

ORDINARY MEETING

OF

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Time: 9.15am
Date: Wednesday, 6 August 2014
Venue: Committee Room 1
Ground Floor, Council Offices
101 Wakefield Street
Wellington

PRESENT

Mayor Wade-Brown
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer
Councillor Foster
Councillor Free
Councillor Lee
Councillor Pannett (Chair)
Councillor Ritchie
Councillor Sparrow

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1 Meeting Conduct

1.1 Apologies

No apologies were received.

1.2 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest.

1.3 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Free

Resolved

That the Environment Committee:

Approve the minutes of the Environment Committee held on 12 June 2014, having been circulated, that they be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of that meeting.

Carried

(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer entered the meeting at 09:18 am.)

(Councillor Ritchie entered the meeting at 09:19 am.)

(Councillor Foster entered the meeting at 09:20 am.)

1.4 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

1.5 Items not on the Agenda

There were no items not on the Agenda.

2. Strategy

(Mayor Wade-Brown entered the meeting at 09:33 am.)

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 09:36 am.)

(Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 09:44 am.)

(Councillor Foster left the meeting at 09:56 am.)

(Councillor Foster returned to the meeting at 10:02 am.)

2.1 Development of Integrated Catchment Management Plan (ICMP) for Stormwater Discharge Consent Update

Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Foster

Resolved

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receive the information.

Carried

Tabled information: Report - Reference A

(The meeting adjourned at 10.30am for morning tea)

(The meeting reconvened at 10.47am)

(Councillors Pannett, Ahipene-Mercer, Ritchie, Lee, Free and Sparrow and Mayor

Wade-Brown were present when the meeting reconvened)

(Councillor Foster returned to the meeting at 10:48 am.)

2.2 Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2011-2017 Update

Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Mayor Wade-Brown

Resolved

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receive the information.

Carried

3. Policy

3.2 Managing Activities on Our Open Spaces - Proposed Changes to the Trading in Public Places Policy

Moved Councillor Ritchie, seconded Councillor Pannett

Recommendations

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Agree that the following three activities (and requirements for management) be added to the Trading in Public Places Policy:
 - (a) Commercial and private functions/events that have exclusive use (requiring permits).
 - (b) Organised commercial group fitness activities (not requiring a licence or permit, but needing to abide by a Code of Conduct), and if these activities take place on a sports-field, needing to pay any standard booking fees.
 - (c) Commercial guided tours that take place on reserves (requiring licences).
3. Agree that Officers publicly consult on the proposed additions to the Trading in Public Places Policy (set out in Appendices 2 to 4), starting consultation on 19 August 2014, and aim to report back with final proposals to this Committee on 16 October 2014.

4. Agree to recommend to Council to delegate Council Officers with the power to take all actions necessary to negotiate and issue licences in relation to open spaces and land classified as Reserve (under the Reserves Act 1977).
5. Note that all licences must be consistent with reserve management plans and any other policies, plans or legislation governing a land area or activity.
6. Note that Officers will report quarterly to the Environment Committee on all licences that have been requested, declined and accepted over the previous quarter.

Moved Councillor Ritchie, seconded Councillor Pannett, the following amendment:
That the Environment Committee:

4. Agree to recommend to Council to delegate Council Officers with the power to take all actions necessary to negotiate and issue licences in relation to open spaces and land classified as Reserve (under the Reserves Act 1977) noting the following:
 - (i) Whilst officers have authority to approve large scale events, elected members may have a role in deciding whether they are funded or not in the first place.
 - (ii) Officers will refer particular applications for licences to the relevant chairperson or Committee, where licences have the potential to raise community concerns
 - (iii) Other legislation and policies place restrictions on the use of open spaces such as the Reserves Act, Reserves Management Plans, the District Plan and so on.
5. Note that all licences must be consistent with reserve management plans and any other policies, plans or legislation governing a land area or activity including the proposed Wellington Town Belt Bill. Note that consultation will be delayed until after the Wellington Town Belt Bill has been agreed to by Committee and a further report from Officers may be made to the 4th September Environment Committee meeting if there are significant differences between the two documents.

Carried

Resolved

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 - (b) Organised commercial group fitness activities (not requiring a licence or permit, but needing to abide by a Code of Conduct), and if these activities take place on a sports-field, needing to pay any standard booking fees.
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 - (iii) Other legislation and policies place restrictions on the use of open spaces such as the Reserves Act, Reserves Management Plans, the District Plan and so on.
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Wellington Town Belt Bill. Note that consultation will be delayed until after the Wellington Town Belt Bill has been agreed to by Committee and a further report from Officers may be made to the 4th September Environment Committee meeting if there are significant differences between the two documents.

6. Note that Officers will report quarterly to the Environment Committee on all licences that have been requested, declined and accepted over the previous quarter.

Carried

4. Operational

4.1 Transfer of Land for another Public Work – 110 Tremewan St, Tawa (Part Wall Park)

Moved Councillor Ritchie, seconded Councillor Ahipene-Mercer

Recommendations

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Recommends that the Council:
 - (a) Agrees to transfer land approximately 2,849 m² being Part Lot 1 DP 7001 CFR WN6A/1049 to the New Zealand Transport Agency for another public work (road) pursuant to Section 52 of the Public Works Act 1981.
 - (b) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to carry out all necessary steps, including compensation and mitigation, to transfer the land to the New Zealand Transport Agency for the purposes of construction of the Kenepuru Interchange.
3. Notes that transfer of this land for another public work pursuant to Section 52 of the Public Works Act 1981 will simultaneously deal with the recreation reserve status.

Moved Mayor Wade-Brown, seconded Councillor Lee, the following amendment:

That the Environment Committee:

4. Request that the loss of amenity and ecological value is mitigated by NZTA eg park re-contouring (earthworks), fencing, planting, stream restoration and weed control.
5. The net sum of money goes into the reserves purchase fund.

Carried

The substantive motion was taken in parts, with a division called for each:

Resolved

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receive the information.

Voting For: Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Foster, Free, Lee, Pannett, Ritchie and Sparrow

Voting Against: Nil

Majority Vote: 8:0

Carried

2. Recommends that the Council:

- (a) Agrees to transfer land approximately 2,849 m² being Part Lot 1 DP 7001 CFR WN6A/1049 to the New Zealand Transport Agency for another public work (road) pursuant to Section 52 of the Public Works Act 1981.
- (b) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to carry out all necessary steps, including compensation and mitigation, to transfer the land to the New Zealand Transport Agency for the purposes of construction of the Kenepuru Interchange.

Voting For: Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Foster, Free, Lee, Sparrow

Voting Against: Councillors Pannett and Ritchie

Majority Vote: 6:2

Carried

3. Notes that transfer of this land for another public work pursuant to Section 52 of the Public Works Act 1981 will simultaneously deal with the recreation reserve status.

Voting For: Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Foster, Free, Lee, Pannett, Ritchie and Sparrow

Voting Against: Nil

Majority Vote: 8:0

Carried

4. Request that the loss of amenity and ecological value is mitigated by NZTA eg park re-contouring (earthworks), fencing, planting, stream restoration and weed control.

Voting For: Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Foster, Free, Lee, Pannett, Ritchie and Sparrow

Voting Against: Nil

Majority Vote: 8:0

Carried

5. The net sum of money goes into the reserves purchase fund.

Voting For: Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Foster, Free, Lee, Pannett, Ritchie and Sparrow

Voting Against: Nil

Majority Vote: 8:0

Carried

4.2 New Licence under Reserves Act 1977: Victoria University of Wellington

Moved Councillor Ritchie, seconded Councillor Pannett

Resolved

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receives the information.
2. Agrees to grant a new licence to Victoria University of Wellington under the Reserves Act 1977 (subject to the usual terms and conditions noted below).
3. Notes that any approval to grant the licence is conditional on:
 - (a) appropriate Iwi consultation
 - (b) public notification under s119 and s120 Reserves Act 1977
 - (c) no sustained objections resulting from the above consultation and notification;
and
 - (d) legal and advertising costs being met by the licensee (where applicable)

Carried

3.1 Biodiversity Action Plan Review Update

Moved Councillor Ritchie, seconded Councillor Pannett

Resolved

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receive the information.

Carried

The meeting concluded at 12.13pm.

Confirmed: _____
Chair