
MINUTES

THURSDAY 9 APRIL 2009

9.24AM

**Committee Room 1,
Ground Floor, Council Offices,
101 Wakefield Street
Wellington**

PRESENT:

Mayor Prendergast (Deputy Chair) (9.24 – 9.59am, 10.23 – 11.16am)
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer
Councillor Best
Councillor Cook
Councillor Foster
Councillor Gill
Councillor McKinnon (Chair) (9.24 – 10.54am)
Councillor Morrison
Councillor Pannett
Councillor Pepperell
Councillor Wade-Brown
Councillor Wain

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Coughlan
Councillor Goulden
Councillor Ritchie

057/09P **APOLOGIES**
(1215/12/IM)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- 1. Accept apologies for absence from Councillors Coughlan, Goulden and Ritchie.*

058/09P **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There were no conflicts of interest.

059/09P **MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

The Chair advised the meeting that it had been brought to his attention that the minutes of the meeting for the 19 March 2009 had an incorrect time for the attendance of Councillor Wade-Brown. Under "Present" the minutes show that Councillor Wade-Brown joined the meeting at 9.56am, when it should show her attendance from 9.24am.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Approve the minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 4 December 2008, Thursday 11 December 2008, Thursday 12 February 2009, Thursday 19 February 2009, Tuesday 24 February 2009 and Tuesday 10 March 2009 having been circulated be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of those meetings and amend the Thursday 19 March 2009 minutes to show the attendance of Councillor Wade-Brown from 9.24am and confirm that those minutes be as taken and read and confirmed.*

060/09P **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

1. Rex Nairn addressed the meeting regarding the Hanson Street Playground. He advised that some years ago the rubbish bin was removed. He has canvassed the area around the playground and has a petition to request the installation of a rubbish bin.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the petition and refer it to officers.*

2. Bernie Harris addressed the meeting in relation to Report 3 - Disposal of Part of 11 Vennell Street.

061/09P **ORAL HEARINGS – DRAFT EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRES POLICY**
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 1)

NOTED:

1. Justine Samson representing the Wellington Playcentre Association (submission 13) addressed the meeting in support of their submission. She advised that the Association feel strongly that schedule one is an unfair method of setting rent. They would like to see net income into centres used to find the rent figure each year. The Association agrees that the policy appears to be fair but would like it noted that there are contradictory statements. They have a strong view that at every rent review that tenants will be required to plead their case under the new mechanism proposed. The Association is concerned that they will spend time explaining their position to the Council each time as the officers dealing with the lease will have moved on.
2. Peter Lynch Licensee of the Karori Childcare Centre (Submission 8) addressed the meeting in support of his submission. The Centre would be concerned if the policy review was to result in a reduction of the length of lease from its current level. The Centre has developed the site that it is on and would be appreciative of this contribution be taken into account when determining the new rent. Mr Lynch feels that the policy is fair and even handed in balancing the needs of community based Early Childhood Centres and the council's requirements.

062/09P **REPORT OF THE COUNCIL CONTROLLED ORGANISATION PERFORMANCE SUBCOMMITTEE**
Meeting of Monday 2 March 2009
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 2)

Moved Councillor McKinnon, seconded Mayor Prendergast the substantive motion that the Strategy and Policy Committee receive the information for noting from the Council Controlled Organisation Performance Subcommittee.

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information for noting from the Council Controlled Organisation Performance Subcommittee.*

1. ***ITEM 009/09FM REVIEW OF THE PERFORMANCE OF ALL COUNCIL CONTROLLED ORGANISATIONS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008. (1215/52/02IM) (REPORT 2)***

THAT the Council Controlled Organisation Performance Subcommittee:

1. *Recommend that the Strategy and Policy Committee (SPC) notes the following matters with regard to the second quarter 2008/09 performance of Council Controlled Organisations:*
 - (a) *as at 18 February, the Basin Reserve Trust and the Stadium Trust had not submitted a second quarter report but officers indicated there were no major issues subsequently identified.*
 - (b) *issues arising from the first quarter financial report of Capacity have not been completely resolved. Officers will continue to work with Capacity until CCOPS has assurance over the accuracy of the entities' financial reporting systems.*
 - (c) *Positively Wellington Tourism launched its Wellington Visitor Strategy 2015 in December to strengthen Wellington's position as a visitor destination during and after the current economic downturn. The financial performance of the i-Site improved significantly during the second quarter.*
 - (d) *the St James Theatre Charitable Trust has responded to the challenges presented by the economic downturn and, after briefly going overdrawn in January, is forecast to remain in credit to the end of the financial year.*
 - (e) *Wellington Cable Car Limited had a 16% year to date increase in passengers compared to the previous year, and the company is projecting meeting its 2008/09 budgeted surplus.*

- (f) *the Wellington Museums Trust has approached the Council for an increase in its baseline operational funding to cover a number of issues. This will be reported on to the Strategy and Policy Committee as part of the LTCCP process.*
 - (g) *that a report is imminent on the condition and cost implications of the wharf's maintenance requirements on the Waterfront.*
 - (h) *construction of the Nest, the new animal hospital at the Zoo, progressed during the quarter and continues to track to budget.*
2. *Recommend that the Strategy and Policy Committee notes that Council Controlled Organisation Performance Subcommittee is monitoring the Karori Sanctuary Visitor Centre project at the direction of the Strategy and Policy Committee and that the first update report is included within this report, and that:*
- (a) *the Subcommittee noted serious concerns about project management and governance, and asks the Chief Executive Officer to immediately review appropriate project reporting arrangements.*
 - (b) *the Subcommittee noted concerns about financial reporting and in particular treatment of grants as part of operating income. The Subcommittee requests an immediate update of the current operating results and a revised forecast to 30 June 2009.*

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DISPOSAL OF PART OF 11 VENNELL STREET

Report of Vanessa Whitwell – Property Adviser, Property Services.

(1215/52/IM)

(REPORT 3)

Moved Councillor Morrison, seconded Councillor Ahipene-Mercer the substantive motion.

(Mayor Prendergast left the meeting at 9.59am.)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Pepperell the following amendment.

Replacement to recommendations 2, 3, 4 and 5.

2. THAT Council consult with the Vogelhorn Community to determine whether there is likely to be a community use for 11 Vennell Street that warrants Council retaining the site.

(The meeting adjourned at 10.19am and reconvened at 10.21am.)

(Mayor Prendergast returned to the meeting at 10.23am.)

(The meeting adjourned at 10.33am and reconvened at 10.34am.)

The amendment was put and a DIVISION called.

Voting for: Councillors Cook, Foster, Pannett, Pepperell and Wade-Brown.

Voting against: Mayor Prendergast, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Gill, McKinnon, Morrison and Wain.

Majority vote: 5:7

The amendment was declared LOST.

(Councillor McKinnon left the meeting at 10.54am and Mayor Prendergast as Deputy Chair took over chairing the meeting.)

The substantive motion recommendation 1 was put and declared CARRIED.

The substantive motion recommendations 2, 3, 4 and 5 was put and declared CARRIED.

The substantive motion recommendation 6 was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED AND RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL (Wednesday 27 May 2009):

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Recommend that the Council, pursuant to Section 40 of the Public Works Act 1981:*
 - (a) *Agree that the following Council owned land is not required for a public work and is surplus to requirements:*
 - *Vacant land situated at 11 Vennell Street, Brooklyn, (Part Lot 2 DP 10260, Computerised Freehold Register WN434/142, approximately 1,046m²).*
 - (b) *Authorise Council officers to commission a Section 40 report from a suitably qualified consultant to identify whether the land*

must be offered back to the former owner or their successor in title, or whether an exemption from offer back applies.

3. *Note that once the Section 40 report has been received, a further report will be provided to the Chief Executive Officer, under delegated authority, for approval to either offer the land back to the former owner/s or their successor/s in title, or to approve the exemption from offer back.*
4. *Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to carry out all further steps required to enable the disposal of the land either by way of offer back or sale on the open market, including negotiating and completing the terms of sale.*
5. *Agree that if the land is exempt from offer back or alternatively is subject to offer back but the former owner, or their successor in title does not accept the offer back, then the land shown as Part Lot 2 on Deposited Plan 10260 of approximately 1,046m² be rezoned from Open Space A to Residential (Outer).*
6. *Agree to include the rezoning in the next appropriate District Plan change.*

NOTED:

1. Councillors Cook, Foster, Pannett and Pepperell requested that their dissenting votes be recorded against for recommendations 2, 3, 4 and 5.
2. Councillors Cook, Pannett and Pepperell requested that their dissenting votes be recorded against recommendation 6.

(The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.55am and reconvened at 11.09am.)

064/09P **ANNUAL REPORT ON DOG CONTROL IN WELLINGTON CITY FOR THE YEAR 1 JULY 2007 TO 30 JUNE 2008**
Report of Richard Natusch – Animal Control Officer.
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 4)

Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Morrison the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED AND RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL (Thursday 16 April 2009):

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information*
2. *Agree to the attached report on the Council's policy and practices in relation to dog control for the year 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008.*
3. *Note that the report is required under Section 10A of the Dog Control Act 1996 and that Section 10A requires that the report be publicly notified and a copy provided to the Department of Internal Affairs.*
4. *Recommend to Council that it:*
 - (a) *Agree to the report on the Council's policy and practices in relation to the control of dogs for the year 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 attached as appendix 3 of the officer's report.*

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STRATEGY AND POLICY COMMITTEE FORWARD PROGRAMME

Report of Svea Cunliffe – Steel, City Secretary.
(1215/52/IM)

(REPORT 5)

Moved Mayor Prendergast, seconded Councillor Pannett the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to the Forward Programme for the Strategy and Policy Committee, attached as Appendix 1 to the officer's report.*

The meeting concluded at 11.16am.

Confirmed: _____

Chair

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