

ORDINARY MEETING

OF

STRATEGY AND POLICY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Time: 9:30 am
Date: Thursday, 18 March 2021
Venue: Ngake (16.09)
Level 16, Tahiwī
113 The Terrace
Wellington

PRESENT

Mayor Foster
Councillor Calvert (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Day (Chair)
Councillor Fitzsimons
Councillor Foon
Councillor Matthews
Councillor O'Neill
Councillor Pannett (via audiovisual link)
Councillor Paul
Councillor Rush
Councillor Sparrow
Councillor Woolf
Councillor Young

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1. Meeting Conduct

1.1 Karakia

The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 9:36 am and invited members to stand and read the following karakia to open the meeting.

**Whakataka te hau ki te uru,
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga.
Kia mākinakina ki uta,
Kia mātaratara ki tai.
E hī ake ana te atākura.
He tio, he huka, he hauhū.
Tihei Mauri Ora!**

Cease oh winds of the west
and of the south
Let the bracing breezes flow,
over the land and the sea.
Let the red-tipped dawn come
with a sharpened edge, a touch of frost,
a promise of a glorious day

1.2 Apologies

Moved Councillor Day, seconded Councillor Matthews, the following motion

Resolved

That the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. Accept the apologies from:
 - a) Mayor Foster and Councillor Young for early departure; and
 - b) Deputy Mayor Free and Councillor Condie for absence.

Carried

1.3 Conflict of Interest Declarations

No conflicts of interest were declared.

1.4 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Councillor Day, seconded Councillor O'Neill, the following motion

Resolved

That the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. Approve the minutes of the Strategy and Policy Committee Meeting held on 11 March 2021, having been circulated, that they be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of that meeting.

Carried

1.5 Items not on the Agenda

There were no items not on the agenda.

1.6 Public Participation

1.6.1 National Council of Women

Representing National Council of Women, Rabeea Inayatullah spoke about the Spatial Plan.

1.6.2 Michael Kelly

Professor Michael Kelly spoke to item 2.3 Submission on Climate Change Commission draft report.

1.6.3 Jesse Richardson

Jesse Richardson spoke about the possibility of a land value tax in Wellington.

1.6.4 Wellington Tennis

Representing Wellington Tennis, Tim Shannahan spoke to item 2.2 Reporting back on public consultation of a new lease on Wellington Town Belt: Wellington Tennis Incorporated.

Tabled items at public participation

Attachments

- 1 National Council of Women
- 2 Professor Michael Kelly

2. General Business

2.1 New Licence for new licensee under the Wellington Town Belt Act 2016: Tanera Gardens Incorporated

Moved Councillor Day, seconded Councillor Fitzsimons, the following motion

Resolved

That the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Approve that officers publicly consult on granting a new community garden licence for a three-year term with one renewal term of five years to Tanera Garden Incorporated on land, measuring approx. 2,387 sqm, which is part of the Wellington Town Belt known as Tanera Park, more particularly described as Part Lot 1 Deposited Plan 10508 in Computer Register WN608/4 for a peppercorn rental.
3. Note that the new licence will include the following Special Provisions:
 - a. The Council will pay the first \$300 of metered water per annum (exclusive of GST).
 - b. No cooking or preparing food on site.
 - c. The Licensee is prohibited from erecting any fences or buildings on the Licensed Area.
 - d. The Licensee must obtain Council approval in writing before erecting any signs or placing any seating in the Licensed Area.
 - e. The Licensee shall provide Council with their site-specific Health and Safety Plan and update as required.
4. Note that approval to grant licences on Wellington Town Belt is conditional on:
 - Appropriate iwi consultation;
 - Public consultation as required under section 16 of the Wellington Town Belt Act 2016
 - No sustained objections resulting from the above consultation and notification; and
 - Legal and advertising costs being met by the Lessee (where applicable)

Carried

2.2 Reporting back on public consultation of a new lease on Wellington Town Belt: Wellington Tennis Incorporated

Moved Councillor O'Neill, seconded Mayor Foster, the following motion

Resolved

That the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Recommend to the Council that it grant a new ground lease to Wellington Tennis Incorporated for a ten-year term with one renewal term of ten years and three subleases for Tennis Central Region Incorporated, Kaizen Academy Seido Karate and PlanitPro Limited each for a term of ten years with a right of renewal for another ten years. The land is legally described as Section 1 Survey Office Plan 474197 containing 1.5865 hectares more or less.
3. Note that the new lease will be in accordance to the Wellington Town Belt Act 2016, Wellington Town Belt Management Plan and Leases Policy for Community and Recreation Groups.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 am and reconvened at 10:47 am. Deputy Mayor Free and Councillor Condie were absent.

2.3 Submission on Climate Change Commission draft report

Moved Councillor Paul, seconded Councillor Pannett, the following motion

Resolved

That the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Agree with the key points outlined above and in the cover letter.
3. Approve the cover letter and detailed submission response for submission to the Climate Change Commission on 26 March 2021, **with the following amendments:**
 - a) **In the cover letter, to be clearer that we are not on track to meet our city targets, and that our submission focuses on our city's emissions profile, at the bottom of the first page:**

"There are however many areas of our emissions profile that we have little influence over and that is where we require central government to act, as without central government action and partnership we will be unable to meet our city target. Our submission focuses on transport and urban form as that reflects our city footprint, which is ~50% transport and 36% stationary energy (primarily in buildings), with only small contributions from waste, industry and agriculture."

b) In the cover letter, to reflect the urban/rural transport divide, in point #2:

"Increase the speed and scale of the transport recommendations - greater mode shift in urban areas can be achieved in relatively short timeframes with central government support, which would enable bigger emissions cuts and deliver a range of co-benefits."

c) In the submission, to reflect the urban/rural transport divide, page 4, question 12, end of the first paragraph under Transport:

(also add to the end of the third paragraph on page 7, question 14)

"Note that our feedback on transport recommendations is from an urban point of view. We are of the view that more could be achieved in transport in urban areas, which would then enable the Commission to strengthen the transport recommendations and overall budgets."

d) In the submission, on decentralised composting, page 14, question 18, last sentence of the third paragraph:

"The Commission should also recognise the preference for that local communities may prefer to build soil and sequester carbon through decentralised local composting systems (rather than centralised anaerobic digestion) and find ways to incentivise councils to work with communities to collaborate on solutions."

e) On the subject of flexible working, our feedback on Necessary action 2e will be:

"That we are aware of the trends that are increasing the number of Wellington residents who are regularly working from home and support the climate benefits of that, however this should also include flexible working as this has the potential to reduce demand on public transport networks at peak time, improving the utilisation and cost effectiveness of these networks, and more efficient utilisation of the CBD with more consistent footfall and retail spending across day- and night-time periods. Having a strong, vibrant central city is critical to our region and relies on people living, working, visiting, recreating and shopping in it in it. We are focused as a city on reducing required travel distances (through compact form) and decreasing the carbon intensity of their commuting trips. We note that Wellington City residents are already the largest users of walking, cycling and public transport in the country."

f) On the NPS-UD, page 13, question 15:

"Urban form is the responsibility of local government. National guidance on spatial planning, for example through the National Policy Statement on Urban Development (NPS-UD), is a very good start towards enabling intensification, however it must be supported by government investment in active transport modes and public transport, and a commitment to investing in spatial planning (and the climate change related issues associated with that). Managing growth, the densification of the city, and urban form as a result of the NPS-UD is the role of the district plan and local government. Whilst there is some government funding and advocacy support, more could be done. National guidance on green space, water sensitive design, operational waste minimisation, car-parking regulations, national road planning approaches and standards etc would also be helpful."

g) On the subject of the need to change how transport is funded, the submission currently has the following at the bottom of page 10 which we think covers off this point:

"3f – The pricing structure of FBT, road user chargers, petrol tax, and funding for transport projects will need to be significantly overhauled to ensure that low emissions transport is incentivised and funded. It is not sustainable to have the funding for low carbon transport projects reliant on sources of funding that will reduce over time if the transport projects are successful. Care should be taken, however, not to remove charges on ICE vehicles.

4. Agree that the cover letter and detailed response be made available on Wellington City Council website on 19 March to assist others in drafting their submissions.

Carried

Secretarial note: Councillor Paul moved the original motion with amendments (supported by officers) as marked in red.

Secretarial note: The motion moved by Councillor Paul and seconded by Councillor Pannett was taken part by part, the divisions for which are as follows:

Clauses 1 & 4:

For:

Mayor Foster
Councillor Calvert
Councillor Day (Chair)
Councillor Fitzsimons
Councillor Foon
Councillor Matthews
Councillor O'Neill
Councillor Pannett
Councillor Paul
Councillor Rush
Councillor Sparrow
Councillor Woolf
Councillor Young

Against:

None

Absent:

Councillor Condie
Deputy Mayor Free

Majority Vote: 13:0

Carried

Clauses 2 & 3:

For:

Mayor Foster
Councillor Calvert
Councillor Day (Chair)
Councillor Fitzsimons
Councillor Foon
Councillor Matthews
Councillor O'Neill
Councillor Pannett
Councillor Paul
Councillor Sparrow
Councillor Woolf
Councillor Young

Against:

Councillor Rush

Absent:

Councillor Condie
Deputy Mayor Free

Majority Vote: 12:1

Carried

3. Committee Reports

3.1 Report of the Finance, Audit and Risk Subcommittee Meeting of 10 March 2021

HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

Moved Councillor Calvert, seconded Mayor Foster, the following motion

Resolved

That the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. Receive the information.

Carried

4. Public Excluded

Moved Councillor Day, seconded Councillor Rush, the following motion

Resolved

That the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. Pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, exclude the public from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

General subject of the matter to be considered	Reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
4.1 Public Excluded Report of the Finance, Audit and Risk Subcommittee Meeting of 10 March 2021	7(2)(c)(i) The withholding of the information is necessary to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information or information from the same source and it is in the public interest that such information	s48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.

should continue to be supplied.

7(2)(c)(ii)

The withholding of the information is necessary to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely to damage the public interest.

7(2)(b)(ii)

The withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

7(2)(h)

The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.

Carried

The meeting went into public-excluded session at 11:09 am.

The meeting returned from public-excluded session and concluded at 11:16 am with the reading of the following karakia:

Unuhia, unuhia, unuhia ki te uru tapu nui	Draw on, draw on
Kia wātea, kia māmā, te ngākau, te tinana, te wairua	Draw on the supreme sacredness To clear, to free the heart, the body and the spirit of mankind
I te ara takatū	
Koia rā e Rongo, whakairia ake ki runga	Oh Rongo, above (symbol of peace)
Kia wātea, kia wātea	Let this all be done in unity
Āe rā, kua wātea!	

Authenticated: _____
Chair