

**ORDINARY MEETING**

**OF**

**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**Time:** 9.15am  
**Date:** Thursday, 4 September 2014  
**Venue:** Committee Room 1  
Ground Floor, Council Offices  
101 Wakefield Street  
Wellington

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**PRESENT**

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



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## **1 Meeting Conduct**

### **1.1 Apologies**

**Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Sparrow**

**Resolved**

That the Environment Committee:

Accept the apologies received from Councillor Foster.

**Carried**

### **1.2 Conflict of Interest Declarations**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

### **1.3 Confirmation of Minutes**

**Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Free**

**Resolved**

That the Environment Committee:

Approve the minutes of the Environment Committee held on 27 May 2014, 4 August 2014 and 6 August 2014, having been circulated, that they be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of that meeting.

**Carried**

### **1.4 Public Participation**

**Noted:**

1. John Bishop and Joan Quinn on behalf of Friends of the Town Belt Trust addressed the Environment Committee on the Wellington Town Belt Bill.

**Attachments**

Wellington Town Belt Bill - Friends of the Town Belt Trust

2. Robin Buxton from the Greater Kelburn Progressive Association addressed the Environment Committee on the Wellington Town Belt Bill.
3. Craig Palmer on behalf of the Wellington Civic Trust addressed the Environment Committee on the Wellington Town Belt Bill.

**Attachments**

Wellington Town Belt Bill - Wellington Civic Trust

4. John Robinson addressed the Environment Committee on the Island Bay Seawall.
5. Vicki Greco addressed the Environment Committee on the Island Bay Seawall.

6. David Lee on behalf of Action for the Environment addressed the Environment Committee on the Town Belt Bill.

**Attachments**

Wellington Town Belt Bill - Action for the Environment

**1.5 Items not on the Agenda**

There were no items not on the agenda.

**2. Strategy**

**4.1 Island Bay Seawall Project Plan and Engagement Plan**

**Moved Councillor Lee, seconded Councillor Pannett**

**Resolved**

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Agree to the Island Bay Seawall Project Plan as attached in Attachment 1.
3. Agree the Island Bay Seawall Engagement Plan as attached in Attachment 2.

**Carried**

(The meeting adjourned at 10.38am for morning tea and reconvened at 10.55am)  
(Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillors Pannett, Ahipene-Mercer, Ritchie, Lee, Free and Sparrow were present when the meeting reconvened)

**2.1 Wellington Town Belt Bill**

**Moved Councillor Ritchie, seconded Councillor Pannett**

**Resolved**

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Approve the final Wellington Town Belt Bill (Attachment 2) having given full consideration to submissions received.
3. Approve schedules 2–6 to the Wellington Town Belt Bill as set out in Attachment 4 and agree to delegate to the Chief Executive and the Environment Portfolio Leader the authority to incorporate the final versions of schedules 2–6 into the final Wellington Town Belt Bill.
4. Recommend to the Council that:
  - a. The Council approves the final Wellington Town Belt Bill.

- b. The Council instructs officers to take all necessary steps to introduce the Bill into Parliament as a local Bill.
5. Agree to delegate to the Chief Executive and the Environment Portfolio Leader the authority to make any changes to the Wellington Town Belt Bill required as a result of decisions of the Environment Committee, as well as minor editorial amendments, prior to the presentation to the Council.

Voting For: Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillor Ahipene-Mercer, Councillor Free, Councillor Lee, Councillor Pannett (Chair), Councillor Ritchie and Councillor Sparrow

Voting Against: Nil

Majority Vote: 7:0

**Carried**

### **3. Policy**

#### **3.1 Botanic Gardens of Wellington Management Plan Review**

**Moved Councillor Ritchie, seconded Councillor Free**

**Resolved**

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Agree the changes to the draft management plan outlined in Attachment One in response to issues raised in submissions.
3. Recommend that the management plan as attached in Attachment Two be adopted as a management plan under Section 41 of the Reserves Act 1977.
4. Agree to change the name of Bolton Street Memorial Park to Bolton Street Cemetery under section 16 (10) of the Reserves Act 1977.
5. Agree to delegate to the Chief Executive and the Environment Portfolio Leader the authority to make any changes to the Botanic Gardens of Wellington Management Plan required as a result of decisions of the Environment Committee, as well as minor editorial amendments.
6. Note that a minor review of the management plan may be required as a result of:
  - (a) an assessment of an off leash dog area at Magpie Lawn as part of the Dog Policy review.
  - (b) the development of a strategic cycling route along Glenmore Street.

**Carried**

### **3.2 Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan**

**Moved Councillor Ritchie, seconded Mayor Wade-Brown**

#### **Resolved**

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Recommend that the draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan (Attachment 1) be approved for public consultation in accordance with the requirements of the Reserves Act 1977.
3. Delegate to the Chief Executive Officer and portfolio leader the authority to approve minor wording, formatting and content changes as agreed by the Committee.
4. Instructs officers:
  - i. To give public notice under section 119 of the Reserves Act 1977 of the Councils intention to classify (under section 14 of the Reserves Act 1977) and reclassify (under section 24 of the Reserves Act 1977), as appropriate, the parcels of land described in Appendix One of the draft management plan, to reflect each parcels primary purpose, and
  - ii. Once the period for submissions and objections has closed, if any objections have been received, to report back to the Environment Committee to consider any objections, and for a recommendation to Council to resolve whether or not to proceed under sections 14 and 24 of the Reserves Act 1977 with the proposal to declare as reserve or reclassify accordingly the parcels of land described in Appendix One of the draft management plan.
5. Recommends to the Council that: if no objections have been received once the period for submissions and objections has closed, that the Council resolves to declare as reserve under section 14 of the Reserves Act 1977 and reclassify under section 24 of the Reserves Act 1977, as appropriate, the parcels of land described in Appendix One of the draft management plan accordingly to reflect each parcels primary purpose.

**Carried**

## **4. Operational**

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### **4.2 Our Living City Fund- July 2014**

**Moved Councillor Ritchie, seconded Councillor Pannett**

#### **Resolved**

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Agree to fund the applicants tabled below:

	<u>Organisation Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1	Conservation Volunteers New Zealand	\$0.00
2	Makara Peak Mountain Bike Park Supporters Inc	\$3,990.00
3	Owhiro Bay Residents Association	\$0.00
4	Polhill Restoration Project	\$3,075.00
5	Royal Forest And Bird Protection Society Of New Zealand Inc - Wellington Branch	\$0.00
6	Sustainable Coastlines Charitable Trust	\$8,000.00
7	The Morgan Foundation	\$5,000.00
8	Transition Town Brooklyn	\$3,000.00
9	Wellington Marine Conservation Trust	\$0.00
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$23,065.00</b>

**Carried**

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 12:09 pm.)  
(Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 12:17 pm.)  
(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer left the meeting at 12:32 pm.)  
(Councillor Lee left the meeting at 12:32 pm.)

### **4.3 Completion of Skyline Track - Progress Report**

**Moved Councillor Ritchie, seconded Councillor Free**

#### **Recommendation**

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receive the information.

**Moved Councillor Ritchie, seconded Councillor Sparrow**, the following amendment:

That the Environment Committee:

2. Report back to the October Environment Committee meeting with a project plan, noting that the objective is to have part or all of the walkway complete by March 2016.

**Carried**

#### **Resolved**

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Report back to the October Environment Committee meeting with a project plan, noting that the objective is to have part or all of the walkway complete by March 2016.

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**Carried**

**4.4 Update from Greater Wellington Regional Council on the work of the  
Whaitua Committee**

**Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Free**

**Resolved**

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receive the information.

**Carried**

The meeting concluded at 12.36pm.

Confirmed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair