

# TOWN BELT MANAGEMENT PLAN HEARINGS SUBCOMMITTEE

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## MINUTES

**THURSDAY 30 MAY 2013**

**9.18am – 10.24am, 10.27am – 10.44am, 10.57am – 12.25pm**

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

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### **PRESENT:**

Councillor Foster (9.18am – 10.24am, 10.27am - 10.44am, 10.57am – 12.25pm)  
Councillor Morrison (9.18am – 10.24am, 10.27am - 10.44am, 10.57am – 12.25pm)  
Councillor Pannett (9.19am – 10.24am, 10.27am - 10.44am, 10.57am – 12.25pm)  
Councillor Ritchie (9.18am – 10.24am, 10.27am - 10.44am, 10.57am – 12.25pm)

### **APOLOGIES:**

Mayor Wade-Brown  
Councillor Eagle

025/13PT **APOLOGIES**  
(1215/52/15/IM)

**Moved Councillor Ritchie, seconded Councillor Foster, the motion that the Town Belt Management Plan Hearings Subcommittee receive apologies for absence from Mayor Wade-Brown and Councillor Eagle.**

**The motion was put and declared CARRIED.**

### **RESOLVED:**

*THAT the Town Belt Management Plan Hearings Subcommittee:*

- 1. Receive apologies for absence from Mayor Wade-Brown and Councillor Eagle.*

026/13PT **MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION**  
(1215/52/15/IM)

**Moved Councillor Ritchie, seconded Councillor Morrison, the motion that the Town Belt Management Plan Subcommittee approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 17 April 2013, having been circulated, that they be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of that meeting.**

**The motion was put and declared CARRIED.**

**RESOLVED:**

*THAT the Town Belt Management Plan Hearings Subcommittee*

- 1. Approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 17 April 2013, having been circulated, that they be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of that meeting.*

027/13PT **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**  
(1215/52/15/IM)

**NOTED:**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

(Councillor Pannett joined the meeting at 9.19am.)

028/13PT **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**  
(1215/52/15/IM)

**NOTED:**

1. Joan Quinn addressed the meeting regarding Report 1 - Town Belt Legislative and Policy Framework Review – Management Plan and Drafting Instructions for Proposed Wellington Town Belt Bill.

**TABLED INFORMATION:** reference 028/13PT(a).

2. Craig Palmer representing the Civic Trust addressed the meeting regarding Report 1 - Town Belt Legislative and Policy Framework Review – Management Plan and Drafting Instructions for Proposed Wellington Town Belt Bill.
3. John Bishop representing the Friend of the Town Belt addressed the meeting regarding Report 1 - Town Belt Legislative and Policy Framework Review – Management Plan and Drafting Instructions for Proposed Wellington Town Belt Bill.

029/13PT **TOWN BELT LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY FRAMEWORK  
REVIEW – MANAGEMENT PLAN AND DRAFTING  
INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROPOSED WELLINGTON TOWN BELT  
BILL**

Report of Mike Oates, Manager Open Space and Recreation Planning.  
(1215/52/15/IM) (REPORT 1)

(The meeting adjourned at 10.24am and reconvened at 10.27am.)

(The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.44am and reconvened at 10.57am.)

(Councillors Foster, Morrison, Pannett and Ritchie were present when the meeting reconvened.)

**Moved Councillor Ritchie, seconded Councillor Foster, the substantive motion with changes to the recommendations in the officer’s report as follows:**

THAT the Town Belt Management Plan Hearings Subcommittee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Agree to the amendments of the draft Town Belt Management Plan and drafting instructions, giving full consideration to the submissions received.
3. Accept the changes to the draft Town Belt Management Plan (**as amended**) and drafting instructions (**as amended**) following public consultation and outlined in Appendices 3 and 4 **with the following additions/amendments:**

**TOWN BELT MANAGEMENT PLAN (Appendix 3)**

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3	1.3.1	... historic <del>inner city open space</del> <b>horseshoe of open space around the inner city</b> that brings ...
10	1.4	Add note to framework about review of Management Plan - when legislation enacted - - 10 years later Add note to framework about need for a minor review of Management Plan when other Council policies/bylaws enacted – eg Dog Policy (dog exercise

		areas) Add note that if inconsistent, TBMP prevails Add dates of other Council policies
all	all	Add dates of other Council policies
18	2.4	Repeat Footnote 2 where mentions 130ha of additional land
30	4.2.1	Development will only be sited on the Town Belt if it is necessary for public recreation purposes <b>and can not be located elsewhere</b> and will be subject to an assessment as outlined in <del>the administration</del> Section 9 covering Rules for use and development <sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup> . Development is defined in its broadest sense including, but not limited to, earthworks, new buildings and structures, additions and alterations to existing buildings, car parks and lighting.
38	200-yr vision	Podocarp and broadleaf forests <del>containing mature rimu, rata and totara and other trees</del> are well-established in many parts of the Town Belt.
39	5.1.3	... within a <del>citywide</del> <b>region-wide</b> ecological network.
39	5.1.4	Review timeframe and change to 50 years (2065) and percentage cover target – addition of Polhill land will alter this a lot.
16 & 50	2.2 Principle 6 & 6 Principle	<b>The Town Belt is for all to enjoy.</b> This concerns equity of access and use of the Town Belt. The Council believes that the Town Belt should be available for all Wellingtonians to enjoy.–The Council is committed to ensuring that the Town Belt will continue to be improved with more access and improved accessibly features where it is reasonably practicable to do so. <del>Providing good accessibility features means that the Town Belt would be accessible and usable by everyone in the community. This includes: the able-bodied, people pushing strollers, the elderly and people with impairments or disabilities.</del>  Ensure the crossed out bit is reflected in policy – see amended policy 6.2.13 below.

51	6.2.7	<p>The Town Belt will be improved by providing <del>clearer</del> <u>clear</u> information and signs, and improving the surface and/or by reducing the gradient of tracks where feasible. <del>so the Town Belt's features are accessible and usable by everyone in the community. This includes the able-bodied, people pushing strollers, the elderly and people with impairments or disabilities.</del></p> <p>Copy crossed out bit to policy 6.2.13.</p>
52	6.2.13	<p>Develop tracks within the Town Belt that are accessible <b><u>and useable</u></b> to those with limited mobility, push chairs and wheelchairs. <b><u>This includes the able-bodied, people pushing strollers, the elderly and people with impairments or disabilities.</u></b></p>
51	6.2.5	Delete policy about artworks.
52	6.2.20	No formal <del>environmental</del> -education or qualification may be offered ...
53	6.2.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the development minimising conflict with existing recreational activities, <b><u>and protecting landscape and open space values (see 4.2.2).</u></b></li> </ul>
53	6.2.28	<p>Leasing of reserve land and facilities to sport and recreation clubs shall only be allowed where the activity is consistent with the objectives of this management plan and, as such, complies with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the activity is concerned with public recreation</li> <li>the activity is open for public participation (clubs will be encouraged to allow casual play at their facilities or, at least, that their membership shall be open to all members of the public).</li> <li><b><u>The</u></b> maximum length of <b><u>a</u></b> lease <b><u>will be 20 10+10</u></b> years. <b><u>Lessees can apply for a new lease.</u></b></li> </ul>
53	6.2.29	Leases will be administered in accordance with the Council's Leases Policy for Community and Recreation Groups <b><u>(2012) except where</u></b>

		<b><u>inconsistent with this management plan.</u></b>
59	6.6.4	Remove paragraph on content an undeveloped concessions policy
65 & 192	6.7.2 & 9.5.5	Commercial activities  Any approval to carry out commercial activity on Town Belt will only be permitted to the extent that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the activity is necessary to enable the public to obtain the benefit and enjoyment of the Town Belt or for the convenience of persons using the Town Belt</li> <li>• the commercial activity complements and is ancillary to the group's primary community or recreational activity, <del>such as the provision of paid coaches and administrators</del></li> <li>• <b><u>and</u></b> any excess funds generated by the group are in the first instance applied to any maintenance obligations the group has under the lease and then to the group's community or recreational activity</li> <li>• <b><u>commercial activity does not require a new permanent building or structure</u></b></li> </ul>
189	9.5.1	Add something about frequency and impact of temporary closure -
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		Many organised sports games would involve more than 30 people
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**The substantive motion recommendation 1 was put and declared CARRIED.**

**The substantive motion recommendation 2 was put and declared CARRIED.**

**The substantive motion recommendation 3 with changes was put and declared CARRIED.**

**The substantive motion recommendation 4 with changes was put and declared CARRIED.**

**The substantive motion recommendation 5 with changes was put and declared CARRIED.**

The substantive motion recommendation 6 was put and declared **CARRIED**.

**RESOLVED:**

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**NOTED:**

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

The Subcommittee added the text in **bold** and removed the text with ~~striketrough~~.

The meeting concluded at 12.25pm.

Confirmed: \_\_\_\_\_

Chair

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