
MINUTES

THURSDAY 3 DECEMBER 2009

**9.16AM – 10.49AM
11.06AM – 12.58PM**

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

PRESENT:

Mayor Prendergast (9.16am – 10.08am, 10.16am – 10.49am, 11.06am – 12.58pm)
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer (9.16am – 10.49am, 11.08am – 12.58pm)
Councillor Best (9.16am – 10.49am, 11.06am – 12.58pm)
Councillor Cook (9.19am – 10.49am, 11.06am – 11.27am, 11.29am – 12.58pm)
Councillor Coughlan (9.16am – 10.49am, 11.06am – 12.58pm)
Councillor Foster (Chair) (9.16am – 10.49am, 11.06am – 12.58pm)
Councillor Gill (9.16am – 9.44am, 10.12am – 10.49am, 11.06am – 12.58pm)
Councillor Goulden (9.16am – 10.49am, 11.06am – 12.58pm)
Councillor McKinnon (Deputy Chair) (9.16am – 9.37am, 9.43am – 10.49am, 11.06am – 12.58pm)
Councillor Pannett (9.16am – 10.49am, 11.06am – 12.58pm)
Councillor Pepperell (9.16am – 10.49am, 11.06am – 12.58pm)
Councillor Ritchie (9.16am – 9.17am, 9.19am – 10.49am, 11.06am – 11.36am, 11.37am – 12.58pm)
Councillor Wade-Brown (9.16am – 10.49am, 11.06am – 12.58pm)
Councillor Wain (9.16am – 10.49am, 11.06am – 11.40am, 11.48am – 12.58pm)

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Cook (lateness)
Councillor Morrison

228/09P **APOLOGIES**
(1215/52/IM)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Ahipene-Mercer the substantive motion that the Strategy and Policy Committee accept apologies for absence from Councillor Morrison and accept apologies for lateness from Councillor Cook.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Accept apologies for absence from Councillor Morrison.*
2. *Accept apologies for lateness from Councillor Cook.*

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 9.17am.)

229/09P **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There were no conflicts of interest.

230/09P **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

1. Leonie Reynolds, a resident of Hankey Street addressed the meeting regarding Report 3, Parking Policy Implementation: Resident and Coupon Parking Schemes. She advised that she is in the Mount Cook Residents Parking Zone.

(Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 9.19am.)

(Councillor Cook joined the meeting at 9.19am.)

Ms Reynolds asked the Committee to rezone Hankey Street from Mount Cook to Te Aro as this would make parking easier for the residents in the area.

TABLED: Photos of residents parking area in Hankey Street. Reference 230/09P1.

2. Gordana Vukomanovic addressed the meeting regarding Report 2, The Draft 2010 Climate Change Action Plan. Ms Vukomanovic suggested that the European policies for Climate Change be followed.

231/09P **PETITIONS**
(1215/52/IM) (ORAL REPORT)

NOTED:

There were no petitions.

232/09P **DEPUTATION**
(1215/52/IM) (ORAL REPORT)

NOTED:

1. Claire Pascoe and Robert Ibell – representing Cycle Aware Wellington addressed the meeting regarding Report 4 - Thorndon Quay – Proposed Cycle Improvements and Report 5 – Proposed Speed Limit Reduction: Aro Street Shopping Area, Te Aro. Cycle Aware supports the Council proposal for consultation on the Thorndon Quay improvements. They highlighted that since 2001, when Wellington City Council approved its cycling policy, there are four times as many cyclists, with a significant increase in cycle crashes and an improvement in bus services along Thorndon Quay. Cycle Aware would like to achieve a safer and more attractive cycling environment along Thorndon Quay. They have been proactive in conducting an informal survey of businesses. There are a variety of parking needs among the local businesses. Cycle Aware believe that Council needs to provide two options for consultation which would give a message that Council is committed to providing safety and also giving retailers some options to suit their business needs. Cycle Aware reiterate their support for the 30km/h zone in Aro Street and would like to see it extended to Ohiro Road.
TABLED: Copy of Cycle Aware Wellington speaking notes.
Reference 232/09P1.

234/09P **RECOGNITION OF SERVICE**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

The Chair announced that Fiona Dunlop has now been with Wellington City Council for 25 years. The Committee congratulated Fiona and thanked her for outstanding support over the years.

235/09P **ENVIRONMENTAL REFERENCE GROUP UPDATE (9.37AM – 9.40AM)**
Report of Zach Rissell – Senior Policy Adviser.
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 1)

(Councillor McKinnon left the meeting at 9.37am.)

Moved Councillor Wade-Brown, seconded Councillor Pannett the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Note that there were three resignations during 2009 and that vacancies will be publicly advertised for the appointment of new members to the Environmental Reference Group.*
3. *Note that the Strategy and Policy Committee forward programme includes a review of the Environmental Reference Group Terms of Reference in 2010.*

236/09P **THE DRAFT 2010 CLIMATE CHANGE (9.40AM – 10.49AM)**
ACTION PLAN
Report of Chris Cameron – Principal Advisor, Climate Change.
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 2)

Moved Councillor Ahipene-Mercer, seconded Councillor Wade-Brown the substantive motion.

(Councillor McKinnon returned to the meeting at 9.43am.)

(Councillor Gill left the meeting at 9.44am.)

(Mayor Prendergast left the meeting at 10.08am.)

(Councillor Gill returned to the meeting at 10.12am.)

(Mayor Prendergast returned to the meeting at 10.16am.)

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*

2. *Note that Council's 2007 Climate Change Action Plan committed the Council to long-term reduction targets and has achieved good progress, such as:*
 - *developing more accurate emissions monitoring and reporting systems*
 - *developing an energy management programme delivering savings of \$50,000 annually*
 - *offering \$300 grants to households for installation of sustainable energy solutions (30 taken-up to date)*
 - *removing barriers to installation of solar hot water heating systems through amendments in the District Plan.*
 - *gaining approval in principle for an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority grant (\$500,000 over four years) to assist with the cost of insulation for the council housing upgrade programme.*

3. *Agree that the approach for the Draft 2010 Climate Change Action Plan should be to:*
 - *focus on the dual aspects of mitigation and adaptation*
 - *shift the mitigation focus to community emissions, while also enhancing organisational actions*
 - *adopt an interim emissions reduction target for community emissions of 3% by June 2013*
 - *build on the city's distinct advantages, past decisions and key opportunities*
 - *develop a series of pragmatic actions which are linked to targets and achievable in the short-term*
 - *continue to grow Wellington's leadership role and opportunities*
 - *provide the foundation for further advancing climate change work as part of the 2012/22 LTCCP*
 - *present the diverse opportunities and action being undertaken across Council activities that has climate change benefits.*

4. *Agree to the five new initiatives (with additional funding implications) to be included for consideration as part of the Draft Annual Plan deliberations (2010/11). The new initiatives are:*
 - (a) *Preparing for the impacts of climate change*
 - (b) *A residential energy efficiency programme*
 - (c) *Business energy efficiency programme (eMission)*
 - (d) *Council energy efficiency programme*
 - (e) *Electric vehicle pilot project*

5. *Agree that the Draft 2010 Climate Change Action Plan be considered by Council in March 2010 and consulted on in conjunction with the 2010/11 Draft Annual Plan.*

(The meeting adjourned at 10.49am and reconvened at 11.06am.)

(Mayor Prendergast, Councillors Best, Cook, Coughlan, Foster, Gill, Goulden, McKinnon, Pannett, Pepperell, Ritchie, Wade-Brown and Wain were present when the meeting reconvened.)

237/09P **PARKING POLICY IMPLEMENTATION: RESIDENT AND COUPON PARKING SCHEMES (11.06AM – 11.55AM)**
 Report of Steve Spence, Chief Transport Planner, Jon Visser, Manager Infrastructure Performance, Stephen Harte Programme Manager Transport Network Development, Stephen Carruthers, Transport Planner.
 (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 3)

Moved Mayor Prendergast, seconded Councillor Foster the substantive motion with amendments as follows:

2. (c) The use of the following guidelines to evaluate requests for new resident parking areas **beyond the current 6 areas:**

New (f) Recommend to Council that it agree to an increase the resident and coupon parking fees from 1 July 2010 as follows and using the guidelines as presented in the report subject to any objections being considered.

**Resident Parking Permit increase to \$115 per year
 Coupon Exemption increase to \$65 per year
 Coupon Parking increase to \$7.50 per day
 Monthly Coupon Parking increase to \$120 per month.
 Note that the fee increases will be publicly notified and any written objections will be considered by Council before the fees take effect.**

New (g) Authorise Officers make minor adjustments to resident eligibility between adjacent designated resident parking areas for properties located next to the boundary.

(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer returned to the meeting at 11.08am.)

(Councillor Cook left the meeting at 11.27am.)

(Councillor Cook returned to the meeting at 11.29am.)

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 11.36am.)

(Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 11.37am.)

(Councillor Wain left the meeting at 11.40am.)

(Councillor Wain returned to the meeting at 11.48am.)

The substantive motion as amended was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*

2. *Agree to;*
- (a) *Continue to provide:*
 - (i) *A resident parking permit scheme to provide pools of parking spaces for residents to come and go in areas dominated by non-residents such as commuter and institutional parking.*
 - (ii) *A coupon payment scheme in high demand areas in order to manage demand, reduce congestion and encourage more sustainable modes of transport, i.e. public transport, walking or cycling.*
 - (b) *Increase the amount of resident parking within existing permit areas, subject to the following guidelines:*
 - (i) *No more than around 50 % of a street to be resident parking.*
 - (ii) *Evidence of consistent pressure on resident spaces.*
 - (iii) *Consideration is given to availability of off-street parking facilities and other on-street parking demands; i.e. Visitors, businesses, servicing and potential effects caused by migration of parking pressure into neighbouring streets.*
 - (c) *The use of the following guidelines to evaluate requests for new resident parking areas **beyond the current 6 areas**:*
 - (i) *A minimum of 50 resident parking permits required in the area.*
 - (ii) *75 per cent of residents in the affected area support the proposal.*
 - (iii) *Residential zoned streets only considered (i.e. not suburban centres or the central area).*
 - (iv) *Consideration is given to availability of off-street parking facilities and other on-street parking demands; i.e. Visitors, businesses, servicing and potential effects caused by migration of parking pressure into neighbouring streets.*
 - (d) *Restrict eligibility to the resident parking scheme to properties in residential zones or heritage listed residential buildings as defined in the District Plan and shown on the eligibility maps (see Appendix 2 of the officer's report). To take effect on 1 January 2010*
 - (e) *Reduce the maximum allowance of resident permits from 2 per household unit to 1 per unit for multi-unit dwellings (being a property with three or more individually rateable residential household units) for any new applications.*

- (f) *Recommend to Council that it agree to an increase the resident and coupon parking fees from 1 July 2010 as follows and using the guidelines as presented in the report subject to any objections being considered.*

Resident Parking Permit increase to \$115 per year

Coupon Exemption increase to \$65 per year

Coupon Parking increase to \$7.50 per day

Monthly Coupon Parking increase to \$120 per month.

Note that the fee increases will be publicly notified and any written objections will be considered by Council before the fees take effect.

- (g) *Authorise Officers make minor adjustments to resident eligibility between adjacent designated resident parking areas for properties located next to the boundary.*

3. *Note that changes to permit eligibility criteria will not affect current permit-holders. Existing permits will be renewed indefinitely for the person who originally applied, as long as they continue to reside at the same address.*
4. *Note that any residents living within the eligibility areas will continue to be eligible for an unlimited number of coupon exemption permits regardless of whether they are eligible for a resident parking permit.*

NOTED:

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

1. The Committee added the words in **bold**.
2. Councillor Ritchie requested that her dissenting vote be recorded against.

238/09P **THORNDON QUAY – PROPOSED CYCLE IMPROVEMENTS** (11.55AM – 12.43PM)
 Report of Paul Barker – Safe and Sustainable Transport Manager.
 (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 4)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Best the substantive motion recommendations 1, 2 and 4.

Recommendation 3 was withdrawn by the leave of the meeting.

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

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- New 4. In addition to the Council's proposed (or preferred) proposal above, the following also be described in the consultation material
- (a) Changing one side from angle parking to parallel parking to provide dedicated cycle lanes, as proposed in 2001,
 - (b) In addition to the cycling and parking issues, improving pedestrian access to the "motorway walk" that starts at Thorndon Quay and connects The Correspondence School, Hill St to Bowen House and Bolton St Cemetery. This could include a crossing and/or signage.

The amendment moved by Councillor Wade-Brown was accepted by leave of the meeting as follows:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- New 4. In addition to the Council's proposal above, the following discarded proposal also be described in the background consultation material:
- Changing one side from angle parking to parallel parking to provide dedicated cycle lanes, as proposed in 2001.
- New 5. Request that officers investigate in addition to the cycling and parking issues, improved pedestrian access to the "motorway walk" that starts at Thorndon Quay and connects The Correspondence School, Hill St to Bowen House and Bolton St Cemetery. This could include a crossing and/or signage.

Moved Mayor Prendergast the following amendment which was accepted by leave.

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- New 6. Request officers to investigate the 90 minute parking north of the motorway over bridge being converted to 10 hour commuter parking to replace those lost as part of the proposed cycling improvements.

The amendment new 4 was put and declared CARRIED.

The amendment new 5 was put and declared CARRIED.

The substantive motion as amended was put and was declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree that the long term option for cycling between Kaiwharawhara and the Central Business District is via a new shared footpath along Aotea and Waterloo Quays as part of the Great Harbour Way.*
3. *Agree that in the interim officers proceed with consultation on a traffic resolution for a 7-9am weekday clearway on the southbound lanes of Thorndon Quay and the associated parking changes. This is to include a new pedestrian crossing on Thorndon Quay, approximately midway between Tinakori Road and Davis Street.*
4. *In addition to the Council's proposal above, the following discarded proposal also be described in the background consultation material:*
 - *Changing one side from angle parking to parallel parking to provide dedicated cycle lanes, as proposed in 2001.*
5. *Request that officers investigate in addition to the cycling and parking issues, improved pedestrian access to the "motorway walk" that starts at Thorndon Quay and connects The Correspondence School, Hill St to Bowen House and Bolton St Cemetery. This could include a crossing and/or signage.*
6. *Request officers to investigate the 90 minute parking north of the motorway over bridge being converted to 10 hour commuter parking to replace those lost as part of the proposed cycling improvements.*

NOTED:

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

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

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**PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION: (12.43PM – 12.53PM)
ARO STREET SHOPPING AREA, TE ARO**

Report of Stuart Bullen – Senior Traffic Engineer.
(1215/52/IM)

(REPORT 5)

Moved Councillor Wain, seconded Councillor Cook the substantive motion with amendments to recommendation 2 and a new 6 as follows:

2. Recommend to Council that it make a resolution under **Part 6** of the Wellington City Consolidated Bylaw to set the speed limit as stated in the table below on the following section of Aro Street, Te Aro.

Table 1: Proposed speed limit for Aro Street

Aro Street Shopping Area	Aro Street from 70 metres east of its intersection with Devon Street to 20 metres west of its intersection with Epuni Street	30km/h
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- New 6. Request officers to consult on a proposal for a 30km/h speed limit on Aro Street, extending from 70 metres east of the intersection with Devon Street to the junction with Boston Terrace, in accordance with the requirements of the Land Transport Rule 2003 and Part 6 of the Wellington Consolidated Bylaw 2008 (Speed Limits).

The substantive motion as amended was put and a DIVISION called:

Voting for: Mayor Prendergast, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Foster, Gill, Goulden, McKinnon, Pannett, Pepperell, Ritchie, Wade-Brown and Wain.

Voting against: Councillor Coughlan.

Majority vote: 13:1

The substantive motion as amended was declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED AND RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Recommend to Council that it make a resolution under **Part 6** of the Wellington City Consolidated Bylaw to set the speed limit as stated in the table below on the following section of Aro Street, Te Aro.*

Table 1: Proposed speed limit for Aro Street

<i>Aro Street Shopping Area</i>	<i>Aro Street from 70 metres east of its intersection with Devon Street to 20 metres west of its intersection with Epuni Street</i>	<i>30km/h</i>
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3. *Note the results of the public consultation process: i.e., 179 submissions were received for Aro Street of which 153 supported the proposal, 38 agreed to lower speed limits but would like to see the area extended; 2 agree with lowering the speed limit but only to 40km/h not the proposed 30km/h and 23 are opposed to the lower speed limit.*

4. *Note that the process to change a speed limit as described in both the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits (2003) and Part 6 (Speed Limits) of the Wellington City Consolidated Bylaw, has been followed.*
5. *Note that in accordance with the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits (2003) and Part 6 (Speed Limits) of the Wellington City Consolidated Bylaws, the resolution will be recorded in the Register of Speed Limits and the relevant speed limits on the Councils Speed Limit Plans cease to have effect.*
6. ***Request officers to consult on a proposal for a 30km/h speed limit on Aro Street, extending from 70 metres east of the intersection with Devon Street to the junction with Boston Terrace, in accordance with the requirements of the Land Transport Rule 2003 and Part 6 of the Wellington Consolidated Bylaw 2008 (Speed Limits).***

NOTED:

The resolutions differ from the recommendations in the officer's report as follows:

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

231/09P **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT LAW ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE
– REPORT BACK** (12.53PM – 12.56PM)
Report of Councillor Gill.
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 6)

Moved Councillor Gill, seconded Councillor Foster the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put and motion was declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*

232/09P **STRATEGY AND POLICY COMMITTEE FORWARD
PROGRAMME** (12.56PM – 12.58PM)
Report of Svea Cunliffe-Steel – City Secretary.
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 7)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Mayor Prendergast the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree the Forward Programme, attached as Appendix One of the officer's report.*

The meeting concluded at 12.58pm.

Confirmed: _____

Chair

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