

**JOINT COMMITTEE
WELLINGTON REGIONAL AMENITIES FUND**

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL, 2013

12.00PM – 12.40PM

**Committee Room One
Wellington City Council Offices
Ground Floor
101 Wakefield Street
Wellington**

PRESENT:

Wellington City Council Mayor Wade-Brown (12.00pm – 12.40pm)
Kapiti Coast District Council Mayor Jenny Rowan (12.00pm – 12.40pm)
Upper Hutt City Council Mayor Wayne Guppy (12.00pm – 12.40pm)
Hutt City Council Mayor Ray Wallace (12.00pm – 12.40pm)

COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE:

Wellington City Councillor Ray Ahipene-Mercer (Arts Portfolio Holder)

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Martin Rodgers – Wellington City Council – Manager, Research, Consultation and Planning
Felicity Birch – Wellington City Council – Fund Manager
Philippa Richardson – Kāpiti Coast District Council – Strategic Projects Manager
Jamie Delich – Wellington City Council – Manager, Business Development Events
Jenny Rains – Wellington City Council – Manager, City Communities
Derek Fry – Wellington City Council – Chief Operating Officer

APOLOGIES

Moved Mayor Wade-Brown, seconded Mayor Wallace, the motion that the Joint Committee accept apologies from Masterton District Council Mayor Gary Daniell.

The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

Mayor Wade Brown noted that she is on the board of the New Zealand International Arts Festival but has no pecuniary interest in it.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 8 February 2013

Moved Mayor Guppy, seconded Mayor Rowan, the motion that the Joint Committee approve the minutes of the meeting held on Friday 8 February 2013, having been circulated, be taken as an accurate record of that meeting.

The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Committee:

1. *Approve the minutes of the meeting held on Friday 8 February 2013, having been circulated, be taken as an accurate record of that meeting.*

Reports

1 Fund Criteria and Priorities

(REPORT 1)

Moved Mayor Wade-Brown, seconded Mayor Wallace.

The substantive motion was amended as follows:

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4. Agree that a forum is held with organisations on the criteria and priorities for the Fund before the second round is held.

That the Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree with the priorities for the Fund.*
3. *Agree with the criteria for the Fund.*
4. *Agree that a forum is held with organisations on the criteria and priorities for the Fund before the second round is held.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Mayor Wallace asked that it be recorded that Hutt City Council is consulting with its community on the Fund through their Annual Plan process and this will also feed into the review of the criteria and priorities.

2 **Expressions of Interest in the Wellington Regional Amenities Fund**

(REPORT 2)

The Committee noted that the Wellington Free Ambulance provide a valuable and important service for the region but agreed that they were not a fit with the criteria of the Fund. Hutt City and Wellington City Councils noted that they will be looking at funding levels for the Wellington Free Ambulance through their Annual Plan and contract funding processes in 2013.

Moved Mayor Rowan, seconded Mayor Wallace.

That the Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree that the following projects should be funded in principle, with the funding released on receipt of an acceptable detailed application and budget.*
 - a. *The 'Winter of Art' Programme and Art Lovers Tours across the region's galleries - \$215,000*
 - b. *Visitor experience development working across the region's environmental attractions \$300,000*
 - c. *The 2014 New Zealand International Arts Festival opening large-scale outdoor event - \$300,000*
 - d. *2015 first steps - The 2014 ANZAC Eve concert in the first year of WW100 - New Zealand Symphony Orchestra - \$50,000*
3. *Agree the criteria and priorities will be reviewed once Annual Plans are finalised.*
4. *Agree to invite applications from 1 August, 2013 noting existing successful applicants may re-apply.*
5. *Agree to liaise with existing and potential military heritage projects around the region to develop a connected programme for 2015 that will maximise the Wellington region's capacity to attract visitors in that year and beyond.*
6. *Agree to liaise with theatre organisations in the region to explore potential joint approaches, including cooperation to secure Creative New Zealand funding.*

