

ORDINARY MEETING

OF

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

CONFIRMED MINUTES

Time: 9.15am
Date: Thursday, 15 October 2015
Venue: Committee Room 1
Ground Floor, Council Offices
101 Wakefield Street
Wellington

PRESENT

Mayor Wade-Brown
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer
Councillor Coughlan
Councillor Eagle
Councillor Foster
Councillor Free
Councillor Lee
Councillor Lester
Councillor Marsh
Councillor Pannett (Chair)
Councillor Peck
Councillor Ritchie
Councillor Sparrow
Councillor Woolf
Councillor Young

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The meeting was delayed by 2 minutes to allow Councillors time to participate in the “National Shakeout”. Mayor Wade-Brown, who led the drill, provided a brief overview of the importance of “Shakeout” and reminded councillors to keep thinking about earthquake preparedness within their portfolio responsibilities and to prepare at a personal level.

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:

1. Approve the minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on 17 September 2015, having been circulated, that they be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of that meeting.

Carried

1.4 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

1.5 Items not on the Agenda

There were no items not on the agenda.

The Chair changed the order of the agenda to allow items 4.1, 4.2 and 3.1 to be considered before item 2.1.

4. Operational

4.1 Proposed New Lease and Lease Variation under Reserves Act 1977 – New and Existing Tenants

Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Eagle

Resolved

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Agree to grant a new lease to Conservation Volunteers New Zealand under the Reserves Act 1977(subject to the usual terms and conditions noted in point 4).

3. Agree to grant a lease variation to National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research under the Reserves Act 1977 (subject to the usual terms and conditions noted in point 4).
4. Note that any approval to grant the lease and lease variation referred to in resolution 1 are conditional on:
 - (a) Appropriate iwi consultation
 - (b) Public notification under s119 and s120 Reserves Act 1977 (where applicable)
 - (c) No sustained objections resulting from the above consultation and notification; and
 - (d) Legal and advertising costs being met by the lessee (where applicable).

Carried

4.2 Reclassification of part of Raukawa Street Reserve

Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Free

Resolved

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Agree to reclassify part of Raukawa Street Reserve being Lots 29-30 DP 22265 WN12C/708 to Local Purpose Reserve (Community Purpose).
3. Authorise Officers to conclude the reclassification including carrying out all necessary steps under the Reserves Act 1977.
4. Note that public submissions received as part of the Reserves Act 1977 process will guide the reserve revocation.
5. Note that, in the event submissions objecting to the proposal are received, a further report may be presented to the Environment Committee to decide whether to uphold objections or not.

Carried

(Councillor Coughlan entered the meeting at 9:23 am.)

(Councillor Ritchie entered the meeting at 9:25 am.)

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 09:26 am.)

(Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 09:27 am.)

3. Monitoring

3.1 Review of Annual Reports for Council Controlled Organisations for the Year Ending 30 June 2015

The following people came to speak to the Environment Committee or support speakers on their Council Controlled Organisations Annual Report for 2014/15:

- Denise Church (Chair of Zelandia), Russ Drewry (Acting Chief Executive) and Ian Phillips (Manager, Commercial Development);
- Karen Fifield (Chief Executive of Wellington Zoo), Francie Russell (Deputy Chair Wellington Zoo Trust) and Wellington Zoo officers Amy Hughes and Susan MacDonald and;
- Colin Crampton (Chief Executive of Wellington Waters), Alexander vanPaassen and Ben Fountain (officers from Wellington Waters)

(Councillor Coughlan left the meeting at 9:40 am.)

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 9:49 am.)

(Councillor Coughlan returned to the meeting at 09:51 am.)

(Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 10:01 am.)

(Mayor Wade-Brown left the meeting at 10:27 am.)

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10:30 am.

The meeting reconvened at 10:50 am

(Councillor Lester returned to the meeting at 10:51 am.)

(Mayor Wade-Brown returned to the meeting at 10:55 am.)

(Councillor Coughlan returned to the meeting at 11:09 am.)

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 11:16 am.)

(Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 11:17 am.)

Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Mayor Wade-Brown

Resolved

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Note any issues for the Chair to raise with the entities covered by this report.

Carried

2. Policy

2.1 Wellington City Council's submission on the Proposed Natural resource Plan

(Councillor Marsh left the meeting at 11:26 am.)
(Councillor Marsh returned to the meeting at 11:28 am.)
(Councillor Lee left the meeting at 11:36 am.)
(Councillor Eagle left the meeting at 11:46 am.)
(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer left the meeting at 11:46 am.)
(Councillor Lester left the meeting at 11:48 am.)
(Councillor Coughlan left the meeting at 11:48 am.)
(Councillor Eagle returned to the meeting at 11:48 am.)
(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer returned to the meeting at 11:48 am.)
(Councillor Lee returned to the meeting at 11:48 am.)
(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer left the meeting at 11:52 am.)
(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer returned to the meeting at 11:53 am.)
(Councillor Foster left the meeting at 12:01 pm.)
(Councillor Eagle left the meeting at 12:07 pm.)
(Councillor Marsh left the meeting at 12:07 pm.)
(Councillor Young left the meeting at 12:07 pm.)
(Councillor Lee left the meeting at 12:15 pm.)

Moved the amended officers recommendations Councillor Pannett, seconded Mayor Wade-Brown

Resolved

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Agree to lodge a submission on the Proposed Natural Resources Plan (PNRP) as set out in Attachment 1 of this report.
3. **Delegate to the Chair of the Environment Committee, Councillor Ritchie, and the Chief Executive, the authority to approve any editorial or minor word changes to the Councils submission on the Proposed Natural Resources Plan.**
4. **Amend the Submission as follows:**
 - 2.1 **Add the following as an Introduction, before Section 1 General Comments:**

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission. Wellington City Council (WCC) supports the approach of the Proposed Natural Resources Plan to provide a robust framework for the management and protection of the natural environment.

WCC seeks a number of changes to the plan and its submission is outlined below.

2.2 Amend the first paragraph of Section 1.1 Urban Environment:

The existing urban environment is an important regional resource and its continued operation as well as the development of new urban environments cannot occur without the use and development of some natural resources. The PNRP does not fully recognise or provide for the benefits of the use and development of the urban environment.

2.3 Add to Section 1.1 Urban Environment as follows:

The vibrancy and vitality of the waterfront area relies on a range of activities occurring within the Coastal Marine Area (CMA) adjacent to the urban area. The PNRP clearly manages structures in the CMA but does not appear to have provisions that manage and control the use and change of use of the coastal marine area.

Include an additional decision requested as follows:

1.1.3 Amend the Plan to include provisions that better manage and control the use, change of use and activities in the CMA.

2.4 Add to Section 1.1 Urban Environment as follows:

Climate change is likely to have a significant impact on the ongoing maintenance, upgrade and provision of structures in the CMA. Decisions, in consultation with the community, about how best to continue to provide infrastructure and protect assets in the CMA, will need to be made. The Plan takes an 'avoid' approach to seawalls and the demolition of heritage structures. The effects of climate change may result in the need for new or substantial upgrades of seawalls to protect assets and infrastructure; or the need to demolish, mover or replace heritage structures (especially heritage structures that are also infrastructure items). WCC believes that the approach to heritage structures, seawalls and climate change in the PNRP is not well integrated and seeks changes to address this.

Include an additional decision requested

1.1.4 Provide better integration and recognition of how climate change will affect the provision of infrastructure; the need to replace and upgrade seawalls; and potential effects on heritage items; and how the separate policy approach to these issues relates to each other.

2.5 Amend the decision requested in 2.1.2 to:

Policy P73

The adverse effects of stormwater discharges shall be minimised including by:

(a)...

(b)...

(c) Implementing water sensitive urban design in new subdivisions and development (unless it can be demonstrated that it is not appropriate due to topography or soil type)

Or similar wording

2.6 Amend the decision requested in 2.7.1 to:

Add additional wording to the end of the policy to ensure all matters are given appropriate and due consideration.

2.7 Add an additional decision requested 2.6.6 to:

2.6.6 Undertake an assessment of stream systems within identified growth areas to better understand in order to determine where mitigation of adverse effects is appropriate and where avoidance of adverse effects is appropriate.

Carried

(Councillor Sparrow left the meeting at 12:16 pm.)

(Councillor Lee returned to the meeting at 12:16 pm.)

The meeting concluded at 12:28 pm.

Confirmed: _____

Chair