
MINUTES

THURSDAY 6 APRIL 2006

9.17AM

**Council Chamber
First Floor, Town Hall,
Wakefield Street
Wellington**

PRESENT:

Mayor Prendergast

Councillor Armstrong (Chair)

Councillor Ahipene-Mercer

Councillor Foster

Councillor Gill

Councillor Goulden

Councillor McKinnon

Councillor Morrison (9.17am – 3.03pm, 5.29 – 5.30pm)

Councillor Pepperell

Councillor Ruben

Councillor Shaw

Councillor Wade-Brown (9.23am – 3.15pm, 5.29 – 5.30pm)

Councillor Wain

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Cook

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Councillor Ritchie

062/06P **APOLOGIES**
(1215/52/IM)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Note Councillor Ritchie's leave of absence.*
2. *Accept apologies for absence from Councillor Cook.*
3. *Accept an apology from Ruth Paul, Chair – Makara/Ohariu Community Board.*

063/06P **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There were no conflicts of interest.

064/06P **MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION**
(1215/52/IM)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Approve the minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 9 March 2006 and Thursday 16 March 2006, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of those meetings.*

065/06P **DEPUTATION**
(1215/52/IM)

(Councillor Wade-Brown joined the meeting at 9.23am.)

NOTED:

Ralph Chapman and Erin Beer representing Option 3 addressed the meeting.

066/06P **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

1. Chris Horne addressed the meeting in relation to Report 1 – Council Position on the Western Corridor Plan. He urged the meeting not to support the proposed Transmission Gully route.
2. Barry Cook a resident of Plimmerton addressed the meeting in relation to Report 1 – Council Position on the Western Corridor Plan. He urged Council to support Transmission Gully to get the roading and communication spine that is so richly needed.
3. Diane Morris addressed the meeting in relation to Report 1 – Council Position on the Western Corridor Plan.
4. Ron England addressed the meeting in relation to Report 1 – Council Position on the Western Corridor Plan.
5. Spencer Chubb addressed the meeting in relation to Report 1 – Council Position on the Western Corridor Plan.
6. Chris Thomas representing the Falun Gong addressed the meeting in relation to Report 5 – Mayoral Delegation to China – November 2006.

(The meeting adjourned for Morning tea at 9.59am and reconvened at 10.20am.)

067/06C **COUNCIL POSITION ON THE WESTERN CORRIDOR PLAN**
Report of Garry Poole – Chief Executive Officer.
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 1)

Moved Mayor Prendergast, seconded Councillor Shaw, the substantive motion recommendations 1 and 2.

The substantive motion recommendation 1 was put and declared CARRIED.

The substantive motion recommendation 2 was put and declared CARRIED.

(The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.54pm and reconvened at 1.34pm.)

Moved Councillor Wade-Brown, seconded Councillor Pepperell the following amendment to substantive motion recommendation 4.

- “4. Agree to recommend to Council the following position on the Western Corridor Plan:

iii.) ~~In light of having agreed to the process and the clear public support, accept the main conclusion of the Hearings Subcommittee that Transmission Gully should proceed without delay.~~

iii(a) In light of public opposition and local environmental effects opposes a major coastal upgrade of the Coastal Highway.

iii(b) Due to its environmental and financial unsustainability, continue to oppose Transmission Gully.

vii) **Bring forward the Western Corridor public transport enhancements before the Western Corridor major roading projects.”**

The amendment new 4(iii)(a) was put and declared LOST.

The amendment new 4(iii)(b) was put and declared LOST.

The amendment new 4(vii) was put and a DIVISION called.

Voting for: Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Foster, Pepperell and Wade-Brown.

Voting against: Mayor Prendergast, Councillors Armstrong, Gill, Goulden, McKinnon, Morrison, Ruben, Shaw and Wain.

Majority vote: 4:9

The amendment new 4(vii) was declared LOST.

Moved Councillor Armstrong, seconded Councillor McKinnon, the following amendment to recommendation 4(iii).

“4(vii).In light of having agreed to the process and the clear public support, ~~accept~~ **that Council support** the main conclusion of the Hearings Subcommittee that Transmission Gully should proceed without delay.”

The amendment to 4(iii) was put and a DIVISION called.

Voting for: Councillors Armstrong, Goulden, McKinnon,
Morrison, Ruben and Wain.

Voting Against: Mayor Prendergast, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer,
Foster, Gill, Pepperell, Shaw and Wade-Brown.

Majority vote: 6:7

The amendment to 4(iii) was declared LOST.

Moved Councillor Foster seconded Councillor Ahipene-Mercer the following amendment to the substantive motion recommendation 4.

4. Agree to recommend to Council the following position on the Western Corridor Plan:

- (ii) Note the **public feedback on the Western Corridor study.**
- (iii) Note that while the Hearings Subcommittee has found that Transmission Gully performs poorly against existing benefit-cost ratio criteria, it takes a wider view and identifies the need to change funding criteria in the case of such “critical, strategic and special” projects.
- (iv) Note that the Hearings Subcommittee found that Transmission Gully had unique characteristics that warrant this status which might include:
 - its strategic importance to maintain a link between the North and South Islands and access to the Capital, a city vulnerable to earthquake risk;
 - its strategic importance as a project that supports the future growth of the region;
 - the scale of the project and unsuitability for staged construction which makes it difficult to accommodate in a 10 or even 20 year roading programme;
 - the difficult terrain for construction that potentially puts it beyond the means of the regional community.
- (v) Support Transit and Land Transport New Zealand developing a case for new funding criteria **to determine whether or not “critical, strategic and special” projects and any necessary changes to funding mechanisms and legislation with low benefit cost ratios should be funded.**
- (vi) **In light of having agreed to the process and the public feedback through the consultation process, accept subject to the provisions below, the main conclusion of the Hearings Subcommittee that Transmission Gully should proceed.**

- (a) That Transmission Gully should not be funded at the expense of essential **public transport and roading** projects required to meet the transport needs of all communities in the region and ensure their future growth and prosperity
- (b) That in particular, projects in the Ngauranga to Airport Corridor must not be compromised.
- (c) That in particular, the proposed Grenada to Hutt Valley link must not be compromised.
- (d) That concrete **regulatory land use controls and other mechanisms be introduced potentially including land ownership and binding access limitations to avoid generating urban sprawl by relevant local authorities** ~~assurances from local authorities along the new route to introduce regulatory controls and other measures to manage any impacts of urban sprawl.~~
- (e) **That mechanisms be urgently investigated to reduce induced traffic growth and avoid adverse impact on passenger transport patronage, including the investigation of congestion charging on the Western Corridor.**
- (f) **The early implementation of passenger transport projects in advance of the completion of Transmission Gully to help ensure public transport patronage is maintained and enhanced.**

- 5. **Request that Regional Land Transport Committee to consider seriously how to respond to the clear scientific threat of climate change in terms of reducing emissions.**
- 6. Agree that the Mayor convey the agreed position to the Regional Land Transport Committee meeting scheduled for 11 April 2006.”

The amendment to 4(ii) was put and declared LOST.

The amendment to 4(v) was put and declared CARRIED.

The amendment to 4(vi) was put and declared CARRIED on a show of hands. 7:6

The amendment to 4(vi)(a) was put and declared CARRIED.

The amendment to 4(vi)(d) was put and a DIVISION called.

Voting for: Mayor Prendergast, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Foster, Gill, Pepperell, Shaw, Wade-Brown and Wain.

Voting against: Councillors Armstrong, Goulden, McKinnon, Morrison and Ruben.

Majority vote: 8:5

The amendment to 4(vi)(d) was declared CARRIED.

The amendment to 4(vi)(e) was put and a DIVISION called

Voting for: Mayor Prendergast, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Foster, Gill, McKinnon, Pepperell, Shaw, Wade-Brown and Wain.

Voting against: Councillors Armstrong, Goulden, Morrison and Ruben.

Majority vote: 9:4

The amendment to 4(vi)(e) was declared CARRIED.

The amendment to 4(vi)(f) was put and a DIVISION called.

Voting for: Mayor Prendergast, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Foster, Gill, Pepperell, Shaw, Wade-Brown and Wain.

Voting against: Councillor Armstrong, Goulden, McKinnon and Ruben.

Majority vote: 8:5

The amendment to 4(vi)(f) was declared CARRIED.

The substantive motion recommendations 3, 4 (as amended), 5 (new) and 6 were put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED AND RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to review the Council's position on the Western Corridor Plan, last considered on 3 November 2005.*
3. *Note the new information received since the Committee last considered its position on the Western Corridor Plan on 3 November 2005 including:*

- *the Western Corridor Plan Hearings Subcommittee report dated March 2006*
 - *the Treasury report clarifying costings and packages dated February 2006*
 - *the Consenting Strategy report dated February 2006*
 - *the DMB Research Public Opinion Survey report dated February 2006.*
4. *Agree to recommend to Council the following position on the Western Corridor Plan:*
- (i) *Note Council agreed to the Hearings Subcommittee process to consider the Western Corridor options.*
 - (ii) *Note the overwhelming public support for Transmission Gully to proceed without delay.*
 - (iii) *Note that while the Hearings Subcommittee has found that Transmission Gully performs poorly against existing benefit-cost ratio criteria, it takes a wider view and identifies the need to change funding criteria in the case of such “critical, strategic and special” projects.*
 - (iv) *Note that the Hearings Subcommittee found that Transmission Gully had unique characteristics that warrant this status which might include:*
 - *its strategic importance to maintain a link between the North and South Islands and access to the Capital, a city vulnerable to earthquake risk;*
 - *its strategic importance as a project that supports the future growth of the region;*
 - *the scale of the project and unsuitability for staged construction which makes it difficult to accommodate in a 10 or even 20 year roading programme;*
 - *the difficult terrain for construction that potentially puts it beyond the means of the regional community.*
 - (v) *Support Transit and Land Transport New Zealand developing a case for new funding criteria **to determine whether or not “critical, strategic and special” projects with low benefit cost ratios should be funded.***
 - (vi) ***In light of having agreed to the process and the public feedback through the consultation process, accept subject to the provisions below, the main conclusion of the Hearings Subcommittee that Transmission Gully should proceed.***
 - (a) *That Transmission Gully should not be funded at the expense of essential **public transport and roading** projects*

required to meet the transport needs of all communities in the region and ensure their future growth and prosperity

- (b) *That in particular, projects in the Ngauranga to Airport Corridor must not be compromised.*
 - (c) *That in particular, the proposed Grenada to Hutt Valley link must not be compromised.*
 - (d) *That concrete **regulatory land use controls and other mechanisms be introduced potentially including land ownership and binding access limitations to avoid generating urban sprawl by relevant local authorities***
 - (e) *That **mechanisms be urgently investigated to reduce induced traffic growth and avoid adverse impact on passenger transport patronage, including the investigation of congestion charging on the Western Corridor.***
 - (f) *The **early implementation of passenger transport projects in advance of the completion of Transmission Gully to help ensure public transport patronage is maintained and enhanced.***
5. ***Request the Regional Land Transport Committee to consider seriously how to respond to the clear scientific threat of climate change in terms of reducing emissions.***
 6. *Agree that the Mayor convey the agreed position to the Regional Land Transport Committee meeting scheduled for 11 April 2006."*

NOTED:

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

The Committee added the text in bold.

(The meeting adjourned for afternoon tea at 3.03pm and reconvened at 3.12pm.)

(Councillor Morrison was not present when the meeting reconvened.)

068/06C **PROCEDURAL MOTION**
(1215/52/IM)

Moved Councillor Shaw, seconded Councillor Ruben that the Strategy and Policy Committee refer to Council for consideration Report 2

“Elected Member Remuneration: 2006/2007 Financial Year”, Report 3 “Representation Review: Consultation and Communications Plan”, Report 4 “Changes in Subcommittee Governance Arrangements and Appointment Matters” and Report 5 “Mayoral Delegation to China – November 2006”.

The procedural motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- 1. Refer to Council for consideration Report 2 “Elected Member Remuneration: 2006/2007 Financial Year”, Report 3 “Representation Review: Consultation and Communications Plan”, Report 4 “Changes in Subcommittee Governance Arrangements and Appointment Matters” and Report 5 “Mayoral Delegation to China – November 2006”.*

(The meeting adjourned at 3.15pm to reconvene at the conclusion of the Council meeting.)

The meeting reconvened at 5.29pm.

(Councillor Morrison was present when the meeting reconvened.)

069/06P **PROCEDURAL MOTION**
(1215/52/IM)

Moved Councillor Armstrong, seconded Mayor Prendergast that the Strategy and Policy Committee refer to the next meeting of the Committee Report 6 “Priority Sequence for Upgrading Community Parks”, Report 7 Sister Cities New Zealand 25th Anniversary Conference 2006, Wellington, 9-12 May 2006 - “Capitalising on the Gains”, Report 8 “Newlands Community Centre Project – Alternative Development Option” and Report 9 “Forward Programme”.

The procedural motion was put and declared CARRIED as there was a ¾ majority.

RESOLVED:

That the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- 1. Refer to the next meeting of the Committee Report 6 “Priority Sequence for Upgrading Community Parks”, Report 7 Sister Cities New Zealand 25th Anniversary Conference 2006, Wellington, 9-12 May 2006 - “Capitalising on the Gains”, Report 8 “Newlands*

*Community Centre Project – Alternative Development Option” and
Report 9 “Forward Programme”.*

NOTED:

Report 8 – “Newlands Community Centre Project – Alternative Development Option” was to be considered in public excluded session. As the report was not considered at this meeting there was no requirement for the resolution to exclude the public.

The meeting concluded at 5.30pm.

Confirmed: _____
Chair
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