
MINUTES

MONDAY 25 MAY 2009

9.16AM – 9.17AM
10.51AM – 11.18AM
11.40AM - 12.55PM
2.03PM – 2.37PM
2.50PM – 3.50PM

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

PRESENT:

Mayor Prendergast	(9.16am – 9.17am, 10.51am – 11.18am, 11.40am – 12.53pm, 2.03pm – 2.37pm, 2.50pm – 3.50pm)
Councillor McKinnon (Chair)	(9.16am – 9.17am, 10.51am – 11.18am, 11.40am – 12.55pm)
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer	(9.16am – 9.17am, 10.51am – 11.18am, 11.40am – 12.55pm, 2.03pm – 3.50pm)
Councillor Best	(9.16am – 9.17am, 10.51am – 11.18am, 11.40am – 12.55pm, 2.03pm – 2.37pm, 2.50pm – 3.50pm)
Councillor Foster	(10.51am – 11.18am, 11.40am – 12.24pm, 2.03pm – 2.37pm, 2.50pm – 3.50pm)
Councillor Morrison	(9.16am – 9.17am, 10.51am – 11.18am, 11.40am – 12.55pm, 2.03pm – 2.37pm, 2.50pm – 3.50pm)
Councillor Wade-Brown	(9.16am – 9.17am, 10.51am – 11.18am, 11.40am – 12.55pm, 2.03pm – 2.37pm, 2.50pm – 3.50pm)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Coughlan	(9.16am – 9.17am, 10.51am – 11.18am, 11.40am – 12.55pm)
Councillor Goulden	(9.16am – 9.17am, 10.54am – 10.58am, 11.01am – 11.18am, 11.50am – 12.03pm, 2.03pm – 2.29pm)
Councillor Pannett	(9.16am – 9.17am, 10.51am – 11.18am, 11.40am – 12.55pm, 2.03pm – 2.37pm, 2.50pm – 3.50pm)
Councillor Pepperell	(9.16am – 9.17am, 10.55am – 11.18am, 11.40am – 12.55pm, 2.03pm – 2.37pm, 2.50pm – 3.50pm)
Councillor Ritchie	(10.51am – 11.18am, 11.40am – 12.55pm, 3.16pm – 3.50pm)

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(The meeting adjourned at 9.17am until the conclusion of the Extraordinary Joint Meeting of the Development Contributions Subcommittee and the Draft Long Term Council Community Plan Subcommittee and morning tea.)

(The meeting reconvened at 10.51am. Mayor Prendergast and Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Coughlan, Foster, McKinnon, Morrison, Pannett, Ritchie and Wade-Brown were present.)

APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies.

001/09LP **APOLOGIES**
(1215/52/08/IM)

NOTED:

There were no apologies.

002/09LP **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**
(1215/52/08/IM)

NOTED:

There were no conflicts of interest.

003/09LP **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
(1215/52/08/IM)

NOTED:

There was no public participation.

004/09LP **ORAL SUBMISSIONS TO THE 2000/10 DRAFT LONG TERM
COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN**
(1215/52/08/IM) (REPORT 1)

NOTED:

(Councillor Goulden returned to the meeting at 10.54am.)

(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 10.55am.)

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1. Warrick Jones and supporter (submission 382) submitted on behalf of Capital Football. They greatly appreciated the vision of Wellington City Council with regard to artificial turfs. However, it was noted that artificial turfs are the future of sport. The Council was asked to accelerate the implementation of the artificial turfs as there is currently a great shortage in what is required. Football is a rapidly growing sport, and while it was acknowledged that six turfs over ten years will make a huge difference, there is a real need for twelve to fourteen turfs in the next ten years.
A supplementary submission was tabled (submission 382a).

(Councillor Goulden left the meeting at 10.58am.)

(Councillor Goulden returned to the meeting at 11.01am.)

2. Grant Stephen submitted on behalf of Northern Wellington Junior Football Club (submission 253). Mr Stephen was grateful for the opportunity to speak to Councillors. He stressed the need for artificial turf. There is a rise in team numbers for Football, to the extent that teams are now being turned away. It was noted that Nairnville has been a huge success, and this is largely due to the Council working in partnership with the New Zealand Sporting Trust. This highlighted the opportunity for funding alternatives.
A supplementary submission was tabled (submission 253a).

(The meeting adjourned at 11.18am for Extraordinary Joint Meeting of the Development Contributions Subcommittee and the Draft Long Term Council Community Plan Subcommittee.)

(The meeting reconvened at 11.40am. Mayor Prendergast and Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Coughlan, Foster, McKinnon, Morrison, Pannett, Pepperell, Ritchie and Wade-Brown were present.)

3. Gordana Vukomanovic submitted on behalf of Yugo Sport and Art Association Wellington (submission 290). Ms. Vukomanovic asked for the Council to consider adding at least one sister city from Europe. She said that geographical conditions were not the most important considerations for international relations, but emphasis should be placed on economic conditions.
4. Geoff Henry submitted on behalf of Wellington Athletics (submission 102). Mr Henry noted that athletics is recognised by SPARC as a core sport.

(Councillor Goulden returned to the meeting at 11.50am.)

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The athletics track in Newtown is the only track in Wellington capable of handling an international event. It therefore has a lot of use, causing considerable wear and tear. The Council has repaired the track in the past, which is greatly appreciated. However, the condition of the track is worsening. Mr Henry also emphasised the importance of the Indoor Community Sports Centre for the benefit of schools. There is huge interest in getting the Sports Centre up and running as soon as possible. He concluded by urging the Council to continue to extend walkways around the city.

5. Michael Taylor submitted on behalf of SPARC (submission 392). The main thrust of Mr Taylor's submission was to express thanks and appreciation to the Council. He acknowledged the work that has gone into the implementation of artificial turf. Mr Taylor asked that the "Push Play" programme be continued as it has been very successful. He would also like to see progress made to the Indoor Community Sports Centre as soon as possible.

(Councillor Goulden left the meeting at 12.03pm.)

6. Barbara Baker submitted on behalf of Capital Inline Hockey Club Inc (submission 410). Ms Baker noted there are huge disadvantages for minority sports codes. She thanked the Council for funds that were provided for a feasibility study. However, there is a need for facilities in order for players to continue to improve. There are only three rinks between Hawkes Bay and Wellington. She asked that consideration be given to a dual purpose facility at Kilbirnie in addition to the current recreational facilities there. There are a number of codes that will be willing to work together for a dual purpose rink. A supplementary submission was tabled (submission 410a).

(Councillor Foster left the meeting at 12.24pm.)

7. Donald McDonald submitted as an individual (submission 46). Mr McDonald expressed concern regarding the efficiency of the call centre. He also highlighted problems regarding fallen wires and a lack of sufficient resources in public toilets.
8. Erina Papp submitted as an individual (submission 301). Ms Papp spoke in support of Wellington Community Net. She asked that Wellington Community Net be protected by being included in the LTCCP. Wellington Community Net is important as it is all about allowing people a place to engage and reach the wider community. It is giving a taste to community groups on how to use technology as well as up-skilling those groups. Supplementary submissions were tabled (submission 301a and 301b).

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Mayor Prendergast asked Ms Papp to provide more information on the breakdown of users into national, regional and local users, as well as information on the percentage of people that would not be comfortable using the library.

9. Norma Bryant and Averil Hillind submitted on behalf of the Cornerstone Community Centre (submission 278). They spoke in support of the upgrade to the Khandallah Community Hall. Cornerstone would like to move to the Hall once upgraded. This would provide more opportunities to groups within Cornerstone than currently available and would make Cornerstone more visible among the community. Cornerstone is under serious threat of closure as they have been told they must vacate their current building. They are willing and ready to participate in fundraising.

(Councillor McKinnon advised the meeting that Mayor Prendergast would chair the meeting in his absence for the afternoon.)

(Mayor Prendergast left the meeting at 12.53pm.)

(The meeting adjourned at 12.55pm for lunch.)

(The meeting reconvened at 2.03pm. Mayor Prendergast and Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Foster, Goulden, Pannett, Pepperell, Wade-Brown and Wain were present when the meeting reconvened.)

(Mayor Prendergast chaired the meeting in the absence of Councillor McKinnon.)

10. Celia Derby submitted as an individual (submission 13). Ms Derby would like to see all libraries open until 8pm every night. She would also like buses to be more regular and on time.
11. Sally Thorburn submitted on behalf of the Emerging Artists Trust (submission 332). Ms. Thorburn expressed the support of an Arts Hub at Toi Poneke in Abel Smith Street. It was noted that Wellington Residents are especially positive about the arts and are highly supportive of funding in this area. Artists do not currently have a base for meeting and sharing ideas. This is especially important for young artists and recent art graduates.
12. Earl Mardle submitted on behalf of Wellington IT/WCN (submission 57). Mr Mardle suggested that it is not yet time to stop funding for Wellington ICT. Residents need proper access to the internet. Access to the internet is important for a progressive and socially functioning community. Mr Mardle compared the queuing to use a computer and internet with queuing for Unemployment Benefit payouts. It was also

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suggested that libraries cannot provide all the information that is available on the internet.

(Councillor Goulden left the meeting at 2.29pm.)

13. Erina Papp and supporter submitted on behalf of Wellington 2020 (submission 26). It was noted that it is important to recognise the tools that are provided to Wellingtonians with technology. Wellington 2020 is able to identify the needs of the people and adjust to meet them. It was also said that community groups need fair and equitable access to internet and technological services.

(The meeting adjourned at 2.37pm as submissions were running ahead of time.)

(The meeting reconvened at 2.50pm. Mayor Prendergast and Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Pannett, Pepperell, Wade-Brown and Wain were present.)

14. Tom Law submitted on behalf of Smart Newtown (submission 352). Mr Law said that there needed to be surety of funding for Smart Newtown. This provides access to computers and the internet, all of which are in use during opening hours. It was noted that the cost of running the hub was \$88,000 per year. The only way to save money would be to cut opening hours. It was highlighted that Community ICT is a project run on behalf of the Council and funds were needed to continue the service.
15. Dermot Byrne and Maurice Robertson submitted on behalf of the Khandallah Forum (submission 139). The Khandallah Town Hall was recognised as an asset that required urgent repair. This would benefit both the Council and the Khandallah community. The proposal was to modify the interior, which would create a multi-purpose facility. This would add to the vitality of the Khandallah Village. It was proposed that the Hall be repaired by 2012 to mark its centennial.

(Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 3.16pm.)

16. Ron McNulty submitted on behalf of the Recorders and Early Music Union (submission 225). They currently have a website through Wellington ICT. However this is now in serious doubt as funding to Wellington ICT is proposed to be cut. Mr McNulty noted that there does not appear to be huge operating costs and there are a lot of volunteers involved. He said this allows the Council to support small organisations and has been a great success so far. A supplementary submission was tabled (submission 225a).

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17. Ann-Margaret Campbell and Tim Brown submitted on behalf of Wellington Hockey (submission 335). There has been a growth in hockey which has been mainly due to the quality of volunteers involved. There is a new governance structure in Wellington hockey which is keen to see the game expand further. However, there is a lack of facilities and grounds. It was asked that the Council in the future give consideration to multi-purpose turf for football and hockey. Wellington has lagged over the last few years with regard to turf and players often have to travel.
18. Steve Veail submitted on behalf of the Wellington Deer Stalkers (submission 193). Wellington Deer Stalkers currently have a website through Wellington ICT. This is a great avenue through which people can search through numerous websites specific to Wellington Organisations. Mr Veail asked that Wellington ICT be kept in order to keep these websites available to Wellington Residents.

(The meeting adjourned at 3.50pm to reconvene at 9.15am on Tuesday 26 May 2008.)

(The meeting reconvened at 9.21am on Tuesday 26 May 2009.)

9.21AM – 10.04AM
10.51AM – 11.14AM
11.30AM – 12.01PM
12.21PM – 12.42PM
1.42PM – 2.56PM
3.11PM – 4.08PM

PRESENT:

Mayor Prendergast	(9.21am – 10.04am, 10.51am – 11.14am, 11.30am – 12.01pm, 12.21pm – 12.42pm, 1.42pm – 2.43pm, 3.15pm – 4.08pm)
Councillor McKinnon (Chair)	(9.21am – 10.04am, 10.51am – 11.14am, 11.30am – 12.01pm, 12.21pm – 12.42pm, 1.42pm – 2.56pm, 3.11pm – 4.08pm)
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer	(9.21am – 10.04am, 10.51am – 11.14am, 11.30am – 12.01pm, 12.21pm – 12.42pm, 1.42pm – 2.56pm, 3.11pm – 4.08pm)
Councillor Best	(9.21am – 10.51am, 10.55am – 11.33am, 11.40am – 12.01pm, 12.21pm – 12.42pm, 1.42pm – 2.56pm, 3.11pm – 4.08pm)
Councillor Foster	(10.54am – 11.14am, 11.30am – 12.01pm, 12.21pm – 12.42pm, 1.42pm – 2.56pm, 3.11pm – 4.08pm)

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Councillor Morrison	(9.57am – 10.04am, 10.51am – 11.14am, 11.30am – 12.01pm, 12.21pm – 12.42pm, 1.42pm – 2.56pm, 3.11pm – 3.51pm)
Councillor Wade-Brown	(9.21am – 10.04am, 10.51am – 11.14am, 11.30am – 12.01pm, 12.21pm – 12.42pm, 1.42pm – 2.56pm, 3.11pm – 4.08pm)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Coughlan	(9.21am – 10.04am, 11.09am – 11.14am, 11.30am – 12.01pm, 12.21pm – 12.42pm, 1.42pm – 2.48pm)
Councillor Gill	(10.51am – 11.14am, 11.30am – 12.01pm, 12.21pm – 12.42pm, 2.23pm – 2.56pm, 3.14pm – 4.08pm)
Councillor Goulden	(9.21am – 10.04am, 11.30am – 11.34am, 11.39am – 11.58am, 12.21pm – 12.42pm, 1.52pm – 2.56pm, 4.07pm – 4.08pm)
Councillor Ritchie	(9.25am – 10.04am, 10.51am – 11.14am, 2.05pm – 2.56pm, 3.11pm – 4.08pm)
Councillor Pepperell	(9.21am – 9.52am, 9.59am – 10.04am, 11.30am – 11.37am, 11.42am – 12.01pm)
Councillor Wain	(9.34am – 10.04am, 10.51am – 11.14am, 11.30am – 12.01pm, 12.21pm – 12.42pm – 3.11am – 3.28pm, 3.38pm – 4.08pm)

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Foster (for lateness)
Councillor Pannett (for absence)

005/09LP **APOLOGIES**
(1215/52/08/IM)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Draft Long Term Council Community Plan Hearings Subcommittee:

- 1. Accept apologies for lateness from Councillor Foster.*
- 2. Accept apologies for absence from Councillor Pannett.*

006/08DP **ORAL SUBMISSIONS TO THE 2009/10 DRAFT LONG TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN (CONTINUED)**
(1215/52/08/IM) (REPORT 1)

Draft Long Term Council Community Plan Hearings Subcommittee – Meeting of
Monday 25 May 2009
Reconvened Tuesday 26 May, Wednesday 27 May, Thursday 28 May and Friday 29
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NOTED:

19. Mark Berge and Philip Rush submitted on behalf of Swimming Wellington (submission 237). Thanks was given to the Council for the support given to swimming. It was noted that pool staff are fantastic. It is necessary for a pathway for children moving from Learn-to-Swim programmes to Club and competition swimming. There is increasing participation in swimming leading to a need for more water.

(Councillor Ritchie joined the meeting at 9.25am.)

An ideal complex would be one that allows Learn-to-Swim programmes to work alongside all other forms of swimming.

20. Wendy Bengel submitted as an individual (submission 32). She asked that the plans for the Indoor Community Sports Centre include a walking track for the elderly.

(Councillor Wain joined the meeting at 9.34am.)

Elderly have been told that walking is an ideal form of exercise. However it is often dangerous as winds can be very strong in Wellington.

21. Rachel Allen submitted on behalf of the Tawa Swimming Club (submission 63). Ms. Allen noted that there is currently a waiting list for their club. She asked that swimming lanes be available for independent clubs like the Tawa Swimming Club. Instead of closing pools during quiet times, use of pools should be encouraged. Access to pools at all times was requested. It was also asked that there be no increase to the cost of entry to the pools.

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 9.52am.)

(Councillor Morrison joined the meeting at 9.57am.)

22. Alan Chambers submitted as an individual (submission 234). Mr Chambers asked that more thought be given to joint ventures with schools to keep swimming at school going.

(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 9.59am.)

It was submitted that the Council has missed out on chances to build partnerships with schools.

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(The meeting adjourned for the Extraordinary Joint Meeting of the Development Contributions Subcommittee and the Draft Long Term Council Community Plan Subcommittee and morning tea at 10.04am.)

(The meeting reconvened at 10.51am. Mayor Prendergast and Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Gill, McKinnon, Morrison, Ritchie and Wain were present when the meeting reconvened.)

23. Steve Dunn and Peter Frater submitted on behalf of the Newtown Residents Association (submission 397). They were primarily concerned with community facilities and activities in Newtown, for example the Newtown Festival. It was requested that funding for Community ICT not be cut. The alcohol ban in the central city has created a problem with anti-social behaviour in Newtown. They would like to see the alcohol ban be extended to include Newtown.

(Councillor Foster joined the meeting at 10.54am.)

(Councillor Best returned to the meeting at 10.55am.)

It was asked that the rating impacts be written in plain English. There is a problem with heavy wiring in Newtown, which would be solved if bus wires could go underground.

24. Derral Barnes and Duncan McDonald submitted on behalf of the Senior Citizens' Action Group. It was noted that all decisions made by the Council will directly affect all Councillors and officers as they move on through life. There is a need to actively consult with the senior population and they encouraged the establishment of an older person's reference group.

(Councillor Coughlan returned to the meeting at 11.09am.)

(The meeting adjourned at 11.14am for the Extraordinary Joint Meeting of the Development Contributions Subcommittee and the Draft Long Term Council Community Plan Subcommittee)

(The meeting reconvened at 11.30am. Mayor Prendergast and Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Coughlan, Foster, Gill, Goulden, McKinnon, Morrison, Pepperell, Wade-Brown and Wain were present.)

25. Cath Wallace submitted as an individual (submission 342). There needs to be a more explicit environmental emphasis in the LTCCP. What the Council means by "sustainable" needs to be clearer and economic growth carefully guided. A plea was made for continued funding for Wellington ICT. It was also suggested that the Council actively encourage people away from private transport.

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Councillor Wade-Brown asked Ms Wallace to provide a copy of the document she was referring to.

(Councillor Best left the meeting at 11.33am.)

(Councillor Goulden left the meeting at 11.34am.)

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 11.37am.)

(Councillor Goulden returned to the meeting at 11.39am.)

(Councillor Best returned to the meeting at 11.40am.)

26. Sophie van Bunnik and Laura Stewart submitted on behalf of Ngaio School, Enviroschools (submission 282 – 289). The students of Ngaio School conducted a survey on the students and staff. 278 out of 280 students enjoy being part of an enviroschool and everyone recycles. They would like to see more money go into enviroschools.

(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 11.42am.)

27. Students from Room 8 Ngaio School submitted on recycling (submission 282 – 289). They collected data on residents in Ngaio which showed that 95% used the green recycling bin but most want bigger bins and think the recycling service should be improved. The students stated that recycling saves our planet so people should not have to pay for it. They said that a lot of people know about the LTCCP because of good advertising.

(Councillor Goulden left the meeting at 11.58am.)

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 12.01pm.)

(The meeting adjourned for Extraordinary Joint Meeting of the Development Contributions Subcommittee and the Draft Long Term Council Community Plan Subcommittee at 12.01pm.)

(The meeting reconvened at 12.21pm. Mayor Prendergast and Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Coughlan, Foster, Gill, Goulden, McKinnon, Morrison, Wade-Brown and Wain were present.)

(The meeting adjourned at 12.22pm as no submitters were present.)

(The meeting reconvened at 12.30pm. Mayor Prendergast and Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Coughlan, Foster, Gill, Goulden, McKinnon, Morrison, Wade-Brown and Wain were present.)

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28. Richard Lane submitted on behalf of Wellington Board Riders (submission 365). It was noted that there are no shower and toilet facilities at the airport end of Lyall Bay for surfers. He said it is a very busy section of beach that deserves facilities of this kind.
29. Barbara Woods submitted as an individual (submission 27). Ms Woods expressed thanks for the Council investment in Toi Poneke. She noted that Toi Poneke is more than just a rental space and is ideal for encouraging artists to develop talents and work on projects. Ms Woods said it was refreshing to see that suggestions made in the past have been listened to.

(The meeting adjourned at 12.42pm for lunch.)

(The meeting reconvened at 1.42pm. Mayor Prendergast and Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Coughlan, Foster, McKinnon, Morrison, Wade-Brown and Wain were present.)

30. Richard Goldsborough submitted as an individual (submission 373). Mr Goldsborough would like to see more control over infill housing. He considers there to be a gap in the District Plan between one bedroom units and three to four bedroom units and the vast impact these units have on the area in which they are built. As it stands, the District Plan allows inner city density in outer residential areas. A supplementary submission was tabled (submission 373a).
31. Matt Gifford submitted on behalf of Mana Tiaki Inc (submission 115).

(Councillor Goulden returned to the meeting at 1.52pm.)

Mr Gifford asked the Council to widen the engagement process with Maori. The rights of Mana Whenua are acknowledged, but there are a lot of Maori residing in Wellington that do not have Mana Whenua status. He asked the Council to lead the way in Local Government fostering relationships with urban Maori (Taurahere). The Council should run a Maori forum and consider contributing to a Marae for a central gathering point for all Maori.

(Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 2.05pm.)

32. Paul Cameron submitted on behalf of Sport Wellington (submission 448). Mr Cameron highlighted the working relationship between Sport Wellington and the Council which continues to grow. Support for the Indoor Community Sport Centre is very important. He noted that the work of the officers has been first class and encouraged the Council to continue to work with the final appellant to avoid the Environment Court. Artificial turf is going to be very important in

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getting people out playing sport during the winter. Mr Cameron encouraged the Council to be careful with user charges.

(Councillor Gill returned to the meeting at 2.23pm.)

33. John Moffat submitted as an individual (submission 485.) Mr Moffat said reliable transport is central to Wellington. He urged the Council to be as favourable as possible to buses otherwise people will choose to go in private cars. Mr Moffat circulated photographs to illustrate the points he made.

A supplementary submission was tabled (submission 485a).

34. Pamela Jones submitted as an individual (submission 334). Ms Jones was a teacher that helped start the enviroschools school system. She noted the value in working in a city where the Council supports schools such as enviroschools. She asked that the Council make a long term commitment to enviroschools.

(Mayor Prendergast left the meeting at 2.43pm.)

Enviroschools are attending Council events and getting involved in the community, as well as developing skills for civil emergency relief.

(Councillor Coughlan left the meeting at 2.48pm.)

35. Nicola Gaston submitted on behalf of Cycle Aware (submission 419). Ms Gaston suggested that increasing the number of cyclists would go a long way to meeting the Council's transport goals. Increasing the number of cyclists also increases safety. There needs to be more dedicated cycle lanes with more space for cyclists or a lowering of speed limits. She said the LTCCP measurements are confusing.

(The meeting adjourned at 2.56pm for afternoon tea.)

(The meeting reconvened at 3.11pm. Councillors Best, Foster, McKinnon, Morrison, Ritchie, Wade-Brown and Wain were present.)

36. Dr Margo McLean and Peter Gush submitted on behalf of Regional Public Health (submission 406). They noted the reference to equal opportunities to health in the LTCCP.

(Councillor Gill returned to the meeting at 3.14pm.)

(Mayor Prendergast returned to the meeting at 3.15pm.)

The poor safety record for pedestrians and cyclists was emphasised. There should be more focus on increasing safety for cyclists. Concern

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was expressed about the lack of a specific housing strategy. This is needed to prevent an increase in poor housing.

37. Madeline Laracy submitted on behalf of Catacombs (146). Catacombs is a volunteer organisation that has been operating as a type of “drop-in-centre” for about 60 years. It is the only organisation of this nature that is open at nights and at the weekends.

(Councillor Wain left the meeting at 3.28pm.)

Ms Laracy asked for support from the Council in running Catacombs as it is currently staffed by inexperienced volunteers.

38. Ana Tapiata submitted on behalf of Te Kura Kaupapa Maori O Nga Mokopuna (submission 222). Ms Tapiata asked that the iwi in the area not be forgotten as we all need to work together.

(Councillor Wain returned to the meeting at 3.38pm.)

There are 64 children at the Kura that come to Seatoun from all over the greater Wellington region. The Kura has had a good relationship with the Council. There are a large number of Te Reo students throughout Wellington. She would like to see an increase of fluent Maori speakers at Council facilities and an increase of Maori resources. How the Council encourages Te Reo was questioned.

(Councillor Morrison left the meeting at 3.51pm.)

39. Representatives submitted on behalf of the Youth Council (submission 354). They noted that the Youth Council is very important for the vibrancy of Wellington. It was felt that an increase in user chargers for pools will lead to a decrease in use. It was advised that pools should be upgraded to justify the increase in fee. It was also suggested that fees for those paying in cash, excluding concession pass holder, could be increased. The youth of Wellington will benefit hugely from the Indoor Community Sport Centre as there are a lot of schools nearby. Manners Mall was identified as a place for youth to express themselves. Changes to Manners Mall may force youth to other areas where they are less welcome. They would like more input into the LTCCP in the future.

(Councillor Goulden returned to the meeting at 4.07pm.)

(The meeting adjourned at 4.08pm to reconvene at 9.15am on Wednesday 27 May 2009.)

(The meeting reconvened at 9.20am on Wednesday 27 May 2009.)

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Councillor Ahipene-Mercer	(1.02pm – 3.07pm)
Councillor Best	(9.20am – 10.33am, 10.50am – 11.35am, 11.40am – 12.24pm, 1.02pm – 3.07pm)
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IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Gill	(9.57am – 10.33am, 10.50am – 12.24pm, 1.12pm – 2.15pm, 2.23pm – 3.07pm)
Councillor Goulden	(12.22pm – 12.24pm, 1.10pm – 1.55pm)
Councillor Pepperell	(9.20am – 9.36am, 9.51am – 10.33am, 10.56am – 12.24pm, 1.02pm – 1.37pm, 3.04pm – 3.07pm)
Councillor Ritchie	(10.04am – 10.33am, 10.50am – 11.45am, 1.13pm – 3.07pm)

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Ahipene-Mercer (for lateness)
Councillor Coughlan (for absence)
Councillor Foster (for lateness)
Councillor Pannett (for absence)
Councillor Wain (for absence)

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(1215/52/08/IM)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Draft Annual Plan Hearings Subcommittee:

- 1. Accept apologies for lateness from Councillors Ahipene-Mercer and Foster.*

Draft Long Term Council Community Plan Hearings Subcommittee – Meeting of
Monday 25 May 2009
Reconvened Tuesday 26 May, Wednesday 27 May, Thursday 28 May and Friday 29
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2. *Accept apologies for absence from Councillor Coughlan, Pannett and Wain.*

008/09LP **ORAL SUBMISSIONS TO THE 2009/10 DRAFT LONG TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN (CONTINUED)**
(1215/52/08/IM) (REPORT 1)

NOTED:

40. John Robinson and supporters submitted on behalf of the Island Bay World Service (submission 136). It was submitted that there is a need to put the environment first and the economy second. They disagreed with making carbon neutrality as an aspirational goal. The collapsing biosphere should underlie all LTCCP considerations.

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 9.36am.)

41. Marilyn Moffat submitted on behalf of the Lyall Bay Surf Lifesaving Club (submission 330). Ms Moffat was supportive of the intent of the Sport and Recreation area. She asked for funding for a new club house. The club has been providing a safe, healthy and resilient environment for its members and the wider public. There are currently about 100 children aged between 7 and 13 learning lifesaving and racing techniques. The club house no longer adequately caters to the needs of the club. Work is being done with Council officers on a resource consent and they will be seeking funding from a number of sources.
42. Tom Law and Jim Candiliotis submitted on behalf of the FWPR (submission 350). They said the Draft LTCCP was confusing and not easy to read. It is hard to compare financial statements with strategic statements. It should use lay terms and have a glossary included. This is a very high level document and does not show consideration given to public proposals.

(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 9.51am.)

A lot of Council plans do not appear to be included in the Draft LTCCP. It was suggested that more funding be given to consultation as the LTCCP is a document for all Wellington residents.

(Councillor Gill joined the meeting at 9.57am.)

43. Bill Rawiri submitted as an individual (submission 363). Mr Rawiri was part of discussions held among Maori. There is nothing specifically included in the Draft LTCCP for Maori. He requested

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there be more acknowledgement of significant Maori events, not including Waitangi Day. It was suggested that the Council establish an annual forum for engagement with Maori. There needs to be greater representation of Maori on Council, including dedicated Maori seats.

(Councillor Ritchie joined the meeting at 10.04am.)

44. Barney Scully submitted as an individual (submissions 67, 81, 175). Mr Scully noted that the foreshore in the Eastern part of the city is a mess. He asked that the Plimmer Bequest be used to fix this problem.

(Councillor Foster joined the meeting at 10.14am.)

A jetty at Shelly Bay cannot be restored and should be removed. Mr Scully said that the Council's response to his Annual Plan submission had not been satisfactory. He also said more weight should be given to the traffic related problems for the Indoor Community Sport Centre.

45. Kaye-Maree Dunn submitted as an individual (submission 66). Ms Dunn noted that the Council has the ability to facilitate dialogue with iwi and urban Maori (Taurahere) on how they live in Wellington. She particularly questioned how Maori can be involved in welcoming refugees and migrants to Wellington. She would also like to see mechanisms set up to give Maori more of a kaitiaki role in relation to the coast. The Council should look at the expansion of community gardens. It would be interesting to see how many Maori use recreation facilities and how many holistic Maori programmes are funded by the Council. She asked that community events are increased and intelligent sustainable urban development be thought about.

(The meeting adjourned at 10.33am for morning tea.)

(The meeting reconvened at 10.50am. When the meeting reconvened Mayor Prendergast and Councillors Best, Gill, Foster, McKinnon, Ritchie and Wade-Brown were present.)

46. Martin Payne and Paul Blashkey submitted on behalf of Friends of Owhiro Stream (submission 385). Wellington used to have a lot more streams than there are currently as most have been piped or polluted. Streams are home to wildlife and ecosystems for the city.

(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 10.56am.)

A lot of effort has gone into involving and teaching the community. The Draft LTCCP currently leaves volunteers to do jobs without adequate support. The Friends of Owhiro Stream need help from the

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Council to prevent problems behind the degradation of streams, most of which are because of the urban environment.

(Councillor Morrison left the meeting at 11.04am.)

(Councillor Morrison returned to the meeting at 11.11am.)

47. Richard Herbert submitted on behalf of the Friends of Tawa Bush Reserve (submission 402). Mr Herbert would like to see more priority given to actions included in the Biodiversity Action Plan. Streams are one of Wellington's most threatened ecosystems. He was strongly supportive of a walkway along the Porirua Stream. It was also urged that more be done regarding pest control as this has so far been very useful.
48. Brett Gilles submitted on behalf of the Tawa-Porirua Stream Walkway Committee (submission 361). Mr Gilles asked for support for a walkway along the Tawa stream that links with Porirua and urged the Council to work with Porirua City Council on this. He noted that this is supported by the Tawa Community Board. There will be huge benefits and would provide links to schools. It is a costly project that would need to be done in stages. At this stage they want commitment from the Council for a detailed design of the walkway.

(Councillor Best left the meeting at 11.35am.)

49. Patrick Morgan submitted as an individual (submission 394). In order to focus on vibrancy of life, people need to be put ahead of motorised traffic. The Council should reduce speed limits, widen footpaths, put in cycle lanes and focus on public transport. Shoppers on bikes are good for business and money saved on using a car could be spent on shopping which boosts the economy.

(Councillor Best returned to the meeting at 11.40am.)

There is room to limit parking on Thorndon Quay and put in bike lanes. Research shows that there is safety in numbers for cyclists. Mr Morgan encouraged investment into cycle safety programmes.

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 11.45am.)

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50. Michael Smythe submitted as an individual (submission 339). Mr Smythe's submission focused on a compost unit, the "Earthmaker". This is fast and easy, and makes excellent compost. He encouraged the Council to think about ways to help fund the "Earthmaker" for residents. The Council would be recognised for its innovation in doing this.
51. Liz Springford submitted as an individual (submission 341). Ms Springford said there were very good measures included in the Draft LTCCP for climate change, but the scale is not enough. The Council should be leading the way in reducing emissions by focusing on transport.
52. Richard Murcott submitted as an individual (submission 338). Mr Murcott focused on information infrastructure. He noted that we live in an increasingly digitally savvy community. Local government, central government and industry need to come together to manage digital information to ensure there is no duplication.

(Councillor Goulden joined the meeting at 12.22pm.)

(The meeting adjourned at 12.24pm for lunch.)

(The meeting reconvened at 1.02pm. When the meeting reconvened Mayor Prendergast and Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Foster, McKinnon, Morrison, Pepperell and Wade-Brown were present.)

53. Juliet Best, Vicki Vertongen and Helen McKay submitted as individuals (submission 261). They would like to see unused land in Island Bay used for a park for sports such as biking and skateboarding, focusing on 5 - 12 year olds. There is a need for facilities for younger children and this would help with problems such as obesity and integration with the family.
A supplementary submission was tabled (submission 261a).

(Councillor Goulden returned to the meeting at 1.10pm.)

(Councillor Gill returned to the meeting at 1.12pm.)

(Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 1.13pm.)

(Councillor Morrison left the meeting at 1.15pm.)

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54. Maurice Harry submitted on behalf of Scots College (submission 104). Mr Harry asked for 40 kilometre /hour speed limit zone around schools. This has proven to make roads around schools much safer. This speed limit would only need to be enforced for 55 minutes a day, split between before and after school.
55. David Perks submitted on behalf of Positively Wellington Tourism (PWT) (submission 325). Mr Perks noted that the partnership model between the Council and PWT is a point of envy for other regions in New Zealand. PWT is looking forward to working with the Council over the Rugby World Cup and the National Cycle Way. Mr Perks was pleased to see the Council recognise the need for a long haul strategy. He urged the need for campervan parking facilities. A supplementary submission was tabled (submission 325a).

(Councillor Morrison returned to the meeting at 1.34pm.)

It was proposed that the downtown levy be raised. It was also noted that there is huge potential for Wellington to link into the Australian tourist market.

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 1.37pm.)

56. Eyal Aharoni submitted as an individual (submission 429). Mr Aharoni said the Draft LTCCP was a great document. However it appears to be in conflict with urban planning. He does not want height restrictions on buildings in the city, and thinks there needs to be more infill housing and less restriction on development. Mr Aharoni was asked to email his powerpoint presentation to Councillors.

(Councillor Goulden left the meeting at 1.55pm.)

57. Russell Hawakirangi submitted as an individual (submission 23 and 24). Mr Hawakirangi urged the Council to get the Indoor Community Sport Centre up and running as soon as possible. Currently girls are playing netball in the cold, wind and rain which is very unpleasant. He also noted there are a lot of schools do not have gyms of their own and will benefit greatly from this. Recycling is another issue. Mr Hawakirangi does not believe people will recycle if they have to pay for it.
58. Jo Vilipaama, Julie-Anne Garnons Williams and Carrie Suzzko submitted on behalf of ACC (submission 398). It was noted that there are huge economic and social impacts caused by injuries, but the Council is doing a lot of work in this area. Falls are the most common form of injury. They encouraged the Council to think about facilities

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and services for disabled people, injury prevention for physical activities and safety for contractors. There also needs to be work done for hazard management for people playing unorganised sport on council land. ACC would like to work in partnership with the Council.

(Councillor Gill left the meeting at 2.15pm.)

59. Ann Mitcalf submitted as an individual (submission 444). Ms Metcalf said there is a disjunction between the 13 long term goals in the LTCCP and the budget. She suggested the Council put more money into public transport sooner and focus on moulding public opinion and changing public activity.

(Councillor Gill returned to the meeting at 2.23pm.)

(Mayor Prendergast left the meeting at 2.25pm.)

60. Frank Cook submitted as an individual (submission 358). Mr Cook was concerned about water leakage and definitions regarding water usage. The Council needs a decent strategy to give residents access to water. Dealing with leakage should be central to this. There also needs to be coherence between Capacity and Greater Wellington Regional Council.
61. Jim Mikoz submitted on behalf of the Wellington Recreational Marine Fisher's Association (submission 425). Mr Mikoz said there is excessive sediment in the streams and there should not be sediment traps if they are not cleaned. Native life struggles to live in the streams as they are. Management of beach cast seaweed is shocking.
62. Chris Horne submitted as an individual (submission 360). Mr Horne suggested the right turn from Victoria Street into Manners Mall be closed. Manners Mall should be opened to buses and Cuba Street should be closed to Wakefield Street. Weed removal around the city needs to be intensified. Staff need to be retained at the Botanical Gardens and all reserves. Mr Horne asked that no more tracks be opened to mountain bikers on Tinakori Hill. He also asked that the Council stop all illegal encroachment on the Town Belt.
63. Derek Wilson submitted as an individual (submission 384). Mr Wilson said the human population cannot sustain another 100 years. Climate change has been induced by humans and is now a huge problem. It was submitted that unless all forms of governance come to understand the implications of living on a finite earth with finite resources, then civilisation is doomed.
A supplementary submission was tabled (submission 384a).

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(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 3.04pm.)

(The meeting adjourned at 3.07pm to reconvene at 9.15am Thursday 28 May 2009.)

(The meeting reconvened at 9.19am on Thursday 28 May 2009.)

9.19AM – 10.33AM
10.51AM – 12.38PM
1.02PM – 2.35PM
2.45PM – 4.10PM

PRESENT:

Councillor McKinnon (Chair)	(9.19am – 10.33am, 10.51am – 12.38am, 1.02pm – 2.35pm, 2.45pm – 4.10pm)
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer	(9.20am – 10.33am, 10.51am – 12.38pm, 1.02pm – 2.35pm, 2.47pm – 4.10pm)
Councillor Best	(9.19am – 10.33am, 10.55am – 12.38pm, 1.02pm – 2.06pm, 2.16pm – 2.35pm, 2.45pm – 4.10pm)
Councillor Foster	(9.32am – 10.33am, 10.51am – 12.38pm, 1.02pm – 2.35pm, 2.45pm – 2.54pm, 3.20pm – 4.10pm)
Councillor Morrison	(9.19am – 10.33am, 10.51am – 12.38am, 1.02pm – 2.35pm, 2.45pm – 4.10pm)
Councillor Wade-Brown	(9.19am – 10.33am, 10.51am – 12.38am, 1.02pm – 2.35pm, 2.45pm – 4.10pm)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Gill	(12.30pm – 12.38pm, 1.06pm – 1.33pm, 2.45pm – 4.10pm)
Councillor Goulden	(1.12pm – 2.35pm)
Councillor Pepperell	(9.19am – 10.32am, 10.51am – 12.38pm, 1.04pm – 2.35pm, 2.47pm – 3.03pm)
Councillor Ritchie	(9.24am – 9.44am, 10.31am – 10.33am, 1.02pm – 2.35pm, 2.45pm – 4.10pm)
Councillor Wain	(9.20am – 10.33am)

APOLOGIES:

Mayor Prendergast (for absence)
Councillor Coughlan (for lateness)
Councillor Goulden (for absence)
Councillor Pannett (for lateness)

009/09LP **APOLOGIES**
(1215/52/08/IM)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Long Term Council Community Plan Hearings Subcommittee:

1. *Accept apologies for absence from Mayor Prendergast and Councillor Goulden and Pannett.*
2. *Accept apologies for lateness from Councillor Coughlan.*

010/09LP **ORAL SUBMISSIONS TO THE 2009/10 DRAFT LONG TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN (CONTINUED)**
(1215/52/08/IM) (REPORT 1)

NOTED:

64. Brooke Turner and supporters spoke on behalf of the Zeal Education Trust (submission 11). Zeal provides opportunities for youth through a variety of measures.

(Councillor Ritchie joined the meeting at 9.24am.)

Zeal must move to a new site. They have acquired an ideal site in Ghuznee St. This is a bigger space and the rent would be lower. Zeal will be working with School of Rock at the new site. They already have detailed plans but need to raise one third of the cost before the Department of Internal Affairs will work with them. Zeal asked the Council for \$75,000 to cover this one third.

(Councillor Foster joined the meeting at 9.32am.)

65. Alexander Wright submitted as an individual (submission 472). Mr Wright submitted a visual document, a copy of the Draft LTCCP bound in cardboard and wood. He urged the Council to be mindful that they are making decisions on behalf of the disillusioned, disenfranchised and marginalised, and this included the environment. He expressed concern over how processes work and that only the rich and powerful seem to know how to use them.

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 9.44am.)

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66. Rob Stone submitted on behalf of the Department of Conservation (submission 281) and Helen Algar submitted on behalf of the Wellington Conservation Board (submission 501). Both organisations can help the Council work towards their conservation goals. They requested the Council give ongoing funding to facilities such as the Zoo and Karori Wildlife Sanctuary. They support the Biodiversity Action Plan. There is a need to address the discharge of stormwater into streams.
Ms Algar noted that the Wellington Conservation Board works with the Department of Conservation on the Conservation Management Strategy. She expressed concern over the lack of coherence between the Draft LTCCP and the Conservation Management Strategy and encouraged the Council to connect the processes for the sake of the community. It was also suggested that various Council facilities collaborate to provide a visitor experience on conservation. The consultation process for the Draft LTCCP was applauded.
67. Tracy Hurst-Porter submitted on behalf of the Johnsonville Progressive Association (submission 265). The Johnsonville Progressive Association were excited with the background work that was done on the Draft LTCCP but were disappointed when they saw the draft and could not find any of the consultation reflected. It was noted that Johnsonville has been targeted for infill housing but Greater Wellington Regional Council roading plans are not due for some time. The housing should not be targeted until roads and transport issues are sorted.
68. Paula Warren submitted as an individual (submission 364). Ms Warren said she feels that she gets very good value for her rates. She asked for more of what is already done very well; walking, cycling and transport plans. She did note that the Council should give feedback on why decisions are made after consultation.
69. David Haynes submitted on behalf of Smartlinx3 Ltd (submission 211). Mr Haynes said there is a disconnect between the recently released Government broadband investment initiative paper and the regional broadband strategy. The LTCCP should include broadband friendly plans, for example laying internet wires when doing road works.

(Councillor Ritchie joined the meeting at 10.31am.)

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 10.32am.)

(The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.33am.)

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(The meeting reconvened at 10.51am. Councillors Foster, McKinnon, Morrison, Pannett and Pepperell were present.)

70. Neville Carson submitted on behalf of Circa (submission 294). Mr Carson was primarily attending to answer any questions Councillors may have on his submission. He said a modest increase to grants made to Circa would be appreciated.

(Councillor Best joined the meeting at 10.55am.)

71. Margaret Macey submitted on behalf of Evelyn Graci Jarvie (submission 470). Concern was expressed regarding the closure of school pools, which means children have to learn to swim in municipal pools. This puts pressure on scheduling and can be expensive for families. It was said that children are more comfortable learning to swim in school pools. It was suggested that the Council look more into helping supporting schools to keep their pools. Ms Macey did acknowledge that this is largely a Ministry of Education problem.
72. Anna Scorey submitted as an individual (submission 29). Ms Scorey was very supportive of the Toi Poneke Hub. She said it is important to put money into grass roots arts. She added that more cycle lanes would be good.
73. Bruce Emerson submitted on behalf of NZ Bus (submission 356). Mr Emerson said the Draft LTCCP is excellent and was hugely supportive of it, especially with the key issues on transport. Connecting people to places is crucial to a vibrant city. He noted that the CBD is the biggest delay to reliable buses. The Golden Mile is a very intensive bus network. Support was given for lowering speed limits on the Golden Mile to 30 kilometres / hour. Mr Emerson recognised that restoration of the Golden Mile will need to happen in stages.
74. Bernie Harris submitted on behalf of the Vogelmorn Kingston Residents' Association (submission 395). Mr Harris commended the way the Association has been able to work with Council officers. He was primarily concerned with safety in the area, especially with regard to the roads. Concern was also expressed with the economic situation which is bringing a world of redundancy. The revenue and financing policy in the Draft LTCCP is hard to read. People experiencing financial hardship cannot see where their money is going. Mr Harris made an additional point that if you charge rates for something, you should only charge once. He feels there is nationwide misunderstanding of how depreciation is used.

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75. Kevin Almy submitted as an individual (submission 38). Mr Almy expressed concerns regarding water metering. He suggested storing water on private properties and encouraged the use of composting toilets. The Council should also look at other techniques for draining ground before putting in artificial turf. Mr Almy was concerned about the placement of the Indoor Community Sport Centre because of traffic congestion, especially because the airport is due to expand. He hoped the Council would not sell their shares in the airport. He would like to see the Council investigate light rail.
76. Ian Shearer submitted as an individual (submission 262). Mr Shearer placed emphasis on the need for a Community Resilience Plan to deal with issues wider than just that of civil emergency. He also felt that charging for recycling bags is a backwards step.
77. Rosamund Averton submitted as an individual (submission 200). Ms Averton said that she was perplexed that past plans are not rolled over. The Draft LTCCP should show which plans are completed or deferred. She thanked the Council for the new walkway markers around Wellington. It was suggested that the “Explore Wellington” brochures be brought back.
78. Barry Hellberg submitted on behalf of the New Zealand Retailers Association (submission 405). It was noted that retail is important to the business / community mix in Wellington. Mr Hellberg suggested that the Council set up a consultation forum with retailers to meet every 3 months. He asked that responses be given to people after they make their submissions.

(Councillor Gill joined the meeting at 12.30pm.)

(The meeting adjourned at 12.38pm for lunch.)

(The meeting reconvened at 1.02pm. Councillors Best, Foster, McKinnon, Morrison, Ritchie, Pannett and Wade-Brown were present.)

79. Alison Hoffman submitted as an individual (submission 331). Ms Hoffman said the Council needs to rethink the model of economic development. Focus should be on quality of life, not the quantity of items purchased.

(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 1.04pm.)

She was pleased to see that buses were going electric. There is a need to have sustainable public transport. She would also like to have “real time” information at bus stops.

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(Councillor Gill returned to the meeting at 1.06pm.)

(Councillor Goulden joined the meeting at 1.12pm.)

80. Pauline Swann submitted on behalf of Waterfront Watch (submission 418). Ms Swann would like to see the Council take over the waterfront as soon as possible. Further funding for Frank Kitts Park was not supported. She expressed concern regarding the state of the wharves on the waterfront.
A supplementary submission was tabled (submission 418a).

81. Marie Holgate submitted as an individual (submission 386). Ms Holgate said Manners Mall should be left as it is. Increasing charges for swimming pools will mean children will not be able to have their lessons. This is a safety hazard.

(Councillor Gill left the meeting at 1.33pm.)

82. Toni Izzard submitted as an individual (submission 306). Concern was expressed regarding parking on Wellington streets. It can be very tight and often means fire engines or rubbish trucks cannot pass. It was suggested that car decks are a good solution for this. The Council should encourage the building of car decks to get cars off the road.

83. Michael Taylor submitted as an individual (submission 404). Mr Taylor said that the Council should not be spending money on luxuries in the current economic climate.

84. Greg Peters, Jamie Joseph, Will Cartchbirch and William Strang submitted on behalf of the Wellington Rugby Football Union (submission 440). Strong support for artificial turfs was expressed. They commended the Council for their foresight and innovation regarding Nairnville Park. Bad winters see a drop in player numbers the following winter. Artificial turfs will prevent this. Turfs are beneficial at a local and professional level, especially with the Rugby World Cup approaching. They are aware of the cost, but the investment is invaluable. There are also social benefits of keeping children involved in sport. Artificial turfs are another way the Council can illustrate Wellington is a competitive, leading city.

(Councillor Best left the meeting at 2.06pm)

85. Tim Jones submitted as an individual (submission 291). Mr Jones noted that predicted rise in sea levels has been underestimated. Climate change is happening faster than expected. The Council should take this into account when building on the coast. He also said

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that all projects should be looked at in light of encouraging a shift in transport modes to public transport, walking and cycling.

(Councillor Best returned to the meeting at 2.16pm.)

86. Wendy Rundle submitted as an individual (submission 14). Ms Rundle asked that the Council do not do away with the items desk in libraries. She acknowledged the Council has to look at expenses. She also requested that the Council look into light rail.
87. Cathy Wylie, Phil Parnell and Wilbur Dovie submitted on behalf of the Otari – Wilton's Bush Trust (submission 256). They agreed with the Council plans to reduce pests in the reserve. The Council was urged to not reduce spending in Otari, especially in relation to plant collecting. There was concern expressed that Zealandia was a big budget item. They also asked for ongoing support for staff in order to preserve the native bush.

(The meeting adjourned at 2.35pm for afternoon tea.)

(The meeting reconvened at 2.45pm. Councillors Foster, Gill, McKinnon, Morrison, Ritchie, Pannett and Wade-Brown were present.)

88. Peter Hunt and Jenney Henton submitted on behalf of Forest and Bird (submission 355). They would like to see differences in the LTCCP that inspire people to achieve.

(Councillors Ahipene-Mercer and Pepperell joined the meeting at 2.47pm.)

It was suggested that a green corridor be established in Wellington. They also noted the potential for Wellington to become a destination for environmental functions. Work being done on biodiversity is very important and the Council is on the way to achieving excellence in this area. It was noted that the Council needs to look at Moa Point and problems with storm water.

(Councillor Foster left the meeting at 2.54pm.)

89. Chris Renwick submitted as an individual (submission 343). Mr Renwick said the basic issue is always what role the Council plays and how it should be paid for. It is hard to understand the impact of the differential from looking at the Draft LTCCP. The Council needs to look at what it can afford in light of the current economic climate.

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90. Robin Boldarin submitted on behalf of the Miramar / Mapuia Progressive Association (submission 409).

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 3.03pm.)

It was noted that the library was the first place that installs a love of books in children. The library does not need DVDs and CDs as these can be hired from the video store.

91. Delia Shanly submitted on behalf of Film Wellington (submission 391). It was noted that Wellington is a film friendly city but there is nothing in the LTCCP that suggests how the Council will support film in the future. Film Wellington needs the Council to work with them. The Council should be focusing on how Wellington can remain the leader in film in New Zealand.

(Councillor Foster returned to the meeting at 3.20pm.)

92. Sue Patterson and Fran Wilde submitted on behalf of the International Festival of the Arts (submission 324). They thanked the Council for their ongoing support for the Festival. There is increasing pressure on finances due to the economic situation. They are also facing growing competition from Auckland. To reduce the size of the Festival would risk the benefits it brings to Wellington. They asked the Council to continue to support the Festival by increasing funding. Without funding the Festival will not go ahead.
93. Hilary Beaton and Angela Green submitted on behalf of Downstage Theatre (submission 359). They asked for an increase in funding. Downstage is the only professional theatre company in Wellington. It encourages creative thinking and keeps talent here. A lot of actors have to move to Auckland to pursue their careers.
94. Victor Anderlini submitted on behalf of the Wellington Marine Conservation Trust (submission 304). The Trust has been fundraising for a study on a new site for the Marine Education Centre at Maranui. The results of the feasibility study are very positive. It will be financially viable and offer huge economic benefits. He asked that the Council invest in this venture.
95. Sam Morgan submitted as an individual (submission 315). Mr Morgan submitted in support of the Wellington Marine Conservation Trust proposal. He noted that there are limitations on indoor attractions for families. This will provide a focus point on marine reserves for New Zealand. A private / public structure for investment is very workable. Council support is vital to the project progressing.

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(The meeting adjourned at 4.10pm to reconvene at 9.15am Friday 29 May 2009.)

(The meeting reconvened at 9.17am on Friday 29 May 2009.)

9.17AM – 10.40AM

10.53AM – 12.30PM

1.04PM – 2.37PM

2.42PM – 4.07PM

PRESENT:

Mayor Prendergast	(2.03pm – 2.37pm, 2.42pm – 4.07pm)
Councillor McKinnon (Chair)	(9.17am – 10.40am, 10.53am – 12.30pm, 1.04pm – 2.19pm, 2.29pm – 2.37pm, 2.42pm – 4.07pm)
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer	(9.51am – 10.40am, 10.53am – 12.30pm, 1.04pm – 2.37pm, 2.42pm – 4.07pm)
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Councillor Morrison	(9.17am – 10.40am, 10.53am – 11.18am, 11.24am – 12.30pm, 1.04pm – 2.00pm, 2.10pm – 2.37pm, 2.42pm – 4.07pm)
Councillor Wade-Brown	(9.17am – 10.40am, 10.53am – 12.30pm, 1.04pm – 2.37pm, 2.42pm – 4.07pm)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Coughlan	(10.53am – 12.30pm, 1.07pm – 1.50pm, 3.54pm – 4.07pm)
Councillor Gill	(1.04pm – 2.37pm, 2.58pm – 4.07pm)
Councillor Goulden	(2.07pm – 2.37pm, 3.54pm – 4.07pm)
Councillor Pepperell	(9.17am – 10.33am, 11.20am – 11.43am, 12.01pm – 12.30pm)
Councillor Ritchie	(9.43am – 10.40am, 11.38am – 12.30pm, 1.22pm – 2.11pm)
Councillor Wain	(11.34am – 12.30pm, 1.04pm – 2.37pm, 3.54pm – 4.07pm)

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Ahipene-Mercer (for lateness)
Councillor Pannett (for absence)
Councillor Wain (for lateness)

009/09LP **APOLOGIES**
(1215/52/08/IM)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Draft Long Term Council Community Plan Hearings Subcommittee:

1. *Accept apologies for lateness for Councillors Ahipene-Mercer and Wain.*
2. *Accept apologies for absence from Councillor Pannett.*

010/09LP **ORAL SUBMISSIONS TO THE 2009/10 DRAFT LONG TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN (CONTINUED)**
(1215/52/08/IM) (REPORT 1)

NOTED:

96. Euan Murdoch submitted on behalf of Chamber Music (submission 138).

(Councillor Foster joined the meeting at 9.20am.)

Mr Murdoch noted that the mission statement for Chamber Music is almost the same as the Council's. He emphasised the desire to work with the Council. There is still a need for a world class venue. Regular audiences would sell several times over with such a venue.

97. Tanya Kopytko submitted on behalf of DANZ (submission 132). She noted that dance is a very popular and rapidly growing form of activity. There is a need for space for dance. She encouraged the Council to think creatively about this. Ms Kopytko added that there needs to be coherent management of festivals in Wellington. This is good for employment, the economy and tourism.

98. Anna Porter and Tom Law submitted on behalf of the Newtown Community Centre (submission 503). They thanked the Council for the support in the past. They try to help the community as much as possible. They also run a variety of programmes and are involved in Smart Newtown and the Newtown Festival. They asked the Council not to reduce funding and to upgrade the buildings.

(Councillor Ritchie joined the meeting at 9.43am.)

(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer joined the meeting at 9.51am.)

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99. Maria van der Meel submitted on behalf of The City is Ours (submission 322). Ms van der Meel expressed concern over more and more people moving into the CBD and the increase in population density. She noted that Manners Mall is the busiest pedestrian access way. Buses through Manners Mall will add carbon emissions in a highly populated area. Mention was made of the Quality of Life Survey in the written submission which she would like removed. A supplementary submission was tabled (submission 322a).
100. Graeme Hastilow submitted on behalf of Te Runanga o Toa Rangatira Inc (submission 399). Concern was expressed that further developments in the Northern Suburbs will add pressure to the Porirua storm water and sewerage system, which already cannot cope. He suggested the Council work with Porirua City Council on this issue. It was also suggested that the Council get involved with Greater Wellington Regional Council and Porirua City Council on harbour restoration. He also sought more protection for waahi tapu, areas of significance. More involvement in the building consent process was requested as a means of ensuring this.
101. Lisette Wesseling and Rosie McLeod submitted on behalf of the Disability Reference Group (submission 447). They expressed a need for the Council to develop a Disability Strategy. That would mean people with disabilities are factored into all decisions made by Council. The word “accessible” should be included in the LTCCP. This means recognising and removing barriers to enabling people to be active in the community. They also asked that plain English and sign language be used in communicating with the community. Funding should be increased for the web centre to ensure the internet is more accessible to all. The Courtenay Place lighting upgrade has been great. All upgrades to urban development should be done in consultation with the Disability Reference Group. There is also a lack of access to recreation centres for disabled people which prohibits the ability to be able to train and participate in sports.

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 10.33am.)

(The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.40am.)

(The meeting reconvened at 10.53am. Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Coughlan, Foster, McKinnon, Morrison and Wade-Brown were present.)

102. Jan Voss submitted as an individual (submission 296). Ms Voss expressed concern regarding the proposed extension to Westchester Drive. She presented findings based on a survey by local residents of Glenside. It was felt that the extension would negatively impact

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pedestrians and cyclists and would not adequately solve problems currently experienced.

Supplementary submissions were tabled (submission 296a and 296b).

103. Judith Davey submitted as an individual (submission 35). She noted that other forms of transport are given priority over pedestrians. Skateboards, bikes and mobility scooters on footpaths are dangerous for the elderly. The Council needs to focus on better infrastructure for pedestrians. The “Green Man” at lights changes too quickly for a lot of elderly to cross in time. Footpaths need to be regularly upgraded and maintained.
A supplementary submission was tabled (submission 35a).

(Councillor Morrison left the meeting at 11.18am.)

(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 11.20am.)

104. Walter Friedal submitted on behalf of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA) (submission 436). He expressed concern over insulation and clean heat, but thanked the Council for their work in this area so far. Mr Friedal presented a scheme which allowed for residents to claim one third of the cost of insulation for houses built before 2000, up to \$1,300. There should be extra compensation for Community Service Card holders. He asked the Council to provide funds for this scheme and encourage promotion in the city. This meets a number of sustainability issues.

(Councillor Morrison returned to the meeting at 11.24am.)

105. Simon Smelt submitted as an individual (submission 154). Mr Smelt noted a prime difficulty with the Draft LTCCP is that there is no basis given for the weighing of priorities in light of the hard economic times. To be a helpful document it would need to go further by giving an indication of what thinking goes behind Council spending. It is hard to interpret the financials and the inflation assumptions are not clear.

(Councillor Wain joined the meeting at 11.34am.)

(Councillor Ritchie joined the meeting at 11.38am.)

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 11.43am.)

106. Craig Goddall and Chris Parkin submitted on behalf of the St James Trust (submission 272). The actual number of ticket sales is down but the Trust has been able to generate revenue through other means. They asked for interim funding through the Council events fund of \$200,000

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per year for 2 years. This would be directed to putting on events. The Trust will be making a real effort to generate revenue during those 2 years.

107. Janice Schone submitted as an individual (submission 349). Ms Schone would like to see the Council discharging some of its debt before spending more on projects. The environment is one of Wellington's most special aspects and as such the Council must look at planning infrastructure to help the environment. She encouraged the Council to help households set up water collection facilities. This would take away some of the burden of treating water.

(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 12.01pm.)

A competition for ideas on dealing with recycling was suggested. She would also like to see elderly residents having the means to keep active and healthy. There should be smaller buses around residential areas.

108. David Butler submitted on behalf of the Wellington Labour Local Body Corporate (submission 377). Mr Butler opposed spending on water meters. He noted that there was work to be done on parks in Wellington, and doubted there was enough benefit to justify opening Manners Mall to buses. He supported the Indoor Community Sport Centre, especially at this time as it created jobs. Mr Butler was against any movement towards a further rates burden. A supplementary submission was tabled (submission 377a).

109. Graham Howell submitted as an individual (submission 183). Mr Howell said there needed to be a move to get people out of private cars by making public transport better. He also supported continued funding for community events. It was suggested that the Council make the Golden Mile car free from 7am – 7pm. There is a need to continue to employ people in the city as there is a fear that we will not be out of the recession for another 12 months.

(The meeting adjourned at 12.30pm for lunch.)

(The meeting reconvened at 1.04pm. Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Gill, McKinnon, Morrison, Wade-Brown and Wain were present.)

110. Paula Warren submitted on behalf of Living Streets Aotearoa (submission 450). They have developed a walking plan and now need the funds to implement it. It was noted that walking is very important for Wellington as a city.

(Councillors Coughlan and Foster joined the meeting at 1.07pm.)

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111. Peter Reimann submitted on behalf of Trelissick Park Group (submission 415). The Council was thanked for its support for Trelissick Park. Concern was expressed regarding storm water and storm water erosion. Mr Reimann asked that the Council not remove funds for Trelissick Park. He also asked for heritage recognition as this gives greater protection to the park.

(Councillor Ritchie joined the meeting at 1.22pm.)

112. Warrick Taylor submitted on behalf of the Wellington Residents' Coalition (submission 426). Mr Taylor said that early engagement should have started with a blank sheet. He is not opposed to rates increases if they are needed, but is concerned about the differential. He does not want water metering and called for the abolition of uniform charges for water and sewerage. It was suggested that the Indoor Community Sport Centre be deferred at this stage.

113. Bev Abbott submitted on behalf of Wellington Botanic Society (submission 424). It was expected that the Biodiversity Action Plan was a foundation document on which the LTCCP would be based. The Draft LTCCP only lists 2 places of environmental biodiversity. There is no allocation of capital for developments at Otari which does not inspire confidence. The Council needs to protect Otari as a leading New Zealand botanic garden for native plants. She was impressed by the range of consultation methods used in consultation but found the Draft LTCCP document confusing and hard to follow. A supplementary submission was tabled (submission 424).

(Councillor Coughlan left the meeting at 1.50pm.)

114. Dennis Sharman submitted on behalf of the Tawa Community Board (submission 457). He noted that the board members found it difficult to get to day time meetings and suggested having more meetings at night, including for oral hearings. He emphasised that there was no real process that included Community Boards. There is a need to up keep parks and reserves. He thanked the Council for their support in this area. He also gave thanks for the ongoing support for Tawa events. Mr Sharman noted that there needed to be some long term solutions for graffiti.

(Councillor Morrison left the meeting at 2.00pm.)

115. Claire Bibby submitted on behalf of the Glenside Progressive Association (submission 366). She asked that the extension of Westchester Drive be deferred until a proper economic study has been done, or stopped altogether. She noted that the extension is for a

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private development so the public should not have to pay for it. She also asked that there be funding for a dedicated walking and cycling route.

A supplementary submission was tabled (submission 366a).

(Mayor Prendergast joined the meeting at 2.03pm.)

(Councillor Goulden joined the meeting at 2.07pm.)

(Councillor Morrison returned to the meeting at 2.10pm.)

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 2.11pm.)

116. Karen Fifield submitted on behalf of the Wellington Zoo Trust (435). She said the Zoo was keen to be part of the Biodiversity Action Plan and wants to work with the Council in delivering outcomes. The Council was thanked for their ongoing support.

(Councillor McKinnon left the meeting at 2.19pm.)

(Mayor Prendergast chaired the meeting in the absence of Councillor McKinnon.)

117. Luigi Muollo and Con Anastasiou submitted on behalf of Save Manners Mall (submission 236). The Council was asked to recognise the hard economic times we are in. Mr Anastasiou noted that the Draft LTCCP said the Manners Mall proposal is for a “reversion to street”. This implied it intends to allow all traffic on Manners Mall, not just buses. He also said that the proposal to open Manners Mall to buses is incompatible with many other statements in the Draft LTCCP. There will be hugely adverse affects from allowing buses through Manners Mall. He also had an issue with the AC Nielson Poll, believing it produced false information.

A supplementary submission was tabled at 236a).

(Councillor McKinnon returned to the meeting at 2.29pm.)

(The meeting adjourned at 2.37pm for afternoon tea.)

(The meeting reconvened at 2.42pm. Mayor Prendergast and Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Foster, McKinnon, Morrison and Wade-Brown were present.)

118. Miranda Clayton submitted on behalf of the Creative Capital Trust (submission 323). There is a proposal to join the Cuba Street Carnival Trust and the Fringe Arts Trust into one unit. This would allow greater participation for all and the Trusts to combine collective

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resources and knowledge. The Creative Capital Trust will provide leadership, coordination and advocacy. It will make sure Wellington remains the creative capital of New Zealand. The Cuba Street Carnival and the Fringe Festival are hugely successful events that create a strong foundation to build upon. Ms Clayton asked for funding for the Creative Capital Trust. She expressed a desire to work with Council officers and would like the chance to come back to Council in December 2009 with a more detailed plan. A supplementary submission was tabled (submission 323a).

(Councillor Gill returned to the meeting at 2.58pm.)

119. Mafi Katoa and Ida Faiumu-Isa'ako submitted on behalf of the Pan-Pacific Hall or Multicultural Centre Tongan Community. They proposed the establishment of a Pacific Hall or Centre for Pacific peoples in Wellington. There is a hall in Newtown but it is not big enough or holistic enough. A written submission to support the oral submission was tabled at the meeting. The submission was not numbered.
120. Ann Niell and supporters submitted on behalf of New Zealand Historic Places Trust (submission 407). It was noted that it is very important to have heritage buildings in the city. Earthquake strengthening could become an expense item for company's accounts. She noted the need for central government assistance with earthquake strengthening.
121. Alan Smith submitted on behalf of the Wellington Civic Trust (submission 434). Mr Smith said that how people live and work in Wellington should always be kept in the forefront of decision making. The Draft LTCCP says the Council will "look after" reserves. It was felt that this was too passive. There needs to be active acquisition of land. He asked where the Capital Centre has gone. If it is no longer planned then it should say so.
122. Karyn Burgess submitted on behalf of Enviroschools Wellington (submission 388). Ms Burgess asked for ongoing funding for Enviroschools. The programme has become very popular but they have reached a point where there needs to be serious commitment. Funding from the Council is not currently sustainable through the grants system. Supporting Enviroschools benefits every strategy in the LTCCP.

(Councillors Coughlan and Goulden returned to the meeting at 3.54pm.)

123. Peter Cooke, Ruth Jeffery and John Morrison submitted on behalf of Mount Cook Mobilised (submission 309). They encouraged greater

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water savings and would love to see plastics continue to be recycled. They did not feel that non-residential heritage sites are given enough protection. They also encouraged the Council to set up a play area for children.

The meeting concluded at 4.07pm on Friday 29 May 2009.

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Chair
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