

**JOINT COMMITTEE
WELLINGTON REGIONAL AMENITIES FUND**

MINUTES

FRIDAY 27 SEPTEMBER, 2013

2.00PM – 3.00PM

**Upper Hutt Council Chambers
Upper Hutt City Council Offices
Level 3, Civic Administration Building
838-842 Fergusson Drive
Upper Hutt**

PRESENT:

Wellington City Council Mayor Wade-Brown (2.00pm – 3.00pm)
Kapiti Coast District Council Mayor Jenny Rowan (2.00pm – 3.00pm)
Upper Hutt City Council Mayor Wayne Guppy (2.00pm – 3.00pm)

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Felicity Birch – Wellington City Council – Fund Manager
Stephen McArthur – Kāpiti Coast District Council – Group Manager Strategy
and Partnerships
Warrick Dent – Wellington City Council – Manager, City Events

APOLOGIES

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

The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 26 July 2013

Moved Mayor Rowan, seconded Mayor Wade-Brown, the motion that the Joint Committee approve the minutes of the meeting held on Friday 26 July 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 26 July 2013, having been circulated, be taken as an accurate record of that meeting.*

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

Mayor Wade Brown noted that she is on the boards of the New Zealand International Arts Festival and the Nikau Foundation.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

NOTED:

- 1 Dr Victor Anderlini and Grant Macaskill from the Wellington Marine Conservation Trust addressed the meeting regarding Report 2 – Expressions of Interest. They spoke in favour of their expression of interest.
- 2 Victoria Spackman from BATS Theatre addressed the meeting regarding Report 2 – Expressions of Interest. She spoke in favour of their expression of interest.

Reports

1 **Financial Contributions to the Fund**

(REPORT 1)

The Joint Committee agreed that clarifying the expected level of income would allow better planning and communication about the Fund.

They also agreed that the Chair should write to the three non-contributing councils inviting them to join the Fund in the next financial year.

The following motion was moved

4. Agree that the level of contribution be recommended (as per appendix two) on a rising scale,

That the Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to recommend to their incoming Councils that levels of support are agreed in principle for the next three years while not restricting the democratic right of each council to amend their level of contribution as they see fit.*
3. *Agree the Chair writes to Porirua City Council, South Wairarapa District Council and Carterton District Council suggesting that they participate in the Fund in the 2014/2015 financial year at the levels as noted in appendix four or at the fixed rate for the next three years.*
4. *Agree that the level of contribution be recommended (as per appendix two) on a rising scale,*

Moved Mayor Wade-Brown, seconded Mayor Rowan.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

The motion differed from the officer recommendations.

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

(REPORT 2)

The Joint Committee discussed the expressions of interest recommended by officers and raised 2 additional proposals from the Mahara Gallery and the Wellington Marine Conservation Trust that they agreed should be included in the 2013/2014 round.

They agreed that the release of funding for the Wellington Marine Conservation Trust would be contingent on them receiving funding, as outlined in the budget included in their expression of interest, from the MBIE Tourism Growth Partnership Fund in the 2013/2014 financial year.

The following motion was moved:

Moved Mayor Rowan, seconded Mayor Guppy.

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) *Bats Theatre –\$102,500 - for the fitout of the Theatre at 1 Kent Terrace*
- b) *Circa Theatre – \$32,500 - towards developing staff capability*
- c) *Mahara Gallery - \$50,000 – towards a project manager position*
- d) *NZ Festival of the Arts - \$45,500 – towards a study on future developments of the Festival*
- e) *NZ Opera Limited - \$50,000 – towards educational programmes in 2014*
- f) *Orchestra Wellington – \$100,000 - for operational support for outreach and community development programmes*
- g) *Pukaha Mount Bruce - \$50,000 – towards the development of a walk through aviary*
- h) *Te Papa – \$150,000 - towards the promotion of activities for the Matariki Festival in 2014 from regional galleries and organisations*
- i) *Wellington Marine Conservation Trust - \$100,000 – towards phase two of the Ocean Exploration Centre Project*
- j) *Wellington Museums Trust - \$100,000 – towards the Capital E Arts Festival for Children*
- k) *Wellington Zoo and Zealandia - \$100,000 – for bridging funding for phase two of the Nature Connections Project*

The motion was then put to the vote and was **CARRIED**.

The motion differed from the officer recommendations.

Other Business

3 There was no other business.

The meeting concluded at 2.00pm.

Confirmed: _____

Chair
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