from the calendar.
- Due to inflation and other rising costs, Pāpāmoa Unlimited did not have enough money to do the things it wanted and needed to do.
- The Matariki event had grown due to the growth of relationships, the motivation and passion behind it, collaboration with others and creating the right connection points with people. There was more opportunity to collaborate with other to create more iconic events.
- It had been important not to commercialise Matariki however, a major partnership was planned for the coming year.
- In terms of an expanded targeted rate area, strategic planning would be needed to ensure that events happened evenly across the entire area. A website would contribute to this.
- Before any event occurred, residents were visited to inform them of what was happening. The Matariki event generated positive feedback but also negative feedback due to some unfortunate events. Solutions for safety were more in Council's and the Police's realm to address.

Staff response to questions

- A key point was that Pāpāmoa Unlimited was funded by commercial rate payers. Initially in 2014, the commercial centre for Pāpāmoa was much smaller but there were now extended areas of commercial developments. This provided an opportunity for Papamoa to go through a targeted rate expansion process and to engage with commercial rate payers to determine if this was something they would like to contribute to.
- There was also the element of community events that Pāpāmoa Unlimited was providing which raised discussion around whether commercial rate payers should be the only ones contributing to those events.

Downtown/Mainstreet Tauranga

Genevieve Whitson (Manager) spoke to a PowerPoint presentation providing the following points:

- It had been a year since moving to the new business model and some of the benefits of this were starting to come through. The vision was still to make downtown Tauranga the best city centre in New Zealand.
- The organisation's three KPI's were an engaged membership, advocacy and effective promotions and marketing.
- Achievements over the last six months included confirmed Annual Plan and budget, ongoing transparency and communications, strategic promotions and marketing, city centre activations and advocacy.
- Projects in progress included member and stakeholder engagement, creating one database, more engagement with stakeholders and iwi and quarterly business networking sessions.
- Foot traffic data was obtained from Bell Weather for Devonport Road and demonstrated a steady increase. More businesses were wanting to open as they saw potential in the city centre.
- There was still a slow recovery from the Covid pandemic in terms of sales. The perception of a 'disrupted city centre' was still having somewhat of an impact on downtown Tauranga as a destination. Department stores, leisure spending and accommodation spending was up from the same six month period last year.
- It was hoped that the extra businesses coming into the city centre would have a positive impact on revenue.
- There had been a small dip in hospitality spending. The application 'Neat Places' had been used to promote Tauranga more, and more support was being provided to the hospitality industry in terms of events, promotion and cross collaborations with other stakeholders.
- Challenges and actions included ongoing construction, roadworks and vacant spaces. Vacant spaces would be targeted and looked at more closely and investment would be sought from landlords.
- The biggest task currently was finishing the three to five year strategy. This would go out to members for consultation and engagement. A new constitution had been developed and would be adopted at the AGM.

In response to questions

- The contract with brand and marketing specialists 'Tuskany Agency' ended in June 2024.
- It was felt that the Mainstreet organisations were not competing with one another. There had been full support from the other organisations who were willing to collaborate.
- The promotional production needed to be marketed and promoted across a number of platforms to provide as much exposure as possible.

Greerton Village Community Association

Rebecca Busby (Chairperson) and Tony Ryan (Treasurer) spoke to the Committee providing the following points:

- Highlights included all projects successfully completed over the last 6 months, some of which encouraged residents to take more time in the town centre, to go into businesses and discover stores they may have not visited before.
- As part of a new direction for marketing, additional advertising had been invested in for particular events with social media giveaways donated by some business owners. This created great publicity for those businesses. Other events had created curiosity and encouraged visitors from outside Greerton to drive through the town.
- It was acknowledged that Countdown was about to close and the Association would be talking to business owners and working towards supporting those in the community that needed it.
- A media contractor was hired earlier in the year with the aim of bringing consistency across digital communications to attract more followers and encourage further interactions on Facebook and Instagram accounts, both of which have been very successful. This also filled a KPI of increasing the overall footfall on the streets.

- At the recent AGM, it became evident that communication was a two way street and was essential to meeting the organisations goals. From this meeting, the organisation was working on a communications strategy update to ensure the needs of the members were met and that the minimal resources the organisation had were put to the most effective use in order to deliver on its commitments.
- Another KPI was to continue to learn and grow through governance training. The organisation was working to ensure knowledge gained was fed into work being done on the new constitution which was required under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022.
- Greerton was generally a safe place but had some issues with rough sleepers and antisocial behaviour. Recently appointed Senior Sergeant Area Response Manager Tauranga South, Shannon Clifford, attended the AGM and explained how he and his team, along with Community Patrol could best support Greerton to foster a safe environment for the community. The WhatsApp application would be looked at in terms of safety within the community and positive/notification messaging.
- Council had been provided with the organisation's draft Annual Plan which served to take into account transitions and ever the increasing diversity within Greerton.
- Another KPI was to adapt events to suit the changing community by taking a fresh look at well-established events and assessing how these could be made more inclusive to reflect the more diverse community. It was felt this would in turn attract more outside visitors.
- Thank you to the City Partnerships Specialist, the City Safety & Engagement Advisor, the Community Patrol, Lions, Greerton Library and the Greerton Village School. These were key stakeholders who provide a lot of support which was greatly appreciated.

In response to questions

- A targeted rate expansion had not been discussed yet and was considered that this would fit in more to a medium term plan as there were more immediate core elements that needed to be addressed before there was any expansion.
- Having Senior Sergeant Clifford's engagement in Greerton had made a huge difference in a short amount of time which was very encouraging.
- A renewed communications strategy and the establishment of a two way communication that set KPI's for responses was hoped to encourage more business engagement with the organisation.
- The Little Big Markets were engaged to support the Cherry Blossom Festival this year. Markets were seen as potential opportunities but sensitivity was needed if low cost competition was introduced as some business would see this as negative.

Staff Response

- The previous Council had made the decision to provide a dedicated resource to support the Mainstreet organisations. The City Partnerships Specialist role was then created and had made a huge difference in terms of positive working relationships and in turn, what each organisation was being able to achieve within their community.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CTE2/24/5

Moved: Cr Steve Morris

Seconded: Cr Hautapu Baker

That the Community, Transparency & Engagement Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Mainstreets' Report and Presentations for the Period 1 January to 30 June 2024".
- (b) Receive presentations from:
 - (i) Papamoa Unlimited
 - (ii) Mainstreet Tauranga
 - (iii) Greerton Village and Community Association

- (c) Requests that staff prepare an issues and options paper on expanding the Papamoa Mainstreet area that includes options on consultation and engagement with the local community.

CARRIED

At 11.20am the meeting adjourned.

At 11.39 am the meeting reconvened.

10.2 Alcohol Control Bylaw Amendment

Staff Sarah Omundsen, General Manager: Regulatory and Compliance
Jane Barnett, Policy Analyst
Nigel McGlone, Manager: Environmental Regulation

Key Points

- The General Manager: Regulatory and Compliance provided a summary of the report.

In response to questions

- Summer alcohol bans had been put in place every year since 2018. The feedback from the Police and surrounding community was that the temporary ban was very effective. The Police had written to Council seeking a temporary ban.
- There had not been any specific requests from the Police or the community for temporary alcohol bans for the Parton Road/Gordan Spratt Reserve area. Staff could provide information to the next Committee meeting with an option to do this.
- There was no evidence to suggest that the bans in and around the Mount Maunganui/Pilot Bay were confusing to people and the Police had not indicated it was difficult to enforce.

Requests from Councillors

- That staff look into the rationale for the previous temporary alcohol ban for the Parton Road/Gordan Spratt Reserve area.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CTE2/24/6

Moved: Cr Rod Taylor

Seconded: Cr Hautapu Baker

That the Community, Transparency & Engagement Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Alcohol Control Bylaw Amendment".
- (b) Approves the draft amended Alcohol Control Bylaw (**Attachment One**) and the Statement of Proposal (**Attachment Two**) for community consultation.
- (c) Resolves that in accordance with section 155 of the Local Government Act 2002, the proposed amendments to the Alcohol Control Bylaw are the most appropriate and proportionate way of addressing the perceived problem and do not give rise to any implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.
- (d) Authorises the General Manager: Regulatory and Compliance to make any necessary minor drafting or presentation amendments to the draft amended Alcohol Control Bylaw, the Statement of Proposal and related consultation material prior to the commencement of consultation.

CARRIED

10.3 The Development of an Alcohol Fees Bylaw

Staff Sarah Omundsen, General Manager: Regulatory and Compliance
Jane Barnett, Policy Analyst
Nigel McGlone, Manager: Environmental Regulation

Cr Taylor noted his conflict of interest in this item and removed himself from the meeting.

Key Points

- The General Manager: Regulatory and Compliance provided a summary of the report.

In response to questions

- The intention was to have a user fees and charges workshop where all the cost recoverable services that Council provided would be looked at in terms of the current user fees and ratepayer fees split. If Council decided it needed to change this, it could be done through the next Annual Plan process when consulting on user fees specifically for alcohol.
- The fee regulations were set through Central Government and intended for the most part to be fully cost recovered. There were specific fees that were removed and set that were not able to be changed through a bylaw.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CTE2/24/7

Moved: Cr Rick Curach

Seconded: Cr Hautapu Baker

That the Community, Transparency & Engagement Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "The Development of an Alcohol Fees Bylaw".
- (b) Approves the development of an Alcohol Fees Bylaw.
- (c) Agrees to use 100% cost recovery as an indication of potential new fees for the purposes of community consultation on the draft bylaw.

CARRIED

10.4 Changes to Street Dining Licence to Occupy Fees

Staff Gareth Wallis, General Manager: City Development & Partnerships
Shawn Geard, City Centre Infrastructure Lead

Key Points

- The General Manager: City Development & Partnerships provided a summary of the report

In response to questions

- The cost to introduce a Licence to Occupy (LTO) was different to the cost to maintain once in place which was largely incorporated into business as usual for Council. This was not a complex process, but a rolling over of agreements.
- The growth revenue would be similar to the net revenue once in place. A \$500 administration fee was being waived for a new or reassigned LTO this financial year.
- This could be assessed as part of the Annual Plan process with LTO's forming part of the discussions to be held on user fees and charges.
- The administration fee included preparation of a legal agreement and a survey of the space in question to ensure it was accurately represented on a map.
- At this point there was 100% discount from now until 1 January 2025. From 2 January 2025 to 30 June 2025 there was an 80% discount, however, upon the Committees direction this could be changed to 100% discount which would allow some financial relief and time for staff to prepare the Annual Plan rollout for 1 July 2025.

- Part of the rollout would also be considering options for items such as marker stickers on the footpaths to delineate allocated spaces when setting up outside tables. This provided clarity for business owners to control these spaces and in the event enforcement was required.
- Both the bylaw and policy set out clear pedestrian-way widths which were then accommodated in the LTO agreement.
- The nationally recognised standard for minimum footpath width was 1.8 meters. The main street at Mount Maunganui was an example of this being a tight fit. Council's policy was 1.5 metres within this area. This was recognised as the absolute minimum width to allow for accessibility in terms of wheelchair or mobility scooter safety.

Discussion points raised

- Council staff were thanked for bringing the information to the meeting.
- Fees at Mount Maunganui would not be charged until the newly elected Council had a chance to consider what the fees would look like.
- The acknowledgement that Mount Maunganui may have been left out of the loop in terms of consultation and engagement was appreciated.
- There was a desire for a fair and equal approach across all the suburbs.
- Elected Members would take into account the benefit to the wider public in adding vibrancy to the main street experiences.
- There was no wish that fees be set at such a cost that businesses did not see it as being viable.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CTE2/24/8

Moved: Cr Rod Taylor

Seconded: Cr Steve Morris

That the Community, Transparency & Engagement Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Changes to Street Dining Licence to Occupy Fees".
- (b) Notes that the Committee supports staff exercising their delegated authority to continue providing 100% reduction of the Licence to Occupy Fees from 1 January to 30 June 2025 and acknowledges these fees will be reviewed as part of the Annual Plan process.

CARRIED

10.5 Engagement on Five Playground and Reserve Enhancement Projects

Staff Barbara Dempsey, General Manager: Community Services
Alison Law, Manager: Spaces & Places
Jenna Waite, Manager: Spaces & Places Engagement
Sonya McCall, Open Space & Community Facilities Planner

Key Points

- The Manager: Spaces & Places Engagement provided an introduction to the report.

In response to questions

- This was a standard Council engagement approach to the playground and reserve enhancement projects. It was important to balance community expectation with what Council could deliver and as such the engagement was planned so that perimeters were clearly set.
- Children needed to be engaged tangibly in terms of playgrounds.
- The budgets for the five areas had been set to create a place for play, community, nature and storytelling with no specific figure allocated for each one. A bigger budget had been set to meet the needs of the community rather than just replacing like for like in terms of playground equipment.

- A neighbourhood park cost allocation could be broken down to \$250,000 for playground equipment and \$120,000 for additional shade, appropriate accessibility and any other ancillary equipment depending on what the community were seeking.
- Staff had moved away from replacing with the same equipment due to growth and the changing nature and needs of communities. Many were now wanting more accessibility, inclusion and spaces for girls within the scope and delivery of these spaces.
- In terms of engagement, it was best to get the community to come to the space in question to experience it and provide their feedback. Online surveys from a 500m radius were proposed for the four playground spaces. BBQ 'drop in' days could also be considered.
- Staff would provide some base scale concept designs for two of the spaces that were yet to be developed. The other two spaces that were more like renewals had parameters around what could be done but staff would present ideas and concepts for these as well.
- There would also be engagement with mana whenua.
- A lot of playgrounds, or individual components of playgrounds were coming up for renewal for this LTP period. Playground safety audits were undertaken by staff every year.
- In terms of prioritisation, playground equipment safety and age, gaps in provision levels across the city, previous engagement with the community, site readiness for development and geographic distribution were all taken into consideration.
- Council's operations team had a budget to keep equipment safe and operational. An assessment and decision was made based on the prioritisation criteria on whether to do more than just replace equipment. It was preferable to take a forward planning approach when considering how many and which spaces to undertake enhancement projects.
- There were ongoing conversations regarding the land between Te Okuroa Drive and Union Drive as it was acknowledged that this was a priority for the community. There had been different views on what the community wanted versus what the Bluehaven Group wanted to do. This was being revisited and staff were looking to see what could be done in terms of moving forward.
- One of the differences accounted for in terms of prioritisation was that some locations were also tourist destinations, however the comments around inequity were taken on board. Staff would welcome the opportunity to explore direction around future prioritisation as gaps had been identified in the analysis that had been undertaken. It was important to progress with the chosen enhancement projects outlined in the report as a lot of planning and preparation had already taken place.
- Most of the playground equipment that was removed from a site was at the end of its life, but consideration was given to whether it could be reused or recycled.
- The few reusable parts of the waterfront playground would be installed at Yatton Park.
- Primary schools were not included in Council's level of service, however areas with no school playground were considered for prioritisation over those that had them

Discussion points raised

- The team were acknowledged for their work on the enhancement projects as it was about investing in the community, a critical part of which were playgrounds.
- It was felt that there was somewhat of an inequity and inequality issue not only around playgrounds but also regarding amenities and infrastructure. Some communities were overlooked and were not experiencing the same prioritisation as others and it was queried whether reconsideration of the locations could be taken into account.

Actions

- That staff provide Councillors with like for like playground equipment replacement costs.
- That a workshop be held before the end of the year to discuss the enhancement project prioritisation direction.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CTE2/24/9

Moved: Cr Rick Curach

Seconded: Cr Rod Taylor

That the Community, Transparency & Engagement Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Engagement on Five Playground and Reserve Enhancement Projects".
- (b) Understands the engagement approach, summarised in this report, for the design and delivery of proposed playground and reserve enhancement projects which are scheduled to have engagement commencing in the 2024 calendar year. The specific sites are:
 - (i) Hopukiore – Mount Drury Playground.
 - (ii) Neighbourhood reserves – Liston Park, Beaumaris Boulevard Reserve, Emerald Shores Reserve and Kiriwehi Reserve.
 - (iii) It is noted that the final approval for the projects will be made on 29th October 2024.

CARRIED

11 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

12 CLOSING KARAKIA

Cr Hautapu Baker closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 12.58.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Community, Transparency & Engagement Committee meeting held on 18 November 2024.

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Cr Kevin Schuler
CHAIRPERSON