
MINUTES

THURSDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2006

9.16AM

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

PRESENT:

Mayor Prendergast
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer (9.16 – 10.30am, 10.47 – 11.35am)
Councillor Cook (9.16 – 10.02am, 10.07 – 11.35am)
Councillor Foster (9.17 – 11.35am)
Councillor Gill
Councillor Goulden (9.16 – 10.30am)
Councillor McKinnon
Councillor Morrison (9.16 – 9.32am, 9.36 -11.35am)
Councillor Pepperell (9.17 – 9.22am, 9.28 – 10.20am, 10.29 – 10.55am, 10.57 – 11.35am)
Councillor Ritchie (9.16 – 10.00am, 11.08 - 11.10am, 11.14 – 11.35am)
Councillor Ruben
Councillor Wade-Brown (9.17 – 11.35am)
Councillor Wain (9.20 – 10.30am)

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Shaw
Councillor Armstrong

282/06P **APOLOGIES**
(1215/52/IM)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- 1. Accept apologies for absence from Councillors Armstrong and Shaw.*

(Councillors Foster, Pepperell and Wade-Brown joined the meeting at 9.17am.)

283/06P **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

284/06P **DEPUTATION**
(1215/52/IM)

(Councillor Wain joined the meeting at 9.20am.)

NOTED:

Dr John Robinson, speaking on behalf of the Group Against Development at Te Raikaihau Point, also known as Te Raikaihau Point Guardians, addressed the Committee. The group requested \$80,000 from the Council to fund an objection to the resource consent granted to build the Marine Education Centre. Dr Robinson noted that there is widespread local opposition to development at Te Raikaihau Point. Dr Robinson noted that the Council should not provide money to developers, but residents and rate payers.

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 9.22am.)

285/06P **DRAFT ACCOMMODATION ASSISTANCE FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS AND DRAFT ENGAGEMENT POLICY**
(1215/52/IM) **ORAL HEARINGS**

(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 9.28am.)

1. Iona Pannett of the Waterfront Watch addressed the Committee on the Draft Engagement Policy. She noted the proposed policy will not inspire the public to consult as there is a lack of trust in the community. Believes that more work needs to be done on resolving conflict. Would like to see submissions heard at a time more convenient to fulltime workers i.e. in the evening.

(Councillor Morrison left the meeting at 9.32am.)

2. Rosamund Averton of the Federation of Wellington Progressive and Residents' Associations noted support for the Draft Engagement Policy. However they believe a dedicated reference group is needed to monitor changes made by the policy. Expressed concern that Councillors are not respectful of people making submissions.

(Councillor Morrison returned to the meeting at 9.36am.)

3. Geoff Atkinson spoke to his submission on the Draft Accommodation Assistance for Community Groups Policy. Noted that many groups now need commercial facilities to operate, but find it difficult to get funding for overhead costs. Believes the policy will provide support for groups, making them more effective for communities.
4. Bernie Harris addressed the Committee regarding the Draft Engagement Policy. He noted that the allocated 10 minutes does not allow enough time to discuss this issue. Mr Harris believes people are treated with contempt by the Council and that more consultations are farcical. Feels that the public should be given information early in order to understand issues consulted on.

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 10.00am.)

(Councillor Cook left the meeting at 10.02am.)

(Councillor Cook returned to the meeting at 10.07am.)

5. Warwick Taylor on behalf of the Wellington Residents' Coalition spoke in favour of a more collaborative approach to engagement. The Wellington Residents' Coalition would like to see more ward meetings. He expressed concern that market research does not give the full picture of what the public want. Notes that public trust in Council has been getting lower over the years as there is a perception Councils do not listen to feedback.

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 10.20am.)

6. Dr John Robinson spoke to his submission on the Draft Engagement Policy. He noted the policy looks good but would like to see it implemented. Dr Robinson feels that there is no real desire for consultation and this policy will be a waste of time. He notes that the Council have lost the confidence of the community and need to re-engage.

(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting 10.29am.)

(The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.30am and reconvened at 10.46am. When the meeting reconvened Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Goulden, Ritchie and Wain were absent.)

(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer returned to the meeting at 10.47am.)

7. Ron Oliver spoke to his submission on the Draft Engagement Policy. He feels the wording of the policy is hard to understand and at a level that does not involve the public. Engagement needs to be simplistic and truthful so people do not get turned off.

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 10.55am.)

8. Lorraine Offord and Kendall Akhurst of the Disability Reference Group addressed the Committee regarding the Draft Engagement Policy. They praised the Council for work on disability and inclusion in the community. They noted that the wording has a degree of formality which reflects the power relationship of parties involved. The Council has an obligation to engage with communities, which needs to be managed to stop people from disengaging.

(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 10.57am.)

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**PROPOSED DISTRICT PLAN CHANGE 49 AND VARIATION 3 –
PORT NOISE EMISSION LEVELS AND BUILDING INSULATION
RULES – UPDATED REPORT**

Report of Fiona Johnson – Consultant to the Planning Policy Team.

(1215/52/IM)

(REPORT 3)

(Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 11.08am.)

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 11.10am.)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Morrison, the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to notify Proposed District Plan Change 49 and Variation 3 (attached as Appendix One of the officer's report) in accordance with the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991.*
3. *Agree to adopt the Section 32 report for Proposed District Plan Change 49 and Variation 3 (attached as Appendix Two of the officer's report).*
4. *Delegate to the Portfolio Spokesperson for Urban Development the authority to approve any minor editorial changes to Proposed District Plan Change 49 and Variation 3 prior to notification.*
5. *Delegate to the Portfolio Spokesperson for Urban Development the authority to approve an amendment to the maps of Proposed District Plan Change 49 and Variation 3 to make the Port Noise Control Line in the Lambton Harbour Area south of Johnston Street consistent with*

the location of the line in the Proposed Regional Port Noise Coastal Plan Change.

6. *Note that the District Plan provisions do not apply in the Coastal Marine Area and that any resource consent for the Overseas Passenger Terminal will be considered in terms of the Regional Coastal Plan provisions.*

287/06P **QUARTERLY REPORT (JULY – SEPTEMBER 2006)**
Report of Frances McCarthy – Planning, Performance and Research.
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 4)

(Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 11.14am.)

NOTED:

Each Portfolio Leader introduced the relevant section of the report.

Moved Mayor Prendergast, seconded Councillor Ruben, the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*

288/06P **RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC**
(1215/52/IM)

Moved Mayor Prendergast, seconded Councillor Ahipene-Mercer, the motion to exclude the public.

The motion to exclude the public was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, exclude the public from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

Report 5 – City Gallery Redevelopment

Grounds: Section 48(1) (a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.

Reason: Section 7(2) (a) To protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

(The meeting went into public excluded session at 11.22am.)

(For item 289/06P please see the public excluded minutes.)

The meeting concluded at 11.35am.

Confirmed: _____
Chair
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