

**ORDINARY MEETING**

**OF**

**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**Time:** 9.16am  
**Date:** Tuesday, 16 December 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 Foster  
Councillor Free  
Councillor Lee  
Councillor Pannett (Chair)  
Councillor Ritchie  
Councillor Sparrow

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Councillor Eagle  
Councillor Lester  
Councillor Young



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## **1 Meeting Conduct**

### **1.1 Apologies**

No apologies were received.

### **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 Meeting held on 16 October 2014, 27 November 2014 and 3 December 2014, having been circulated, that they be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of that meeting.

**Carried**

### **1.4 Public Participation**

#### **1.4.1 Warren Hall**

Warren Hall addressed the Environment Committee on the Island Bay Seawall.

#### **Attachments**

1 Tabled information

#### **1.4.2 Keith Johnson**

Keith Johnson addressed the Environment Committee on the Island Bay Seawall.

#### **Attachments**

1 Tabled information

#### **1.4.3 Island Bay Seawall Action Group**

Vicki Greco, on behalf of the Island Bay Seawall Action Group, addressed the Environment Committee on the Island Bay Seawall.

#### **Attachments**

1 Tabled information

#### **1.4.4 Peter Connolly**

Peter Connolly addressed the Environment Committee on the Island Bay Seawall.

## 1.5 Items not on the Agenda

There were no items not on the agenda.

At the 27 November 2014 Environment Committee meeting, under standing orders 3.16.2(b), five items of business were adjourned to this meeting.

## 4.1 Proposed South Coast Bach Licences: Red Rocks and Mestanes Bay

Moved Councillor Ritchie, seconded Councillor Lee

### Recommendations

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receives the information.
2. Agrees to grant licences under the Reserves Act 1977 over Lot 1 DP28821 as comprised and described in Computer Freehold Register WN41A/291 and Lot 1, DP 26786 as comprised and described in Computer Freehold Register WN39D/222.
3. Notes that any approval to grant licences is conditional on:
  - a. appropriate iwi consultation;
  - b. public notification under s119 and s120 Reserve Act 1977;
  - c. no sustained objections resulting from the above notification.

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Pannett, the following amendment:  
That the Environment Committee:

2. Agrees to grant ~~licences~~ **leases** under the Reserves Act 1977 over Lot 1 DP28821 as comprised and described in Computer Freehold Register WN41A/291 and Lot 1, DP 26786 as comprised and described in Computer Freehold Register WN39D/222, with the amended lease template attached.
3. **Notes that in accordance with S58(2)(a) Reserves Act 1977 consultation is not required as the leases are in conformity with and contemplated by the South Coast Management Plan.**

**Carried**

### Resolved

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receives the information.
2. Agrees to grant leases under the Reserves Act 1977 over Lot 1 DP28821 as comprised and described in Computer Freehold Register WN41A/291 and Lot 1, DP 26786 as comprised and described in Computer Freehold Register WN39D/222, with the amended lease template attached.
3. Notes that in accordance with S58(2)(a) Reserves Act 1977 consultation is not required as the leases are in conformity with and contemplated by the South Coast Management Plan.

**Carried**

### Attachments

- 1 Amended Lease Template

**2.1 A 12 month report on implementation of Our Capital Spaces Strategy - an open spaces and recreation framework 2013 - 2023**

**Moved Councillor Ritchie, seconded Councillor Foster**

**Resolved**

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. **Agree that the committee continue to receive 12 monthly reports on implementing Our Capital Spaces in this format, with any intermediate updates through the standard quarterly report process**

**Carried**

**3.1 Water Conservation and Efficiency Plan Annual Report 2013-14**

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

**Resolved**

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receive the information.

**Carried**

**3.2 Update from Wellington Water Committee**

Councillor Pannett addressed the Environment Committee on the Wellington Water Committee.

**4.2 Forward Programme 2015**

**Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Free**

**Resolved**

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receive the information.

**Carried**

(Mayor Wade-Brown left the meeting at 10:26 am.)  
(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer left the meeting at 10.27 am.)

(The meeting adjourned at 10.29am for morning tea)  
(The meeting reconvened at 10.45am)

(Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Pannett, Sparrow, Lee and Free were present when the meeting reconvened).

(Mayor Wade-Brown returned to the meeting at 10:58 am.)

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 11:10 am.)

(Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 11.19 am.)

(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer left the meeting at 12.08 pm.)

(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer returned to the meeting at 12.10 pm.)

### **4.3 Island Bay Seawall Project**

#### **Moved Councillor Lee, seconded Councillor Sparrow**

#### **Recommendations**

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Note that the primary purpose and function of seawalls is to manage coastal hazard risks from tides, storm surges and large wave events.
3. Note that the NZ Coastal Policy Statement 2010 sets out when evaluating options in areas of existing development, councils must:
  - a. focus on approaches to risk management that reduce the need for hard protection structures and similar engineering interventions
  - b. take into account the nature of the coastal hazard risk and how it might change over at least a 100-year timeframe, including the expected effects of climate change.
4. Note that the current seawall will not cope with predicted sea-level rise and storms.
5. Note that the Island Bay seawall is a listed heritage item in the Council's District Plan.
6. Agree to:  
**EITHER**
  - a. repair the Island Bay seawall in accordance with the plans and costs outlined in paragraphs 40 and 41.
  - b. continue to gather more detailed design information to develop the long-term solution based on options 3 or 4 (the options are outlined in Attachments 3 and 4 respectively) with implementation occurring by 2025**OR**
  - c. continue to gather more detailed design information for options 3 or 4 (the options are outlined in Attachment 3 and 4 respectively) for the Committee to make a final implementation decision before June 2015.
7. Agree that the repairs represent a short to medium-term temporary coastal protection solution for Island Bay.
8. Agree that officers develop a resilience strategy for the South Coast for managing coastal hazards and report back on progress the Committee June 2015.
9. Note that officers will be presenting papers to the Transport and Urban Development Committee in early 2015 to:
  - a. consider the Council's District Plan heritage list and whether Council should as remove items such seawalls from the District Plan.
  - b. introduce a pedestrian crossing between Shorland Park and the main Island Bay beach entrance in the interim period before a long-term solution is implemented.

**Moved Councillor Lee, seconded Councillor Ahipene-Mercer**, the following amendment:  
That the Environment Committee:

The amendments were taken in parts, with a division called for each:

4. **Note Agree** that **sections of** the current seawall will not cope with predicted sea-level rise and storms **in the medium to long term**.

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

Voting Against: Nil

Majority Vote: 8:0

**Carried**

6. Agree to:

**EITHER**

- a)** repair the Island Bay seawall **in a functional manner and** in accordance with the plans and costs outlined in paragraphs 40 and 41. **Note that under all options the eastern part of the wall will be retained.**

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

Voting Against: Nil

Majority Vote: 8:0

**Carried**

- b)** continue to gather more detailed design information to develop the long-term solution based on options 3 or 4 (the options are outlined in Attachments 3 and 4 respectively) **in consultation with the community** with implementation occurring by ~~2025~~ **2018-2021**.

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

Voting Against: Councillor Foster and Councillor Ritchie

Majority Vote: 6:2

**Carried**

**OR**

- ~~e. continue to gather more detailed design information for options 3 or 4 (the options are outlined in Attachment 3 and 4 respectively) for the Committee to make a final implementation decision before June 2015.~~

- c) Note that a proposal to trial a temporary road closure will be consulted on as part of the proposal.**

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

Voting Against: Councillor Ritchie

Majority Vote: 7:1

**Carried**

**d) Note that final design and implementation will be subject to resource consenting decisions**

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

Voting Against: Nil

Majority Vote: 8:0

**Carried**

**e) Note that implementation will be subject to the availability of funding through the Long-term Plan.**

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

Voting Against: Nil

Majority Vote: 8:0

**Carried**

9. Note that officers will be presenting papers to the Transport and Urban Development Committee in early 2015 to:

- a) consider the Council's District Plan heritage list and whether Council should remove items such as seawalls from the District Plan.
- b) introduce a pedestrian crossing between Shorland Park and the main Island Bay beach entrance in the interim period before a long-term solution is implemented.
- c) **Consider traffic calming measures for The Esplanade as part of the overall project as an immediate project to improve the connections between the beach and park.**

10. **Agree that the future design of Shorland Park, its playground and other activities for children, the dog park and the former surf club building form part of the consultation with the community to gather more detailed design information to develop the long-term solution based on options 3 and 4.**

11. **As part of the consultation process consider how best to acknowledge the history of Tangata whenua and the Italian community in the area.**

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

Voting Against: Nil

Majority Vote: 8:0

**Carried**

**Moved Councillor Ritchie, seconded Councillor Foster**, the following amendment:  
That the Environment Committee:

- 12. Given uncertainty regarding the project cost, and the high level of contingency budget, request officers to report back to Committee on the final costs.**

The amendment was accepted by leave of the meeting.

(Mayor Wade-Brown left the meeting at 12.50 pm.)

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 12.53 pm.)

(Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 12.58 pm.)

**Moved Councillor Free, seconded Councillor Pannett**, the following amendment:  
That the Environment Committee:

6. Agree to:

- a) repair the Island Bay seawall in a functional manner **in the same style as the existing wall** and in accordance with the plans and costs outlined in paragraphs 40 and 41. ~~Note that under all options the eastern part of the wall will be retained.~~  
**Note that the condition of the eastern part of the Island Bay Seawall will be considered as part of the resilience strategy for the coast.**

**Carried**

### **Resolved**

1. Receive the information.
2. Note that the primary purpose and function of seawalls is to manage coastal hazard risks from tides, storm surges and large wave events.
3. Note that the NZ Coastal Policy Statement 2010 sets out when evaluating options in areas of existing development, councils must:
  - a) focus on approaches to risk management that reduce the need for hard protection structures and similar engineering interventions
  - b) take into account the nature of the coastal hazard risk and how it might change over at least a 100-year timeframe, including the expected effects of climate change.
4. Agree that sections of the current seawall will not cope with predicted sea-level rise and storms in the medium to long term.
5. Note that the Island Bay seawall is a listed heritage item in the Council's District Plan.

6. Agree to:
  - a) repair the Island Bay seawall in a functional manner in the same style of the existing wall and in accordance with the plans and costs outlined in paragraphs 40 and 41. Note that the condition of the eastern part of the Island Bay Seawall will be considered as part of the resilience strategy for the coast.
  - b) continue to gather more detailed design information to develop the long--term solution based on options 3 or 4 (the options are outlined in Attachments 3 and 4 respectively) in consultation with the community with implementation occurring by 2018-2021.
  - c) Note that a proposal to trial a temporary road closure will be consulted on as part of the proposal.
  - d) Note that final design and implementation will be subject to resource consenting decisions
  - e) Note that implementation will be subject to the availability of funding through the Long-term Plan.
7. Agree that the repairs represent a short to medium-term temporary coastal protection solution for Island Bay.
8. Agree that officers develop a resilience strategy including educational initiatives for the South Coast for managing coastal hazards and report back on progress the Committee June 2015.
9. Note that officers will be presenting papers to the Transport and Urban Development Committee in early 2015 to:
  - a) consider the Council's District Plan heritage list and whether Council should remove items such as seawalls from the District Plan.
  - b) introduce a pedestrian crossing between Shorland Park and the main Island Bay beach entrance in the interim period before a long-term solution is implemented.
  - c) Consider traffic calming measures for The Esplanade as part of the overall project as an immediate project to improve the connections between the beach and park.
10. Agree that the future design of Shorland Park, its playground and other activities for children, the dog park and the former surf club building form part of the consultation with the community to gather more detailed design information to develop the long-term solution based on options 3 and 4.
11. As part of the consultation process consider how best to acknowledge the history of Tangata whenua and the Italian community in the area.
12. Given uncertainty regarding the project cost, and the high level of contingency budget, request officers to report back to Committee on the final costs.

**Carried**

(The meeting adjourned at 1.01 pm for lunch)  
(The meeting reconvened at 1.33 pm)

(Councillors Free, Pannett, Ritchie and Sparrow were present when the meeting reconvened).

(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer returned to the meeting at 1.34 pm.)

(Councillor Lee returned to the meeting at 1.38 pm.)

## **2.2 Our Natural Capital - Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan**

**Moved Councillor Ritchie, seconded Councillor Ahipene-Mercer**

### **Resolved**

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Recommend that the draft Our Natural Capital – Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (Attachment 1) be approved for public consultation.
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. Instruct officers to meet directly with mana whenua and key stakeholder organisations as part of the consultation process.
5. Note that no additional budget is being requested at this stage, while we test our priorities with the community. Any additional funding to implement Our Natural Capital would be subject to normal Annual Plan or Long Term Plan processes. Officers will also investigate other funding options
6. Note that public consultation on the draft Our Natural Capital – Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan will occur from 22 January 2015 – 6 March 2015 and will be presented to Environment Committee for final approval in May 2015.

**Carried**

## **4.4 Reserve Naming - Leonie Gill Pathway**

**Moved Councillor Ritchie, seconded Councillor Ahipene-Mercer**

### **Resolved**

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Recommend that the Council agree that the 3.463ha of open space comprising the land legally described as Part Section 4-5, 8 Evans Bay District, Section 173 Evans Bay District, Part Lot 61 DP21360 and Lot 2 DP83928; be named 'Leonie Gill Reserves'.
3. Note that signage at the newly developed shared path will refer to 'Leonie Gill Pathway' with way finding as appropriate to other paths.

**Carried**

### **4.3 New Licence Under Reserves Act 1977: Basin Reserve**

**Moved Councillor Ritchie, seconded Councillor Pannett**

#### **Resolved**

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receives the information.
2. Agrees to grant a new licence to Spark NZ Trading Ltd under the Reserves Act 1977 (subject to the usual conditions noted below).
3. Notes that any approval to grant the licence is conditional on:
  - a. Appropriate Iwi consultation
  - b. Public notification under s119 and s120 Reserves Act 1977
  - c. No sustained objections resulting from the above consultation and notification; and
  - d. Legal and advertising costs being met by the licensee (where applicable).
4. Notes resource consent has been issued for the telecommunication proposal and the Basin Reserve Trust has approved the proposal.

**Carried**

The meeting concluded at 1.45pm.

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