

Council Briefing Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, 1 September, 2021
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Virtual Meeting Room

In Attendance

Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai
(Chairperson)
Cr Gavin Benney
Cr Vince Cocurullo
Cr Nicholas Connop
Cr Ken Couper
Cr Tricia Cutforth
Cr Jayne Golightly
Cr Phil Halse
Cr Greg Innes
Cr Greg Martin
Cr Anna Murphy
Cr Carol Peters
Cr Simon Reid

Not in Attendance Cr Shelley Deeming

Scribe Danielle Garner (Trainee Democracy Adviser)

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cr Deeming.

2. Reports

2.1 Waterfront Precinct Plan briefing

Injoo Riehl (Strategic Planner) said the purpose of today's briefing is to firstly, provide Elected Members with an update on the second round of engagement, its findings and feedback received, and secondly, seek comfort on the suggested changes to the draft Waterfront Precinct Plan based on feedback received and lastly, go over the next steps.

Injoo Riehl commenced a presentation which covered the plan development process, online survey results, social media articles, stakeholder feedback, issues

and opportunities, Hapū/hapori Maori engagement, refinement of the draft plan, relationship building and ongoing collaboration and next steps.

The second round of engagement period began 2 June 2021, ending 30 June 2021 and yielded overwhelmingly supportive feedback, with a few minor adjustments and refinements to be made.

Questions and feedback from Elected Members included:

- *How have you been dealing with different hapus who have authority rights over the Hatea River, and determining who has rights?* Injoo Riehl said initially she looked to internal staff advisers and used the forum of Te Huinga to provide updates. Based on advice received, the main hapus of interest are Te Parawhau and Ngati Kahu o Torongare. The second round of engagement approach requested from hapu was to form a kaumatua roopu, this process was hapū-led. In addition, this process has been collaborative and inclusive.
- An Elected Member felt more direction from hapū around wants and needs is required for the plan.
- An Elected Member suggested Richard (Dick) Shepherd is a key person and should be involved in providing feedback.
- An Elected Member said road planning, especially for big vehicles, needs to be considered. The Transport Forum should be engaged, and direction sought from them around this.
- In response to a question, Injoo Riehl said she has tried to liaise with the Chamber of Commerce but has so far been unable to workshop with them.
- *Her Worship noted of the 58 actions to be done across various groups, there are 24 noted as priority based on feedback from Elected Members. How do we develop an action plan from this and turn those priorities into action?* Injoo Riehl referenced the action register within the agenda, which detailed the action and responsible group/person. The actions that can be done quickly can be gathered and a snapshot provided in the final plan.
- An Elected Member felt the plan was not bold enough with regards to Council wanting waterfront living in the future
- In response to a question, Injoo Riehl said the draft Waterfront Precinct Plan does acknowledge climate change and refers to a Climate Change Impact Assessment which will be important for informing future decisions, projects, infrastructure and development around the waterfront.
- An Elected Member suggested more changing rooms be added to the Town Basin shared walkway to encourage more people to the waterfront.
- Injoo Riehl said the next steps were refinement of the final draft plan which will then be presented to Council in early October 2021 for review by Elected Members and finally adoption of the plan at the next Council meeting in October 2021.

Cr Cutforth joined the meeting at 9:43am.

- Injoo Riehl said if Elected Members can get feedback to her from groups such as the Chamber of Commerce by 17 September 2021, more changes can be made to the draft plan if required.
- Her Worship said the plan is now public and is keen for Elected Members to encourage people within their own networks to provide feedback on the draft plan.
- Her Worship summarised that there was considerable support and encouragement from Elected Members to keep moving forward with the process.

3. Closure of Meeting

The briefing concluded at 9:50am.