



MINUTES

WEDNESDAY 7 MAY 2014

9.17 am – 11.48 am

(Public Excluded 11.38am – 11.48am)

**Committee Room One
Ground Floor, Council Offices
101 Wakefield Street
Wellington**

PRESENT:

Mayor Wade-Brown	9.17am – 11.48am
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer	9.17am – 11.48am
Councillor Coughlan	9.17am – 11.48am
Councillor Eagle	9.17am – 11.48am
Councillor Foster	9.17am – 9.42am
	9.49am - 11.48am
Councillor Free	9.17am – 11.48am
Councillor Lester	9.17am – 11.48am
Councillor Lee	9.17am – 11.48am
Councillor Marsh	9.17am – 11.48am
Councillor Pannett	9.17am – 11.48am
Councillor Peck	9.17am – 11.48am
Councillor Ritchie	9.17am – 10.03am
	10.04am – 11.48am
Councillor Sparrow	9.17am – 11.48am
Councillor Woolf	9.17am – 11.48am
Councillor Young	9.17am – 11.48am

APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Mayor Wade-Brown, seconded Councillor Free

RESOLVED:

THAT Council:

- 1. Approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 2 April 2014, having been circulated, that they be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of that meeting.*

Voting for: Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Coughlan, Eagle, Foster, Free, Lee, Lester, Marsh, Pannett, Peck, Ritchie, Sparrow, Woolf and Young.

Voting against: Nil

Majority Vote: 15:0

CARRIED

APW AWARDS

Mayor Wade-Brown presented Absolutely Positively Wellingtonian awards to Tony Catford and Nick Tansley.

Tony Catford

It is my pleasure to present an Absolutely Positively Wellingtonian Award to Tony Catford, also known as The Duke of Wellington.

He has been adding flair to the city since Sir Michael Fowler's time as Mayor.

Absolutely Positively Wellingtonian Awards are a way the Council honours members of our community who make significant contributions to the city.

The Duke poses a striking figure, decked out in red, black and of course a fair amount of gold braid. He has brought style to many of Wellington's events throughout the years.

Tony Catford has held the position of "Duke of Wellington" for more than 30 years. The Council and the city, thanks the Duke for his efforts, and congratulates him on his achievements.

I am proud to declare Tony Catford, The Duke of Wellington an Absolutely Positively Wellingtonian.

Nick Tansley

This citation is to confirm an Absolutely Positively Wellingtonian Award to Nick Tansley who has contributed to the city by keeping us entertained for over 30 years.

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In the early 80's Nick moved to Wellington and played rock in hotels throughout the region and country. Touring the same circuit at the time were Billy T James, Jon Stevens and James Gaylon. Nick is part of the fabric of our creative capital and New Zealand's musical heritage.

Nick has also been a part of New Zealand's broadcasting history. He has spent over 20 years on the radio. His voice greeted thousands of Wellingtonians as they started their day first on ZM, then More FM and now he is a regular on the Good Morning Show.

Nick's positive attitude, tuneful voice and professional presentation has served him well on the radio, stage, and screen. He has been a talented ambassador and champion of Wellington and I am pleased to recognise his efforts.

Hosting some of New Zealand's most popular TV shows like "It's In the Bag" Nick has brought a smile to thousands of New Zealanders. One of the most important contributions Nick has made to the city is Nick's leadership of "Carols by Candlelight".

Nick's effervescent disposition has been ingrained in the capital's entertainment and community event sector for decades. I am very proud to declare Nick an Absolutely Positively Wellingtonian.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Martin Luff and Danny Squires of Space Craft Systems Ltd presented the Council with an overview of the WikiHouse project. A copy of the presentation and DVD are available on request.

(Councillor Foster left the meeting at 9.42am)

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

No announcements were made by Mayor Wade-Brown.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

No conflicts of interest were declared.

General Business

DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE QUARTERLY REPORT: MARCH 2014

Report of Julie Sleep, Secretary District Licensing Committee (REPORT 1)

Moved Councillor Eagle, seconded Councillor Young

(Councillor Foster returned to the meeting at 9.49am)

RESOLVED:

THAT Council:

1. *Receive the information.*

Voting for: Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Coughlan, Eagle, Foster, Free, Lee, Lester, Marsh, Pannett, Peck, Ritchie, Sparrow, Woolf and Young

Voting against: Nil

Majority Vote: 15:0

CARRIED

EXEMPTION OF A COUNCIL CONTROLLED ORGANISATION FROM THE STATUTORY MONITORING REGIME: THE HUTT MINOH HOUSE FRIENDSHIP TRUST

Report of Richard Hardie, Portfolio Manager, CCOs and Maree Henwood, Portfolio Manager, CCOs (REPORT 2)

Moved Councillor Lester, seconded Councillor Ahipene-Mercer

RESOLVED:

THAT Council:

1. *Receive the information.*

2. *Agree in accordance with the provisions of Section 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 to treat the Hutt Minoh House Friendship Trust as an exempted organisation for the purpose of compliance with Section 6(4)(i) of the same Act.*

Voting for: Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Coughlan, Eagle, Foster, Free, Lee, Lester, Marsh, Pannett, Peck, Ritchie, Sparrow, Woolf and Young

Voting against: Nil

Majority Vote: 15:0

CARRIED

**REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE, FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING TUESDAY, 15 APRIL 2014: RECOMMENDED ADOPTION OF THE
2014/15 ANNUAL PLAN AND AMENDMENTS TO THE RATES REMISSION
POLICY** (REPORT 3)

Moved Mayor Wade-Brown, seconded Councillor Ritchie the following motion including the attached tabled items:

- Replacement Project and Programme Budgets as Appendix 1
- Replacement page 146 of the Annual Plan (Rates Remission Policy) as Appendix 2

That Council:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Note that the 2014/15 draft Annual Plan, Rating Remissions Policy and Development Contributions Policy was consulted on using the special consultative procedure from 11 February to 11 March 2014.*
3. *Note that the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee considered the issues raised in written and oral submissions at its meeting of 15 April 2014.*
4. *Note that the 2014/15 Annual Plan has been prepared based on the decisions and recommendations of the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee meeting of 15 April 2014.*
5. *Agree to amend the Rates Remission Policy to provide for:*
 - a. *Partial remission of rates for buildings where remedial works result in their removal from the Earthquake Prone Building List*
 - b. *Remission of sector based targeted rates on property under development, including property undertaking earthquake strengthening, where these works preclude occupancy of the building.*

(Note that the Rates Remission Policy is included in the Annual Plan and amended by replacement page 146 tabled at the meeting as Appendix 2.)

6. *Note the project and programme budgets (replacement Appendix 1 attached) have been updated from those adopted at the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee on 15 April 2014 to reflect the re-allocation of overhead costs, due to the in-sourcing of parking services and Wellington Waterfront activities.*
7. *Agree that having due regard to the requirements of section 100 of the Local Government Act 2002, the Council's Financial Strategy and the Revenue and Financing Policy it is financially prudent not to set a level of operating revenue that meets the projected operating expenses of Council, due to the items outlined in 8 below.*

8. *Agree that for 2014/15 it is financially prudent to forecast a surplus of \$26.385m, comprising:*

	Annual Plan 2014/15
	\$000
EXPENDITURE NOT FUNDED UNDER SECTION 100 OF LGA	
NZTA Transport funded projects	(7,860)
General	(4,000)
Clearwater sewerage treatment plant	(3,226)
Decommissioned Living Earth joint venture plant	(235)
Wellington Waterfront Limited Depreciation	(4,294)
TOTAL EXPENDITURE NOT FUNDED UNDER SECTION 100 OF LGA	(19,615)
REVENUE RECEIVED FOR CAPITAL PURPOSES	
NZTA capital funding	11,194
Housing ring-fenced surplus	(3,378)
Housing grant	32,036
Development contributions	2,000
Bequests, trust and other external funding	749
TOTAL REVENUE RECEIVED FOR CAPITAL PURPOSES	42,601
ITEMS FUNDED FROM PRIOR YEAR SURPLUSES	
Wellington Waterfront Limited interest	(559)
Economic Development Fund	(3,554)
TOTAL ITEMS FUNDED FROM PRIOR YEAR SURPLUS	(4,113)
ADDITIONAL ITEMS	
Self-insurance	750
Weathertight Homes funding	6,662
Waste minimisation activity	124
Reserves purchases and development fund	(24)
TOTAL ADDITIONAL ITEMS	7,512
TOTAL SURPLUS	26,385

9. *Agree new borrowings of up to \$47.464 million to fund capital expenditure (including forecast carried forward capital expenditure) and loans for the 2014/15 year.*
10. *Agree that the general rate differential for 2014/15 be set at a level where commercial, industrial and business properties pay 2.8 times the amount of general rate per dollar of capital value than properties incorporated in the Base (residential) differential which is consistent with the Long-term Plan.*
11. *Agree to include in the 2014/15 Annual Plan a targeted rate totalling \$80,000 to be applied to the commercial rated properties in the Miramar Business Improvement District Area.*

12. *Note that the rates for the year commencing on 1 July 2014 and concluding on 30 June 2015 need to be set by Council in accordance section 23 and 24 of the Local Government Rating Act, at the Council meeting of 18 June 2014.*
13. *Adopt the 2014/15 Annual Plan with a replacement page 146 (attached as Appendix 2).*
14. *Delegate to the Chief Executive and the Mayor the authority to make editorial changes that arise as part of the publication process, changes to give effect to decisions made at this Council meeting of 7 May 2014, and to include the rates information to be resolved by Council at the meeting on 18 June 2014.*

Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Young, the following amendment:

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 10.03am)
 (Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 10.04am)

THAT Council:

Add a new paragraph 5c to the motion and include text to the note as follows:

- 5c *Extend the rates relief to owners of listed buildings (in the heritage chapter of the Wellington City Council District Plan) to 5 years.*

(Note that the Rates Remission Policy is included in the Annual Plan and amended by replacement page 146 tabled at the meeting as Appendix 2 and the consequential changes to give effect to 5c above circulated at the meeting as Appendix 3.)

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.29am
 The meeting reconvened following morning tea at 10.50am

The amendment was put:

Voting for: Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillors Coughlan, Foster, Free, Lee, Lester, Pannett, Ritchie, Sparrow, Woolf and Young

Voting against: Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Eagle, Marsh and Peck

Majority Vote: 11:4

CARRIED

RESOLVED

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Voting against: Nil

Majority Vote: 15:0

CARRIED

***REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE, FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
Meeting Tuesday 15 April 2014: Development Contributions Policy – Adoption of
Amendments to Policy (REPORT 4)***

Moved Councillor Lester, seconded Councillor Coughlan

RESOLVED

THAT Council:

- 1. Agree to the amendments to the Development Contributions policy as resolved at the meeting of the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee meeting of 15 April 2014.*
- 2. Agree to delegate authority for approving payment delay applications and associated security requirements for development contributions to the Chief Financial Officer.*
- 3. Agree to delegate authority for approving remission applications based on Green Star certification or equivalent ratings to the Chief Executive Officer.*

Voting for: Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Coughlan, Free, Lee, Lester, Marsh, Pannett, Sparrow, Woolf and Young

Voting against: Councillors Eagle, Foster, Peck and Ritchie

Majority Vote: 11:4

CARRIED

RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Moved Mayor Wade-Brown, seconded Councillor Ahipene-Mercer

RESOLVED

THAT Council:

1. Pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, resolve that the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

Report 5 - Appointment to Council Controlled Organisation: Capacity Infrastructure Services Ltd

Grounds: Section 48(1)(a) that public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section.

Reason: Section 7(2)(a) protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

Voting for: Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Coughlan, Eagle, Foster, Free, Lee, Lester, Marsh, Pannett, Peck, Ritchie, Sparrow, Woolf and Young

Voting against: Nil

Majority Vote: 15:0

CARRIED

The meeting went into public excluded session at 11.38am.

For item 5, please see the public excluded minutes.

The meeting concluded at 11.48am.

Confirmed: _____

Chair
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