

ORDINARY MEETING

OF

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Time: 9.15am
Date: Thursday, 23 April 2015
Venue: Committee Room 1
Ground Floor, Council Offices
101 Wakefield Street
Wellington

PRESENT

Mayor Wade-Brown
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer
Councillor Foster
Councillor Free
Councillor Lee
Councillor Pannett (Chair)
Councillor Ritchie
Councillor Sparrow

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Eagle
Councillor Lester

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**of Water and Atmospheric Research Limited (New and
Exisitng Tenants)**

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1 Meeting Conduct

1.1 Apologies

No apologies were received.

1.2 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

1.3 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Foster

Resolved

That the Environment Committee:

Approve the minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on 19 March 2015, having been circulated, that they be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of that meeting.

Carried

1.4 Public Participation

1.4.1 Errol Greaves

Errol Greaves addressed the Environment Committee on his organisation's application to Our Living City Fund (Report 5.1)

1.4.2 Bev Abbott

Bev Abbott addressed the Environment Committee on the Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan (Report 3.1)

1.5 Items not on the Agenda

There were no items not on the agenda.

4. Monitoring

(Councillor Free entered the meeting at 09:23 am.)

(Councillor Lee entered the meeting at 09:23 am.)

(Councillor Ritchie entered the meeting at 09:28 am.)

(Mayor Wade-Brown entered the meeting at 09:33 am.)

4.1 2015/16 Draft Statements of Intent for Council Controlled Organisations

Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Lee

Resolved

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Note that the final Statement of Intent for the Wellington Zoo Trust should outline the requirements and timeframe for the Snow Leopards project in more detail.
3. Agree that the final Statement of Intent for the Karori Sanctuary Trust should, where possible, contain baseline data to 30 June 2015 and forecast data to 30 June 2018.
4. Agree that Council officers will work with the Wellington Zoo Trust and the Karori Sanctuary Trust to develop the final Statement of Intent for 2015/16 so as to address the items raised in this report and any further items raised by the Committee.

Carried

2. Petitions

2.1 More Fenced Dog Parks in Wellington Central

Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Sparrow

Recommendation

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receive the information.

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

That the Environment Committee:

2. **Note the distribution of fenced dog parks around the city and that parks in the inner city can be considered at a later date as part of the Long Term Plan.**

Carried

Resolved

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Note the distribution of fenced dog parks around the city and that parks in the inner city can be considered at a later date as part of the Long Term Plan.

Carried

(Mayor Wade-Brown left the meeting at 10:30 am.)

(The meeting adjourned at 10.31am for morning tea)

(The meeting reconvened at 11.46am)

(Councillors Foster, Pannett, Free and Sparrow were present when the meeting reconvened)

(Councillor Lee returned to the meeting at 10:47 am.)

(Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 10:47 am.)

(Mayor Wade-Brown returned to the meeting at 10:48 am.)

(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer returned to the meeting at 10:49 am.)

3. Policy

3.2 Proposed Camping Bylaw Amendments

Moved Councillor Ritchie, seconded Councillor Pannett

Recommendations

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Agree to consult on the following recommended changes (additions in bold) to Schedule One of clause 12 (Camping) of part 5 (Public Places) of the Wellington City Consolidated Bylaw 2008 (the Bylaws), to increase camping restrictions at the Te Kopahou Reserve car park:
 - The car park at Te Kopahou Reserve is situated at the western end of Owhiro Bay Parade. Marked parking spaces within the car park are available for freedom camping with restrictions. Freedom camping **is prohibited in all other areas including** in the area outside the car park entrance on the roadside verge is ~~prohibited~~.
 - Restrictions: **Certified self-contained vehicles only**, four nights maximum in a single calendar month.
3. Agree to adopt the Statement of Proposal attached (as Appendix 1) and to initiate the special consultative procedure under Section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002.
4. Agree the consultation period will run from 16 June to 17 July 2015.
5. Note that additional funding required for managing freedom camping will be considered as part of the final LTP deliberations.
6. Agree to delegate to the Chief Executive and the Chair of the Environment Committee, the authority to amend the proposed Statement of Proposal and associated consultation document, to include any amendments agreed by the Committee and any associated minor consequential edits.

Moved Mayor Wade-Brown, seconded Councillor Ahipene-Mercer, the following amendment:

That the Environment Committee:

5. **Agree that a short term camping ground be explored as a priority within the LTP and that** additional funding required for managing freedom camping will be considered as part of the final LTP deliberations.

Carried

Resolved

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 - Restrictions: Certified self-contained vehicles only, four nights maximum in a single calendar month.
3. Agree to adopt the Statement of Proposal attached (as Appendix 1) and to initiate the special consultative procedure under Section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002.
4. Agree the consultation period will run from 16 June to 17 July 2015.
5. Agree that a short term camping ground be explored as a priority within the LTP and that additional funding required for managing freedom camping will be considered as part of the final LTP deliberations.
6. Agree to delegate to the Chief Executive and the Chair of the Environment Committee, the authority to amend the proposed Statement of Proposal and associated consultation document, to include any amendments agreed by the Committee and any associated minor consequential edits.

Carried

(Councillor Sparrow left the meeting at 11:27 am.)

(Councillor Sparrow returned to the meeting at 11:34 am.)

3.3 Submission on Wellington Town Belt Bill

Moved Councillor Ritchie, seconded Councillor Pannett

Resolved

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Adopt the submission in Attachment 1 as the Council's primary formal submission to the Select Committee.
3. Agree to delegate to the Chief Executive and the Environment Portfolio Leader the authority to approve any minor editorial changes to the submission.
4. Agree to delegate to the Chief Executive and the Environment Portfolio Leader the ability to make further technical submissions and/or provide additional information to the Select Committee provided that such further submissions or information are consistent with the Council's primary formal submission.

Carried

5. Operational

5.3 Proposed New Lease and Licence under the Reserves Act 1977: Karori Sanctuary Trust and National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research Limited (New and Existing Tenants)

Moved Councillor Ritchie, seconded Councillor Pannett

Resolved

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receives the information.
2. Agrees to grant a new lease to the Karori Sanctuary Trust for the purposes of office space.
3. Notes that the Reserves Act 1977 does not apply to the above new lease to the Karori Sanctuary Trust. However, in the event that it did, public consultation would not be necessary as the land is not likely to be materially altered or permanently damaged and the rights of the public will not be affected.
4. Agrees to grant a new occupation licence to National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research for the purposes of data collection.
5. Notes that any approval to grant the above licence to National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research is conditional on:
 - a. appropriate iwi consultation;
 - b. public notification under s119 and s 120 Reserves Act 1977;
 - c. no sustained objections resulting from the above notification; and
 - d. legal and advertising costs being met by the Licensee (where applicable).

Carried

5.1 Our Living City Fund March 2015

Moved Councillor Ritchie, seconded Councillor Foster

Amended Officer's Recommendations

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Agree to fund the projects as listed below:

| | Organisation | Project/Event Title | Total Project Cost | Amount requested | Recommended | Comments |
|---|------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------|--|
| 1 | Aro Creative Inc | Keep Aro Valley Beautiful | \$400 | \$400 | \$0 | Council has systems in place for reporting waste and rubbish, lower priority given existing mechanisms |

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| | | | | | | and services already in place |
| 2 | Aro Creative Inc | OMB Eradication, Aro Valley | \$2,100 | \$2,100 | \$0 | Application no 5 aims to work with volunteers in same area to address weed control, Officers will discuss possible links |
| 3 | Aro Creative Inc | Bio-diesel plant | \$2,000 | \$2,000 | \$0 | Lower priority, application proposes feasibility study, Officers can discuss earlier efforts by commercial operators to set up local biodiesel projects. |
| 4 | EcoGecko Consultants | Developing novel trap methods for rare and cryptic lizards | \$15,388 | \$7,388 | \$0 | Limited local benefit and low fit with criteria, group can reapply for other projects relating to rare and protected lizards. |
| 5 | Epuni St/Tanera Gully Restoration Project-umbrella by Royal Forest And Bird Protection Society Of New Zealand Inc - Wellington Branch | Epuni St/Tanera Gully Restoration Project | \$6,910 | \$6,410 | \$6,410 | Good fit with fund criteria, local support, volunteers, tackles pests aims to restore to pre-European biodiversity |
| 6 | Frocks On Bikes | Wheel Stylish | \$8,900 | \$3,200 | \$0 | Lower priority, not a strong fit with natural |

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| | | | | | | environment criteria, social event |
| 7 | Grow Te Ahumairangi Forest umbrella by Conservation Volunteers New Zealand | Grow Te Ahumairangi Forest | \$7,650 | \$7,650 | \$475 | Officers liaising with this new group, needs MOU in place which will cover safety, maintenance, etc. Support for fertiliser, wind shelter and Volunteer Wellington registration. Council providing plants and can help with site signage, GPS. |
| 8 | Makara Peak Mountain Bike Park Supporters Inc | Karori Stream Weed Control | \$8,000 | \$8,000 | \$5,250 | Support for regeneration work on stream and catchment, high level of volunteer involvement, good fit with fund criteria |
| 9 | Onslow College | Waipahihi Restoration Project | \$1,156 | \$1,156 | \$1,156 | Support for removal of weeds around Waipahihi stream on walkway between Broadmeadows and Johnsonville, improving biodiversity of restoration site |
| 10 | Onslow College | Johnsonville Community Garden | \$3,575 | \$3,575 | \$1,750 | Support for community garden where students, individuals, families, different groups can grow their own food |
| 11 | Orientation Aotearoa Trust | Orientation Aotearoa | \$400,000 | \$10,000 | \$0 | Limited broad community involvement, once community projects |

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| | | | | | | are defined group can reapply in 2015/16 |
| 12 | Royal Forest And Bird Protection Society Of New Zealand Inc - Wellington Branch | Native Plant Restoration Group Nursery Project of Wellington branch of Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society | \$11,043 | \$7,193 | \$5514 | Contribution to important project which serves to support Council 'two million trees' goals - supply of native plants and trees to community organisations, updated budget provide |
| 13 | The Mt Crawford Community Gardens Trust/Board | The Mt Crawford Community Gardens | \$3,445 | \$2,665 | \$1,345 | Temporary agreement in place via LINZ for use of land, contribution to compost and insurance. |
| 14 | Wellington Natural Heritage Trust Inc | Facilitating Public Access to Long Gully Bush Reserve | \$6,300 | \$6,300 | \$6,300 | Supports biodiversity outcomes, volunteer involvement. Note- on 'public' access, the primary purpose of this project is to establish access for bait station lines, will help facilitate public access in the future. |
| | | Totals | | \$63,717 | \$28,200 | |

| Request for Contract Funding 2015 - 2018 | Current funding 14/15 | Amount requested (PA) | Recommended (PA) | Comments |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| The Sustainability Trust | \$45,810 | \$90,000 | \$50,000 | 2015-18 (three years), \$30,000 Our Living City Fund, \$20,000 Social and Recreation Fund |

Carried

5.2 Outcome of public notification - proposed reserve revocation, 23 Batchelor Street, Newlands

Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Free

Resolved

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receives the information.
2. Agrees to revoke the reserve status of 23 Batchelor Street, Newlands (**Land**) pursuant to the Reserves Act 1977 (**RA**).
3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to conclude all matters relating to the reserve revocation.

Recommends that the Council:

4. Does not uphold any of the objections.
5. Declares the Land surplus to requirements and approves the disposal of the Land.
6. Delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to take all actions necessary to dispose of the Land, including all matters relating to the Public Works Act 1981.

Notes:

- i) The consent of the Minister of Conservation is to be obtained, in relation to the reserve revocation, in accordance with the RA.
- ii) Any future use of the site would be guided by the 'Open Space A' zoning of the Land. If the land is to be disposed then a District Plan zone change will be initiated. The zone change process is fully notifiable providing interest groups a chance to have input.

Carried

Attachments

- 1 Tabled information - Karen McNamara

(Councillor Free left the meeting at 12:20 pm.)

(The meeting adjourned at 12.22pm for lunch)

(The meeting reconvened at 1.20pm)

(Councillors Foster, Pannett, Lee, Ritchie and Sparrow were present when the meeting reconvened)

3.1 Suburban Reserves Management Plan

Moved Councillor Ritchie, seconded Councillor Pannett

Recommendations

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Agree the changes to the draft management plan included as Attachment One in response to issues raised in submissions.

3. Recommend that the management plan included as Attachment Two be adopted as a management plan under Section 41 of the Reserves Act 1977.
4. Agree to delegate to the Chief Executive and the Environment Portfolio Leader the authority to make any changes to the Suburban Reserves Management Plan required as a result of decisions of the Environment Committee, as well as minor editorial amendments.
5. Resolve under Section 14 of the Reserves Act 1977, to declare the parcels of land described in Attachment 3 classified as reserve land according to each parcel's primary purpose.
6. Resolve under Section 24 of the Reserves Act 1977 that it considers that the parcels of land described in Attachment 4, currently held as reserve, should be reclassified to better reflect each parcel's primary purpose.

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Lee, the following amendment:
That the Environment Committee:

4. Recommend that the management plan included as **amended** Attachment Two be adopted as a management plan under Section 41 of the Reserves Act 1977 **with changes as follows**:
 - **2.2.9 (p56)**
 - **Add Policy: "Maximise use of facilities, consistent with primary purpose"**
 - **2.3.2 (p60)**
 - **Delete footnote on eco-sourcing.**
 - **3.1.3 (p71)**
 - **Remove 'action' and delete first sentence.**
 - **3.3.2 (p91)**
 - **Add action point: "If the Anne Street trig is no longer needed for water purposes it be vested as reserve"**
 - **3.4.2 (p103)**
 - **Add Messines Road Reservoir to be considered as part of how to address gaps in network.**
 - **Implementation plan (p210)**
 - **Change the priority of 3.2.3 to years 1 to 3.**

Carried

Resolved

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2. Agree the changes to the draft management plan included as Attachment One in response to issues raised in submissions.
3. Recommend that the management plan included as Attachment Two be adopted as a management plan under Section 41 of the Reserves Act 1977.
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6. Resolve under Section 24 of the Reserves Act 1977 that it considers that the parcels of land described in Attachment 4, currently held as reserve, should be reclassified to better reflect each parcel's primary purpose.

Carried

(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer returned to the meeting at 1:37 pm.)

(Councillor Free returned to the meeting at 1:45 pm.)

The meeting concluded at 1:52 pm.

Confirmed: _____
Chair