
MINUTES

THURSDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2010

9.17AM – 10.34AM

10.46AM – 12.39PM

1.10PM – 1.29PM

1.34PM – 2.04PM

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

PRESENT:

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| Mayor Prendergast | (9.17am-10.34am, 10.46am-12.39pm, 1.10pm-1.29pm, 1.34pm-2.04pm) |
| Councillor Ahipene-Mercer | (9.17am-10.34am, 10.46am-12.39pm, 1.10pm-1.29pm, 1.34pm-2.04pm) |
| Councillor Best | (9.17am-10.34am, 10.46am-11.57am, 12.00pm-12.39pm, 1.10pm-1.29pm, 1.34pm-2.04pm) |
| Councillor Cook | (9.17am-10.34am, 10.46am-12.00pm, 12.03pm-12.39pm, 1.10pm-1.29pm, 1.34pm-2.04pm) |
| Councillor Coughlan | (9.17am-10.34am, 10.47am-12.39pm, 1.12pm-1.29pm, 1.34pm-2.04pm) |
| Councillor Foster (Chair) | (9.17am-10.34am, 10.46am-12.39pm, 1.10pm-1.29pm, 1.34pm-2.04pm) |
| Councillor Gill | (9.17am-10.34am, 10.50am-12.28pm, 12.32pm-12.39pm, 1.11pm-1.29pm, 1.34pm-2.04pm) |
| Councillor Goulden | (9.17am-10.34am, 10.46am-12.00pm, 1.10pm-1.29pm, 1.34pm-2.04pm) |
| Councillor McKinnon (Deputy Chair) | (9.17am-10.34am, 10.47am-12.39pm, 1.10pm-1.29pm, 1.34pm-2.04pm) |
| Councillor Morrison | (9.17am-10.34am, 10.47am-12.39pm, 1.10pm-1.29pm, 1.34pm-2.04pm) |
| Councillor Pannett | (9.17am-10.34am, 10.46am-12.09pm, 12.16pm-12.39pm, 1.10pm-1.29pm, 1.34pm-2.04pm) |
| Councillor Pepperell | (9.17am-10.34am, 10.48am-11.58am, 12.02pm-12.39pm, 1.10pm-1.29pm, 1.34pm-1.59pm, 2.01pm-2.04pm) |
| Councillor Ritchie | (9.17am-10.34am, 10.47am-12.07pm, 12.08pm-12.39pm, 1.12pm-1.29pm, 1.34pm-2.04pm) |
| Councillor Wade-Brown | (9.17am-10.34am, 10.46am-12.39pm, 1.10pm-1.29pm, 1.34pm-2.04pm) |
| Councillor Wain | (9.17am-10.34am, 10.46am-12.39pm, 1.10pm-1.29pm, 1.34pm-2.04pm) |

IN ATTENDANCE (DEMOCRATIC SERVICES):

Svea Cunliffe-Steel, City Secretary
Keegan Bartlett, Committee Advisor

015/10P **APOLOGIES**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There were no apologies.

016/10P **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

1. Councillor McKinnon declared conflicts in relation to Report Four – Charles Plimmer Bequest Forward Programme, and Report Five – Heritage Grants, for the grant relating to 100 Hobson Street.
2. Mayor Prendergast declared a conflict in relation to Report Five – Heritage Grants, for the grant relating to Augusta Apartments.

017/10P **DEPUTATIONS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There were no deputations.

018/10P **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

1. Councillor Judith Aitken addressed the Committee in relation to Report Two – Issues Paper – Options for a Liquor Ban. Ms Aitken noted that she supported the request for a liquor ban and praised Wellington City Council's prompt response to the issues raised by the community. Ms Aitken discussed the high cost of alcohol-related health problems and hospital admissions and felt that a liquor ban would go some way to reducing these costs. Ms Aitken explained that Capital and Coast District Health Board have been collating data to source where alcohol-related admissions to hospital are coming from. This research has recently been used by the Accident Compensation Corporation. Ms Aitken noted that she intends to encourage other local authorities to introduce liquor bans.

2. Mr Tom Law addressed the Committee in relation to Report Two – Issues Paper – Options for a Liquor Ban. Mr Law explained that despite talk of a city-wide liquor ban, the problem identified by Newtown residents was one that required a Newtown solution. Mr Law noted that he has been involved in discussions regarding a liquor ban in Newtown since 2007 and requested prompt action to find a solution. Mr Law disagreed with reports that displacement of the problem was an issue as the central business district liquor ban had not shown up the same individuals who now inhabit Newtown. Mr Law explained that in excess of 100 people from Newtown attended the community meeting last week and all of those who voted, voted in favour of a liquor ban for Newtown. Mr Law noted that he had been in contact with Parliament and the Law Commission, and does not feel that waiting for central government to act would deliver the prompt solution requested by the people of Newtown.
3. Mr Tom White addressed the Committee in relation to Report Two – Issues Papers – Options for a Liquor Ban. Mr White works as a community worker in a community organisation. Mr White was opposed to both a city-wide and Newtown-specific liquor ban. He felt that a liquor ban was a short-term solution and despite some assertions, there was no proof that it would not displace the liquor problems in the suburb. Mr White noted that a liquor ban would further isolate the individuals who were already isolated from the rest of the community. Mr White was concerned that a liquor ban would criminalise social behaviours, instead of addressing the underlying issues that were raised at the Newtown community meeting. Mr White explained that New Zealand spends \$85 million per week on alcohol, and questioned why it is acceptable to host alcohol-fuelled events but prohibit alcohol for around fifty poor people in Newtown. Mr White noted that he would be supportive of a liquor ban if it was put in place after consulting the at-risk community and alongside additional resources to find solutions to the liquor problems. He feels it is appropriate to wait for the outcome of the consideration of the issue by the Law Commission President, Sir Geoffrey Palmer.
4. Mr Bernie Harris addressed the Committee in relation to a number of issues contained in the meeting's agenda. Mr Harris noted his previous discussions with Wellington City Council regarding the problems with liquor in Newtown. Mr Harris queried why Shorland Park had been left off the Charles Plimmer Bequest Forward Programme discussion contained in Report Four. Mr Harris praised Wellington City Council's quarterly report (Report Three) and noted that it was the best financial report he had seen from the Council. Mr Harris noted that when considering heritage grants (Report Five), the Committee should keep in mind the source of the heritage grants when allocating the large amounts of money.

5. Ms Charlie Dickson and Ms Leanne Toledo addressed the Committee in relation to their proposal to ban smoking in parks and public places. Ms Dickson and Ms Toledo tabled a report calling for action on addressing the negative externalities of cigarette smoking. Ms Dickson had run a petition to ban smoking along Wellington's 'Golden Mile' on the Wellington City Council's ePetition system that gained 672 signatures. She noted that another ePetition, launched to directly contradict her own petition, had only achieved 30 signatures. Ms Toledo noted that smoking is the single largest preventative cause of death in New Zealand, and it required leadership from local council to discourage smoking.

TABLED, 'Smokefree Outdoor Public Places: Proposal to Wellington City Council Strategy and Policy Committee', labelled 5PP/180210.

019/10P **PETITIONS**
(1215/52/IM)

Ms Charlie Dickson presented a petition to ban smoking along the city's 'Golden Mile'. The petition contained 672 signatures.

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Wade-Brown, the motion that the Committee receives the petition and refers it to officers to inform their work.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receives the petition and refers it to officers to inform their work.*

020/10P **ORAL SUBMISSION ON THE PROPOSED (9.50am-9.58am)**
DISPOSAL OF 224 KARORI ROAD, KARORI, WELLINGTON
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 1)

NOTED:

1. Mr Tony Ramsay spoke to the Committee regarding the written submission jointly signed by Mr and Mrs Ramsay and their neighbour Mrs Heinemann. He noted that they jointly own the driveway also used to access the property currently owned by Wellington City Council at 224 Karori Road. Mr Ramsay noted that until recently, the Council had leased this building to a kohanga reo. During the period of the lease, Mr and Mrs Ramsay and Mrs Heinemann experienced a number of occasions where the shared driveway was blocked by vehicles from the kohanga reo using it to park. Mr Ramsay noted that the Council has contributed evenly to costs associated with maintaining the driveway, but was looking for the Committee, in its

consideration of the Council disposing the property, to remove its right of passage along the shared driveway.

The Chair, Councillor Foster, advised Mr Ramsay and the Committee that this matter is scheduled to be discussed by the Strategy and Policy Committee at its meeting of 11 March 2010.

021/10P **ISSUES PAPER – OPTIONS FOR A LIQUOR BAN (9.58am-11.57am)**
 Report of Wendy Walker, Director – Citizen Engagement
 (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 2)

Moved Councillor Best, seconded Mayor Prendergast, the substantive motion.

Moved Councillor Ritchie the following amendment:

New recommendation six:

‘Agree that a 24/7 liquor ban is the appropriate option and request that officers prepare reports to allow this.’

The amendment moved by Councillor Ritchie was not accepted by the Chair as it was outside of the scope of the report before the Committee.

(The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.34am.)

(The meeting reconvened at 10.46am.)

(Mayor Prendergast, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Foster, Goulden, Pannett, Wade-Brown and Wain were present when the meeting reconvened.)

(Councillors Coughlan, McKinnon, Morrison and Ritchie returned to the meeting at 10.47am.)

(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 10.48am.)

(Councillor Gill returned to the meeting at 10.50am.)

The substantive motion recommendations one through to four were put and declared CARRIED.

The substantive motion recommendation five was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Note three options for a liquor ban; the status quo, a 24/7 ban across the city and a 24/7 ban in Newtown.*

3. *Note officers are seeking guidance from the Committee as to further work on a possible extension to the liquor ban.*
4. *Note further work is required to develop a statement of proposal if an amendment to the bylaw is proposed.*
5. *Agree that officers do further work to develop a statement of proposal for a city wide liquor ban.*

NOTED:

Councillor Pannett requested that her dissenting vote to recommendation five be recorded.

(Councillor Best left the meeting at 11.57am.)

022/10P **QUARTERLY REPORT (OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2009)** (11.57am-12.39pm)
 Report of Nicky Blacker, Manager, Financial Accounting
 (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 3)

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 11.58am.)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor McKinnon, the substantive motion.

(Councillors Cook and Goulden left the meeting at 12.00pm.)

(Councillor Best returned to the meeting at 12.00pm.)

(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 12.02pm.)

(Councillor Cook returned to the meeting at 12.03pm.)

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 12.07pm.)

(Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 12.08pm.)

(Councillor Pannett left the meeting at 12.09pm.)

(Councillor Pannett returned to the meeting at 12.16pm.)

(Councillor Gill left the meeting at 12.28pm.)

(Councillor Gill returned to the meeting at 12.32pm.)

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*

(The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.39pm.)

(The meeting reconvened at 1.10pm.)

(Mayor Prendergast, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Foster, Goulden, McKinnon, Morrison, Pannett, Pepperell, Wade-Brown and Wain were present when the meeting reconvened.)

(Councillor Gill returned to the meeting at 1.11pm.)

023/10P **CHARLES PLIMMER BEQUEST FORWARD PROGRAMME** (1.12pm-1.56pm)

Report of Michael Oates, Manager, Open Space and Recreation Planning
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 4)

(Councillor McKinnon advised he had a conflict and withdrew from voting.)

(Councillors Coughlan and Ritchie returned to the meeting at 1.12pm.)

Moved Councillor Wade-Brown, seconded Councillor Pannett, the substantive motion, amended as follows:

Amendment to recommendation 2(a) and new recommendations 2(d) and 2(e):

2. Recommends that Council:
 - (a) Agree up to \$75,000 of the Charles Plimmer Bequest be spent on CBD Beautification in 2010/2011, **noting that median strips are not eligible.**
 - (d) **Agree to spend up to \$850,000 of the Charles Plimmer Bequest on the five parks in Tawa (Porirua Stream cycleway and walkway) over 2010/11 and 2011/12.**
 - (e) **Note that officers will report back to the Strategy and Policy Committee on funding options for strategic cycleways and walkways.**

Moved Councillor Best, seconded Councillor Ritchie, the following amendment to recommendation 2(d) and 2(e):

- (d) **Agree to investigate for consideration from future Charles Plimmer Bequest funding the five parks in Tawa project.** ~~to spend up to \$850,000 of the Charles Plimmer Bequest on the five parks in Tawa (Porirua Stream cycleway and walkway) over 2010/11 and 2011/12.~~
- (e) ~~Note that officers will report back to the Strategy and Policy Committee on funding options for strategic cycleways and walkways.~~

Moved from the Chair the following amendment to the motion moved by Councillor Best, seconded by Ritchie:

‘Agree, **in principle**, to investigate for consideration from future Charles Plimmer Bequest funding the five parks in Tawa project.

The amendment to the motion was ACCEPTED with the leave of the meeting.

(The meeting adjourned at 1.29pm.)

(The meeting reconvened at 1.34pm.)

(Mayor Prendergast, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Coughlan, Foster, Gill, Goulden, McKinnon, Morrison, Pannett, Pepperell, Ritchie, Wade-Brown and Wain were present when the meeting reconvened.)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Mayor Prendergast, the motion to suspend Standing Order 157 to allow Councillor Best to move a second amendment to the motion before the Committee.

The motion to suspend Standing Order 157 was put and declared CARRIED unanimously.

Councillor Best's amendment was withdrawn by leave.

Moved Councillor Best, seconded Councillor Ritchie, the following amendment to recommendation 2(d):

'Agree to investigate for consideration from future Charles Plimmer Bequest funding, the five parks in Tawa project, subject to a report back by officers addressing the funding available and the relationship to councils and the New Zealand Transport Agency's strategic cycleway and walkway priorities to spend up to \$850,000 of the Charles Plimmer Bequest on the five parks in Tawa (Porirua Stream cycleway and walkway) over 2010/11 and 2011/12.'

The amendment moved by Councillor Best, seconded by Councillor Ritchie, was ACCEPTED with the leave of the meeting.

Moved Councillor Coughlan, seconded Councillor Morrison, the following amendment:

New recommendation 2(e):

'Request that officers reinstate Lyall Bay beautification into Wellington City Council's current list.'

Leave was given for the amendment moved by Councillor Coughlan, seconded by Councillor Morrison to be edited as follows:

'Request that officers reinstate Lyall Bay beautification into Wellington City Council's ~~current~~ **updated** list.'

The motion for a new recommendation 2(e), as amended, was put and a DIVISION called.

Voting For: Mayor Prendergast, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Coughlan, Gill, Goulden, Morrison, Pepperell, Wade-Brown and Wain.

Voting Against: Councillors Foster, Pannett and Ritchie.

Majority Vote: 11:3

The motion for a new recommendation 2(e), as amended, was declared CARRIED.

The substantive motion, as amended, was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receives the information.*
2. *Recommends that Council:*
 - (a) *Agree up to \$75,000 of the Charles Plimmer Bequest be spent on CBD Beautification in 2010/2011, **noting that median strips are not eligible.***
 - (b) *Agree up to \$400,000 of the Charles Plimmer Bequest be spent on the Point Dorset/Breaker Bay Restoration between 2010/2011 and 2011/2012.*
 - (c) *Consults on future project ideas to be funded by the Charles Plimmer Bequest during the 2012 – 2022 Long-Term Council Community Plan.*
 - (d) *Agree to investigate for consideration from future Charles Plimmer Bequest funding, the five parks in Tawa project, subject to a report back by officers addressing the funding available and the relationship to councils and the New Zealand Transport Agency's strategic cycleway and walkway priorities.*
 - (e) *Request that officers reinstate Lyall Bay beautification into Wellington City Council's updated list.*

NOTED:

The resolution differs from the recommendations in the officer's report as follows:

The Committee added the text in **bold**.

(Councillor McKinnon returned to the table.)

024/10P **HERITAGE GRANTS** (1.56pm-2.04pm)
 Report of Alexandra Teague, Heritage Architect
 (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 5)

Moved Councillor Wain, seconded Councillor Foster, the substantive motion, amended as follows:

Amendment to recommendation two, part six in relation to Erskine College, and new recommendations three:

2. Agree to the allocation of grants and associated conditions to applicants in the November 2009 round of the Built Heritage Incentive Fund, as assessed by Council officers, as follows:

| Project | Grant Proposed |
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| (6) Erskine College, 25-31 Avon St, Island Bay Description: Seismic strengthening report. The grant will be offered on the condition that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A conservation architect is consulted for input in the design and review stages of the proposed work if supported by a Built Heritage Incentive Fund grant. | \$10,000 |
| Total | \$68,400 \$58,400 |

3. **Note that in the case of the Erskine College application (project number six), that further assessment work is required by officers. On completion of this work, the application for funding will be reported back to the Strategy and Policy Committee for consideration.**

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 1.59pm.)

(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 2.01pm.)

The substantive motion recommendation one was put and declared CARRIED.

(Mayor Prendergast advised she had a conflict and withdrew from voting.)

The substantive motion recommendation two, part one in relation to Augusta Apartments, was put and declared CARRIED.

(Mayor Prendergast returned to the table.)

The substantive motion recommendation two, parts two through to four, were put and declared CARRIED.

The substantive motion recommendation two, part five in relation to St Gerard's Monastery, was put and declared CARRIED.

(Councillors Goulden and McKinnon advised they had a conflict and withdrew from voting.)

The substantive motion recommendation two, part seven in relation to the house at 100 Hobson Street, was put and declared CARRIED.

(Councillors Goulden and McKinnon returned to the table.)

The substantive motion, recommendation three was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to the allocation of grants and associated conditions to applicants in the November 2009 round of the Built Heritage Incentive Fund, as assessed by Council officers, as follows:*

| <i>Project</i> | <i>Grant Proposed</i> |
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| <p><i>(1) Augusta Apartments, 254 Willis Street, Te Aro</i></p> <p><i>Description: Manufacture and testing of a prototype steel window required for the remediation of the building.</i></p> <p><i>The grant will be offered on the condition that:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>A conservation architect is engaged for input during the process, as set out in R & D Architects' letter to Tony Minchin dated 15 November 2009 and included in the grant application.</i> | <p><i>\$15,000</i></p> |
| <p><i>(2) Shed 22, Macs Bar, corner Cable Street and Taranaki Street</i></p> <p><i>Description: Critical waterproofing repairs to arrest damage to the building, and to make good the effects of the damage.</i></p> <p><i>No special conditions.</i></p> | <p><i>\$12,000</i></p> |

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| <p>(3) <i>St Johns Bar, 5 Cable Street, Te Aro</i></p> <p><i>Description: Critical waterproofing repairs to arrest water damage to the building, and to make good the effects of previous water damage.</i></p> <p><i>No special conditions.</i></p> | \$15,000 |
| <p>(4) <i>Jaycee Building, 99-101 Willis Street, Te Aro</i></p> <p><i>Description: Determine if this building is earthquake prone (engineer's report).</i></p> <p><i>The grant will be offered on the condition that:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>A conservation architect is consulted for input in the design and review stages of the proposed work if supported by a Built Heritage Incentive Fund grant.</i> | \$6,400 |
| <p>(5) <i>St Gerard's Monastery, 75 Hawker St, Mt Victoria</i></p> <p><i>Description: To restore, strengthen (including seismic strengthening) and undertake remedial maintenance on Saint Gerard's Church & Monastery.</i></p> <p><i>The grant will be offered on the condition that:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>A conservation architect is consulted for input in the design and review stages of the proposed work if supported by a Built Heritage Incentive Fund grant.</i> | \$10,000 |
| <p>(6) <i>Erskine College, 25-31 Avon St, Island Bay</i></p> <p><i>Description: Seismic strengthening report.</i></p> <p><i>The grant will be offered on the condition that:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>A conservation architect is consulted for input in the design and review stages of the proposed work if supported by a Built Heritage Incentive Fund grant.</i> | \$10,000 |
| <p>(7) <i>House, 100 Hobson Street, Thorndon</i></p> <p><i>Description: To re-roof house.</i></p> | \$0 |
| <p><i>Total</i></p> | <p>\$68,400 \$58,400</p> |

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