
ORDINARY MEETING

OF

GOVERNANCE, FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Time: 9.15am
Date: Wednesday, 26 August 2015
Venue: Committee Room 1
Ground Floor, Council Offices
101 Wakefield Street
Wellington

PRESENT

Mayor Wade-Brown
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer
Councillor Coughlan
Councillor Eagle
Councillor Foster
Councillor Free
Councillor Lee
Councillor Lester (Chair)
Councillor Marsh
Councillor Pannett
Councillor Peck
Councillor Ritchie
Councillor Sparrow
Councillor Woolf
Councillor Young

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1 Meeting Conduct

1.1 Apologies

Moved Councillor Lester, seconded Mayor Wade-Brown

Resolved

That the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:

Accept apologies for lateness received from Councillor Foster.

Carried

1.2 Conflict of Interest Declarations

A conflict of interest was declared by Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillor Coughlan and Councillor Woolf for item 2.3 Report Back on Mayoral Visit to the United States of America and Proposed Attendance of Elected Members at Conferences.

1.3 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Councillor Lester, seconded Councillor Coughlan

Resolved

That the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:

Approve the minutes of the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee Meeting held on 11 June 2015, having been circulated, that they be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of that meeting.

Carried

1.4 Public Participation

1.4.1 Don McDonald

Don McDonald attended the meeting and spoke about the Democratic processes around the Annual Plan and the Long-term Plan.

Attachments

- 1 Don McDonald - Tabled Information

1.5 Items not on the Agenda

There were no items not on the agenda

2. General Business

(Councillor Foster arrived to the meeting at 9.27 am.)

2.1 Te Wharewaka o Pōneke Charitable Trust Incorporated

Maurie Lowe and Liz Melish representing Te Wharewaka o Pōneke Charitable Trust

addressed to the Committee

Moved Councillor Lester, seconded Councillor Woolf

Resolved

That the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Note that Te Wharewaka o Pōneke Trust has presented its annual report for 2014/15.
3. Note that the Appointments Group will present candidate recommendations to the Council meeting on 16 December 2015 to fill the Council's two existing vacancies on Te Wharewaka o Pōneke Trust.

Carried

Attachments

- 1 Te Wharewaka o Pōneke Presentation

(Councillor Marsh left the meeting at 9.54 am.)

(Councillor Marsh returned to the meeting at 10.09 am.)

**2.2 Report on the Audit and Risk Subcommittee meeting of Tuesday 18
August 2015: 2014/15 Financial Statements and Statements of Service
Performance**

Moved Councillor Peck, seconded Councillor Marsh

Resolved

That the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Note that the Audit and Risk Subcommittee has reviewed the Financial Statements and Statements of Service Provision in detail.
3. Recommend to Council:
 - a. That the Accounting Policies contained in the draft Financial Statements (attached to the officers' report) are formally confirmed for adoption for the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2015.
 - b. The adoption of the Financial Statements and Statements of Service Provision for Wellington City Council and Group within the Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2015, subject to receiving final unmodified audit clearance from Audit New Zealand.
4. Recommend to Council the adoption of the Annual Report for Wellington City Council and Group for the year ended 30 June 2015 (attached in Attachment 1).
5. Recommend to Council that it delegate to the Chair of the Audit and Risk Subcommittee and Chief Executive the authority to make minor editorial changes that may arise as part of preparing the 2014/15 Annual Report document for publication.

Carried

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.31 am. Members present when the meeting reconvened at 10.46 am were Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillor Ahipene-Mercer, Coughlan, Eagle, Foster, Free, Lee, Lester (Chair), Marsh, Pannett, Peck, Ritchie, Sparrow and Woolf.

(Councillor Young returned to the meeting at 10.47 am.)
(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer left the meeting at 10.47 am.)
(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer returned to the meeting at 10.52 am.)
(Councillor Coughlan left the meeting at 10.52 am.)
(Councillor Coughlan returned to the meeting at 10.53 am.)
(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 10.54 am.)
(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer left the meeting at 11.00 am.)
(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer returned to the meeting at 11.05 am.)
(Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 11.30 am.)

2.3 Report Back on Mayoral Visit to the United States of America and Proposed Attendance of Elected Members at Conferences

Moved Councillor Lester, seconded Councillor Foster

Recommendations

That the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Agree to fund Councillor Woolf's visit to San Francisco on behalf of Wellington City Council to the value of \$2350.00. This will be covered by International Relations budget.
3. Agree that Mayor Wade-Brown attend the 100 Resilient Cities City Leaders Summit in Milan, Italy from 1 - 4 October 2015 at no cost to Council.
4. Agree that Mayor Wade-Brown attend and speak at the GITEX 2015 Smart Cities Conference in Dubai, the United Arab Emirates from 18 - 20 October 2015 at no cost to Council.
5. Note that the 100 Resilient Cities City Leaders Summit and GITEX 2015 Smart Cities invitations are non-transferrable.
6. Agree to fund Councillor Coughlan's visit to Xiamen, China for the China International Fair for Investment and Trade to the value of \$10000.00. This will be covered from existing budgets.

The meeting adjourned at 12.07 pm for a short break. Members present with the meeting reconvened at 12.12 pm were Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillor Ahipene-Mercer, Coughlan, Eagle, Foster, Free, Lee, Lester (Chair), Marsh, Pannett, Peck, Ritchie, Sparrow and Woolf.

Moved Councillor Eagle, seconded Councillor Free, the following amendments 7 and 8 were accepted with leave of the meeting.

7. **Agree that reports seeking approval for elected member international travel include information on the costs of accompanying council officers.**
8. **Agree that the elected members will provide written report back to the**

Governance, Finance and Planning within a reasonable timeframe on their return.

Carried

(Councillor Coughlan left the meeting at 12.33 pm.)
(Councillor Lee left the meeting at 12.35 pm.)

Moved Councillor Ritchie, seconded Councillor Pannett, the following new amendment 9.

9. That Council review its overseas travel policy/policies, requesting funding and approvals for the Mayor and councillors.

The amendment was voted on as follows:

Voting For: Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillor Eagle, Councillor Foster, Councillor Free, Councillor Marsh, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Peck, Councillor Ritchie, Councillor Sparrow, Councillor Woolf and Councillor Young

Voting Against: Councillor Ahipene-Mercer and Councillor Lester (Chair)

Majority Vote: 11:2

Carried

The recommendations were voted in parts as follows.

- Recommendations 1 – 6 were taken separately
- Recommendations 7 – 9 were taken together.

That the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:

1. Receive the information.

Carried

That the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:

2. Agree to fund Councillor Woolf's visit to San Francisco on behalf of Wellington City Council to the value of \$2350.00. This will be covered by International Relations budget.

Councillor Woolf declared a conflict of interest with motion 2 and moved away from the table and did not vote.

Carried

That the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:

3. Agree that Mayor Wade-Brown attend the 100 Resilient Cities City Leaders Summit in Milan, Italy from 1 - 4 October 2015 at no cost to Council.

Voting For: Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillor Ahipene-Mercer, Councillor Eagle, Councillor Foster, Councillor Free, Councillor Lester (Chair), Councillor Marsh, Councillor Peck, Councillor Ritchie, Councillor Sparrow, Councillor Woolf and Councillor Young

Voting Against: Councillor Pannett

Majority Vote: 12:1

Mayor Wade-Brown declared a conflict of interest with motion 3 and moved away from the table and did not vote.

Carried

That the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:

4. Agree that Mayor Wade-Brown attend and speak at the GITEX 2015 Smart Cities Conference in Dubai, the United Arab Emirates from 18 - 20 October 2015 at no cost to Council.

Voting For: Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillor Ahipene-Mercer, Councillor Eagle, Councillor Foster, Councillor Free, Councillor Lester (Chair), Councillor Marsh, Councillor Peck, Councillor Sparrow, Councillor Woolf and Councillor Young

Voting Against: Councillor Pannett and Councillor Ritchie

Majority Vote: 11:2

Mayor Wade-Brown declared a conflict of interest with motion 3 and moved away from the table and did not vote.

Carried

That the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:

5. Note that the 100 Resilient Cities City Leaders Summit and GITEX 2015 Smart Cities invitations are non-transferrable.

Carried

That the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:

6. Agree to fund Councillor Coughlan's visit to Xiamen, China for the China International Fair for Investment and Trade to the value of \$10,000.00. This will be covered from existing budgets.

Voting For: Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillor Ahipene-Mercer, Councillor Eagle, Councillor Foster, Councillor Free, Councillor Lester (Chair), Councillor Marsh, Councillor Peck, Councillor Ritchie, Councillor Sparrow, Councillor Woolf and Councillor Young

Voting Against: Councillor Pannett

Majority Vote: 12:1

Carried

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Carried

The meeting concluded at 12.42 pm.

Confirmed: _____
Chair