
MINUTES

**THURSDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2006
(RECONVENED THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2006)**

9.24AM

**Committee Room 1
Ground Floor, Council Offices
101 Wakefield Street
Wellington**

PRESENT:

Councillor Armstrong (Chair)
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer
Councillor Foster (9.33 – 2.04pm, 2.19 – 4.11pm)
Councillor Gill (9.24am – 2.26pm)
Councillor Goulden (9.24am - 12pm, 12.07 – 2.58pm, 3.11 – 4.11pm)
Councillor McKinnon
Councillor Morrison (9.24am – 12.20pm, 1.26 – 4.11pm)
Councillor Pepperell
Councillor Ritchie (9.24am – 2.30pm, 2.48 – 4.11pm)
Councillor Ruben (9.24am – 2.30pm, 2.48 – 4.11pm)
Councillor Shaw (9.24 – 11.13am, 12.06 – 2.30pm, 2.48 – 4.11pm)
Councillor Wade-Brown (2.16 – 4.11pm)
Councillor Wain

APOLOGIES:

Mayor Prendergast
Councillor Cook

209/06P **APOLOGIES**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- 1. Accept apologies for absence from Mayor Prendergast and Councillor Cook.*
- 2. Accept apologies for lateness from Councillor Wade-Brown.*

210/06P **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

(Councillor Foster joined the meeting at 9.33am.)

211/06P **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

1. Eyal Aharoni and Chris Hansen from PrimeProperty addressed the Committee regarding the Proposed District Plan Change 48 – Central Area, and withdrawal of proposed district plan change 41. They expressed concern that the change will give developers less assurance and the added restrictions are not what Wellington needs.

212/06P **WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATION REVIEW:
ORAL HEARINGS**

1. Bernie Harris submitting as an individual spoke to his submission and expressed concern that the Council is not adhering to the guidelines set out in the Local Government Commission Guidelines. He feels that Wellington City Council is not a representative democracy and is concerned that the public is not consulted properly.
2. Stan Andis submitting as an individual addressed the Committee in support of the abolition of the Tawa Community Board and the extension of the Makara / Ohariu Community Board to include all rural areas. He noted concern at the consultation process and feels that the Council is not listening to the views of the public. He feels that Ward meetings are important for Councillors to interact with their constituents and will encourage a transparent democracy.
3. Alec Waugh representing the Roseneath Residents' Association expressed concern at the proposal that Roseneath be moved to the Eastern Ward from the Lambton Ward. Roseneath Residents' Association feel Roseneath is socially and geographically related to the Lambton Ward, not the Eastern Ward and should not be moved because of a mathematical equation. Oriental Bay and Roseneath share a church, school and civil defence centre as well as local issues. This shows their community of interest is together and the two communities should remain together.

4. Mr Blair of the Oriental Bay Residents' Association spoke to the Association's submission in support of keeping Roseneath with the Lambton Ward. He noted Roseneath and Oriental Bay share amenities and have close historical ties. He notes that the Oriental Bay and Roseneath Associations often have joint meetings to discuss common problems.
5. Brent Slater, submitting as an individual, supports the expansion of the Makara / Ohariu Community Board and abolishing the Tawa Community Board. He also expresses support for a mix of Ward Councillors and city wide Councillors. With this mix, the public will have access to their Ward Councillors which gives the best of both worlds.

(The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.33am and reconvened at 10.48am.)

6. David Butler representing Wellington Labour Local Body Committee noted satisfaction with the current number of Councillors and the eradication of the Tawa Community Board. They feel that boundary adjustments should occur in the Onslow – Western Ward. He notes that the Lincolnshire Farm development will create significant growth in the Northern suburbs and the retention of the Tawa Community Board will lighten Northern Ward Councillors work load.

(The meeting adjourned at 11.01am and reconvened at 11.12am.)

213/06P **ORDER OF BUSINESS**
(1215/52/IM)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Agree to adjourn Report 1 "WCC Representation Review (Day One): Oral Hearings" to consider Report 5 "Forward Programme".*

214/06P **FORWARD PROGRAMME**
Report of Adele Gibson – Policy Adviser.
(1215/52/IM)

(REPORT 5)

(Councillor Shaw left the meeting at 11.13am.)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to the Forward Programme for the Strategy and Policy Committee, attached as Appendix 1 of the officers report.*

212/06P **WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATION REVIEW:
ORAL HEARINGS (CONTINUED)**

NOTED:

1. Ray Lindsay submitting as an individual as well as representing the Lions Club of Tawa and Tawa Progressive Ratepayers Association feels that the Tawa Community Board is an important part of the community. He expressed concern at the proposal to abolish the Community Board as Board members are more accessible to the public than Ward Councillors. Mr Lindsay feels that the Community Board's delegated authority should be extended to give the Board more status to develop the community.
2. Richard Herbert submitting as an individual spoke in support of the Tawa Community Board. He feels that the Community Board makes communication with the public easier which adds to the vibrancy of the area. He notes fairness grounds is not an acceptable reason to abolish the Board. Mr Herbert believes that Tawa is an island community with different needs to the rest of the city and the Board provides a forum to bring local concerns.
3. Murray Lucas addressed the Committee and noted he was born and bred in Tawa and is dismayed that the Tawa Community Board may be abolished. Mr Lucas is the Principal of Tawa College and notes the Board provides support to the College in a number of ways. The Board presents volunteers with the Tawa Community Civic Awards, something which would not happen if the Community Board is abolished. The Community Board is able to vet local issues without the formality of Council.
4. Andy Fenton representing the Redwood School Board of Trustees noted that the Tawa Community Board is active and visible in the Tawa Community. The Board provides support at a level that the Council can not give, helping with projects such as a new playground and handrails in schools. Mr Fenton feels that the Tawa Community Board can not be replaced with Ward Councillors and should not be abolished.

(Councillor Goulden left the meeting at 12.00pm.)

5. Bruce Maroc submitting as an individual and representing the Takapu Valley Residents' Association expressed support for the Tawa Community Board. He also noted the Takapu Valley Residents' Associations opposition to the incorporation of the Takapu Valley to a Wellington wide Rural Community Board. The Association feel that their voice will be lost within a Rural Community Board and would prefer to be represented by Tawa Community Board.

(Councillor Shaw returned to the meeting at 12.06pm.)

(Councillor Goulden returned to the meeting at 12.07pm.)

6. Ian Greenwood submitting as an individual addressed the Committee regarding the proposed abolition of the Tawa Community Board. He believes that Community Boards bring people together which helps retain existing relationships within local communities. This sense of belonging helps to build healthy communities. He notes that if other areas do not want a Community Board, Tawa should not be punished for wanting their Board.

(Councillor Morrison left the meeting at 12.20pm.)

(The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.30pm and reconvened at 1.07pm.)

7. John Burke submitting as an individual noted that he has lived in Tawa for 25 years and believes that Tawa has gradually had services taken away. Feels that the Board is able to recognise locals who contribute to the local community in a way that Council can not.
8. Chris Smith representing the Grenada North Civil Defence Centre notes that the wisdom of locals exceeds the wisdom of Councils. Tawa is unique and separate to Wellington and needs the Community Board and feels that the Ward Councillors are not as accessible as the Board.

(Councillor Morrison returned to the meeting at 1.26pm.)

9. Lawson Robertson submitting as an individual believes that the Council does not have a good idea of what the Tawa Community Board does. Mr Robertson notes that six books have been written about Wellington City and none extend north of Thorndon. The Board is a source of information to the community and is somewhere to bring local concerns.

10. Claire Bibby representing the Glenside Residents' Association expressed concern that the Council does not recognise Glenside as a rural community. The Glenside Residents' Association would like to be included in a Rural Community Board. They feel that a Rural Community Board would provide a forum to address local issues such as a footpath along Middleton Road and protection of local heritage sites.
11. Dr Sydney Shep representing the Horokiwi Community Association expressed support for a Rural Community Board with at least one member from Horokiwi. The Association feel the rural community would be able to discuss rural specific concerns which they are unable to do currently. Dr Shep noted that residents of Horokiwi feel they are ignored and receive no engagement from Wellington City Council.

(Councillor Foster left the meeting at 2.04pm.)

12. Peter Lockery submitting as an individual noted his support for the Tawa Community Board. Mr Lockery was the Chief Fire Officer of the Tawa Volunteer Fire Brigade for 27 years and worked closely with the Community Board. He noted that Tawa is a separate fire district from Wellington and Porirua and the Tawa Fire Brigade reports to the Tawa Community Board. The Community Board provides a link for civil emergency services in the Tawa area and if the Board is abolished, the area would be greatly disadvantaged.

(Councillor Wade-Brown joined the meeting 2.16pm.)

(Councillor Foster returned to the meeting at 2.19pm.)

13. Bruce Murray submitting as an individual and also representing the Tawa Historical Society noted he has lived in Tawa for 42 years and feels that Tawa has gradually had services taken away. Mr Murray expressed his support for the Tawa Community Board which is elected by the Tawa Community and acts responsibly and swiftly. The Board is an efficient way to deal with local matters and encourages local involvement.

(Councillor Gill left the meeting at 2.26pm.)

(The meeting adjourned at 2.30pm and reconvened at 2.47pm.)

(Councillors Shaw, Ritchie and Ruben joined the meeting at 2.48pm.)

215/06P

CENTRAL AREA CHAPTER REVIEW

Report of Jeremy Blake– Senior Policy Advisor, Liz Clark– Policy Advisor, Marian Smith, Policy Advisor, Brett McKay, Manager District Plan.

(1215/52/IM)

(REPORT 2)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Shaw the substantive motion, recommendations 1 – 4, 5(b) and 6.

(Councillor Goulden left the meeting at 2.58pm.)
 (Councillor Goulden returned to the meeting at 3.11pm.)

(The meeting adjourned at 3.15pm for afternoon tea and reconvened at 3.34pm.)

Moved Councillor Wade-Brown, seconded Councillor McKinnon the following amendment.

Recommend that Map 12a of the Planning Maps in Proposed Plan Change 48 is amended by attached Map 4a (Inner City Bypass Rezonings). Specifically, the area of land on the corner of Ghuznee and Willis Streets (opposite St Peter's Church on Willis Street) is rezoned to Open Space A.

The amendment was put and a DIVISION called.

Voting for: Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Foster, McKinnon, Ritchie and Wade-Brown.

Voting against: Councillors Armstrong, Goulden, Morrison, Pepperell, Ruben, Shaw and Wain

Majority vote: 5:7

The amendment was declared LOST.

NOTED:

For the final decision on Central Area Chapter Review, please see 215/06P.

(The meeting was adjourned at 4.11pm to reconvene at 9.15am on Thursday 14 September 2006.)

(The meeting reconvened at 9.23am on Thursday 14 September 2006 and adjourned at 9.24am.)

(The meeting reconvened at 11.07am.)

(Councillor Foster joined the meeting at 11.07am.)

PRESENT:

Councillor Armstrong (Chair)

Councillor Ahipene-Mercer (9.23 – 9.24am, 11.07am – 12.18pm, 1.20 – 3.00pm)

Councillor Foster (11.07 – 2.31pm)

Councillor Gill (9.23 – 9.24am, 11.07 – 2.29pm)

Councillor Goulden (9.23 – 9.24am, 11.07am – 12.08pm, 12.17 – 2.30pm, 2.43 – 3.00pm)

Councillor McKinnon

Councillor Morrison

Councillor Pepperell
Councillor Ritchie (9.23 – 9.24am, 11.07am – 12.07pm, 1.20 – 3.00pm)
Councillor Ruben (9.23 – 9.24am, 11.07am - 2.27pm, 2.31 – 3.00pm)
Councillor Shaw (11.23 – 1.54pm, 2.06 – 3.00pm)
Councillor Wade-Brown (1.39 – 3.00pm)
Councillor Wain (9.23 – 9.24am, 11.07 – 11.28am, 11.33am – 3.00pm)

APOLOGIES:

Mayor Prendergast
Councillor Cook
Councillor Wade-Brown (for lateness)

215/06P **CENTRAL AREA CHAPTER REVIEW (CONTINUED)**
Report of Jeremy Blake– Senior Policy Advisor, Liz Clark– Policy Advisor,
Marian Smith, Policy Advisor, Brett McKay, Manager District Plan.
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 2)

NOTED:

Councillor Shaw was not present when the meeting reconvened to consider this report. As he was the seconder of the substantive motion when the meeting commenced considering this item a new seconder would be required. Councillor Ahipene-Mercer indicated that he would second the substantive motion.

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Ahipene-Mercer the substantive motion, recommendations 1 – 4, 5(b) and 6.

Moved Councillor Ritchie, seconded Councillor Ruben, the following amendment:

“1. Agree that the proposed plan change for the Central Area be deferred so that a separate zone and plan change which recognises the special status of the Waterfront can be prepared, and that the two plan changes be reported back to the Strategy and Policy Committee meeting on 7 December 2006.”

(Note that this will have an impact on recommendations 3, 4 and 6 of the substantive motion)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Ahipene-Mercer the procedural motion that the amendment be put.

The procedural motion that the amendment be put was put and declared LOST on voices.

(Councillor Shaw joined the meeting at 11.23am.)
(Councillor Wain left the meeting at 11.28am.)
(Councillor Wain returned to the meeting at 11.33am.)

The amendment was put and a DIVISION called.

Voting for: Councillors Pepperell, Ritchie and Ruben.

Voting against: Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Armstrong, Foster, Gill, Goulden, McKinnon, Morrison, Shaw and Wain.

Majority vote: 3:9

The amendment was declared LOST.

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 12.04pm.)

(Councillor Goulden left the meeting at 12.08pm.)

Moved Councillor Morrison, seconded Councillor Wain the following amendment.

Delete

“12.2.15.6 Limit the supply of commuter car parking (and ask officers to rewrite the text to reflect the removal 12.2.15.6).”

(Councillor Goulden returned to the meeting at 12.17pm.)

(The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.18pm.)

(The meeting reconvened at 1.19pm.)

Councillors Armstrong, Foster, Gill, Goulden, McKinnon, Morrison, Pepperell, Ruben, Shaw and Wain were present when the meeting reconvened.)

(Councillors Ahipene-Mercer and Ritchie returned to the meeting at 1.20pm.)

Moved Councillor Gill, seconded Councillor Armstrong, the following foreshadowed amendment.

Delete

“12.2.15.6 **Manage** the supply of commuter car parking (and ask officers to rewrite the text to reflect the change to 12.2.15.6).”

(Councillor Wade-Brown joined the meeting at 1.39pm.)

(Councillor Shaw left the meeting at 1.54pm.)

(Councillor Shaw returned to the meeting at 2.06pm.)

The amendment was put and a DIVISION called.

Voting for: Councillors Armstrong, Goulden, McKinnon,
Morrison, Ruben and Wain.

Voting against: Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Foster, Gill, Pepperell,
Ritchie, Shaw and Wade-Brown.

Majority vote: 6:7

The amendment was declared LOST.

The foreshadowed amendment was put and a DIVISION called.

Voting for: Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Armstrong, Foster, Gill,
Goulden, McKinnon, Ruben, Shaw and Wain.

Voting against: Councillors Pepperell, Ritchie and Wade-Brown

Majority vote: 10:3

The foreshadowed amendment was declared CARRIED.

(Councillor Ruben left the meeting at 2.27pm.)

The substantive motion recommendations 1-4 and 6 were put and declared CARRIED on voices.

The substantive motion recommendation 5(b) was put and declared CARRIED on voices.

RESOLVED AND RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agrees to publicly notify the proposed plan change (PC48) as **amended**, as set out at Appendix 1 (as attached to the officers report), in accordance with the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991.*
3. *Delegates to the Portfolio Leader for Urban Development the authority to approve minor editorial word and illustration changes prior to notification.*
4. *Recommends to Council that Council agrees to publicly withdraw proposed District Plan Change 41 (Design and Wind Controls for the Operational Port Area) under clause 8D(1) of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991 provided that the withdrawal will*

take effect when the public notice required under clause 8D(2) is given concurrently with the notification of proposed District Plan Change 48 (Central Area).

5. *Recommends to Council that Council agrees to name the newly created precinct in the north of the Central Area, comprising Railway yards land and the remainder Operational Port Area (excluding the proposed Port Redevelopment Precinct), Pipitea Precinct*
6. *Adopts the Section 32 Report set out in Appendix 2 (as attached to the officer's report).*

NOTED:

The resolution differs from the recommendations in the officer's report as follows:

12.2.15.6 Manage the supply of commuter car parking (and ask officers to rewrite the text to reflect the change to 12.2.15.6)

(Councillor Gill left the meeting at 2.29pm.)
(Councillor Goulden left the meeting at 2.30pm.)

216/06P

WELLINGTON MARKET PROPOSAL

Report of Paul Desborough – Manager, Strategy Unit.
(1215/52/IM)

(REPORT 3)

Moved Councillor Morrison, seconded Councillor Shaw, the substantive motion with the following amendment to recommendation

4.

4. *Agree that officers investigate further work on the feasibility of a markets or markets, including:.....*

(Councillor Foster left the meeting at 2.31pm.)
(Councillor Ruben returned to the meeting at 2.32pm.)
(Councillor Goulden returned to the meeting at 2.43pm.)

The substantive motion with the amendment to recommendation 4 was put and declared CARRIED on voices.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Note the previous work on a Retail Policy that identified the potential for an arts and crafts market in Wellington.*

3. *Note the development of a Trading in Public Places Policy which recognises the use of public space for this type of activity.*
4. *Agree that officers **investigate** further work on the feasibility of a markets or markets, including:*
 - a. *possible locations;*
 - b. *financial requirements;*
 - c. *any resource consent requirements;*
 - d. *requesting, if appropriate, expressions of interest from potential providers;*
 - e. *and to report back to this Committee on the findings of this work.*

NOTED:

The resolution differs from the recommendations in the officer's report as follows:

The Committee added the text in **bold**.

217/06P **TRAFINZ CONFERENCE – REPORT BACK**

Report of Councillor Foster.

(1215/52/IM)

(REPORT 4)

NOTED:

The report back was not submitted for inclusion with the agenda. This will be provided to the Committee at a later date.

The meeting concluded at 3.00pm on Thursday 14 September 2006.

Confirmed: _____

Chair

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