
MINUTES

THURSDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2012

**9.16AM - 10.26AM
10.50AM – 12.45PM
1.13PM – 1.16PM**

**Council Chamber
First Floor, Town Hall
Wakefield St
Wellington**

PRESENT:

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| Mayor Wade-Brown | (9.16am – 10.26am, 11.07am – 12.45pm) |
| Councillor Ahipene-Mercer | (9.16am – 10.26am, 10.50am – 12.45pm) |
| Councillor Best (Deputy Chair) | (9.16am – 10.26am, 10.50am – 12.45pm, 1.13pm – 1.16pm) |
| Councillor Cook | (9.21am – 10.26am, 10.50am – 11.01am, 11.02am – 11.59am, 12.01pm – 12.45pm, 1.13pm – 1.16pm) |
| Councillor Coughlan | (9.16am – 10.26am, 11.04am – 12.45pm) |
| Councillor Eagle | (9.16am – 10.26am, 10.51am – 12.45pm, 1.13pm – 1.16pm) |
| Councillor Foster (Chair) | (9.16am – 10.26am, 10.50am – 12.45pm, 1.13pm – 1.16pm) |
| Councillor Gill | (9.16am – 10.26am, 10.50am – 12.45pm, 1.13pm – 1.16pm) |
| Councillor Lester | (9.16am – 10.26am, 10.50am – 12.45pm, 1.13pm – 1.16pm) |
| Councillor McKinnon | (9.16am – 10.26am, 10.50am – 12.45pm) |
| Councillor Marsh | (9.16am – 10.26am, 11.03am – 12.45pm, 1.13pm – 1.16pm) |
| Councillor Morrison | (9.18am – 10.26am, 10.50am – 12.45pm, 1.13pm – 1.16pm) |
| Councillor Pannett | (9.16am – 9.39am, 9.48am – 10.26am, 10.50am – 12.45pm, 1.13pm – 1.16pm) |
| Councillor Pepperell | (9.16am – 10.26am, 10.51am – 11.48am, 11.50am - 12.45pm) |
| Councillor Ritchie | (10.12am – 10.26am, 10.50am – 10.59am, 11.00am – 11.18am, 11.30am – 12.45pm, 1.13pm – 1.16pm) |

DEMOCRATIC SERVICES OFFICER IN ATTENDANCE:

Sophie Rapson - Committee Advisor
Antoinette Bliss - Committee Advisor

019/12P **APOLOGIES**
(1215/52/IM)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Best, the motion that the Strategy and Policy Committee accept apologies for early departure from Mayor Wade-Brown.

The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Accept apologies for early departure from Mayor Wade-Brown.*

(Councillor Morrison joined the meeting at 9.18am.)

021/12P **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

022/12P **DEPUTATIONS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There were no deputations.

023/12P **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

1. Geraldine Murphy - Representing the Inner City Association to address the meeting regarding Report 3 - Council Responses to Earthquake Prone Buildings – Update Report. Ms Murphy supported the report and noted concerns regarding severe financial burdens on owners of heritage buildings, the use of terminology when referring to types of earthquake prone buildings, and the need for certainty from the Council about earthquake strengthening standards.

TABLED INFORMATION: Speaking notes reference 023/12P(A).

(During Public Participation, Councillor Cook joined the meeting at 9.21am.)

024/12P **E-PETITIONS - TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT CHANGES AFFECTING CENTRAL TERRACE, GLASGOW STREET AND UPLAND ROAD AND CREATE SAFE PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS AT WALKWAYS LINKING UPLAND ROAD, CENTRAL TERRACE AND GLASGOW STREET (9.37AM – 9.39AM)**

NOTED:

The Committee received two E-Petitions from Lisa Locke regarding traffic management changes affecting Central Terrace, Glasgow Street and Upland Road and the creation of safe pedestrian crossings at walkways linking Upland Road, Central Terrace and Glasgow Street.

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Pannett, the motion that the Strategy and Policy Committee receive the information, and advise the petitioner that council officers are actively working on plans for roading changes to address their petitions.

The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Advise the petitioner that council officers are actively working on plans for roading changes to address their petition.*

025/12P **ORDER OF BUSINESS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

The Chair advised that the agenda would be taken as follows:

Report 8 – Zealandia Working Group
 Report 2 – Financial Strategy
 Report 3 – Council Responses to Earthquake Prone Buildings – Update Report
 Report 5 – Financial Sustainability for Wellington City Council – Establishment of a Working Party
 Report 1 – Annual Report of the Youth Council
 Report 4 – Proposal to Transfer the Management of Belmont Reserve to the Greater Wellington Regional Council

Report 6 – Approval to Grant a Telecommunication Easement through Part of the Land at Makara Peak, South Karori Road, Karori

Report 7 – Forward Programme.

(Councillor Pannett left the meeting at 9.39am.)

026/12P **ZEALANDIA WORKING GROUP** (9.26AM – 9.39AM)
 Oral report from Alan Isaac, Chair of the Zealandia Working Group.
 (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 8)

NOTED:

Allan Isaac - Chair of the Zealandia Working Group addressed the meeting regarding the progress of the Working Group. Mr Isaac noted that the Group had come to an agreement on the criteria that the Council should use to make their decision on the appropriate course of action for Zealandia. Mr Isaac also noted that there was an agreement that there would need to be some level of ongoing Council support. Mr Isaac confirmed that the Group would be in a position to make a recommendation to the Strategy and Policy Committee after their meeting of 13 March 2012.

(Councillor Pannett left the meeting at 9.39am.)

027/12P **FINANCIAL STRATEGY** (9.39AM - 10.26AM)
 Report of Martin Read – Manager Financial Planning
 (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 2)

Moved Mayor Wade-Brown, seconded Councillor McKinnon, the substantive motion.

(Councillor Pannett returned to the meeting at 9.48am.)

(Councillor Ritchie joined the meeting at 10.12am.)

The substantive motion recommendations 1 to 3 were put and declared CARRIED

The substantive motion recommendations 4 and 5 were put and declared CARRIED

NOTED:

Councillor Marsh and Councillor Morrison requested that their votes against recommendations 4 and 5 be noted.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Note the Financial Strategy is required to be included as part of the Long Term Plan and will form part of the statement of proposal (SOP) for the Long Term Plan and will be consulted on by way of the special consultative procedure for the statement of proposal.*
3. *Agree the guiding principles of the Financial Strategy (outlined in section 5.1 of the officer's report) be included in the draft financial strategy to be considered by the Strategy and Policy Committee during the Long Term Plan deliberations.*
2. *Agree the funding limits and targets (outlined in section 5.3 of the officer's report) be included in the draft financial strategy to be considered by the Strategy and Policy Committee during the Long Term Plan deliberations.*
3. *Note that the funding and expenditure for the Long Term Plan deliberations commencing on 6 March 2012 will be considered against the above principles targets and limits.*

(The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.26am and reconvened at 10.50am.)

(Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Foster, Gill, Lester, McKinnon, Morrison, Pannett and Ritchie were present when the meeting reconvened.)

028/12P

COUNCIL RESPONSES TO EARTHQUAKE PRONE BUILDINGS

(10.51AM – 12.44PM)

Report of Colin Drew – Principal Advisor, Policy; Neville Brown, Programme Director, Earthquake Resilience; John Scott, Group Manager, Building Consents and Licensing. (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 3)

(Councillor Eagle returned to the meeting at 10.51am.)

(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 10.51am.)

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 10.59am.)

(Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 11.00am.)

(Councillor Cook left the meeting at 11.01am.)

(Councillor Cook returned to the meeting at 11.02am.)

(Councillor Marsh returned to the meeting at 11.03am.)

(Councillor Coughlan returned to the meeting at 11.04am.)

(Mayor Wade-Brown returned to the meeting at 11.07am.)

Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Mayor Wade-Brown, the substantive motion with a new recommendation 10 as follows:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

10. Note that funding to deliver on these priorities will be a new initiative that will be considered as part of the Strategy and Policy draft long-term plan deliberations on 6 March 2012.

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 11.18am.)

(Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 11.30am.)

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 11.48am.)

(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 11.50am.)

(Councillor Cook left the meeting at 11.59am.)

(Councillor Cook returned to the meeting at 12.01pm.)

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Note the activities that the Council has progressed to date as part of its broad response to earthquake prone buildings.*
3. *Note the findings to date from the Canterbury Earthquakes Royal Commission and an initial assessment of what this potentially means for local government.*
4. *Note the Government has commenced a review of policy and practice around earthquake prone buildings and that Council is involved in this process.*
5. *Note the initial assessment for Wellington City on factors arising from the Christchurch event, including:*
 - (a) *unreinforced masonry buildings*
 - (b) *the impact of raising the earthquake prone threshold for buildings*
 - (c) *consideration of multi-unit residential*
 - (d) *heritage buildings and character precincts*
 - (e) *protecting strategic routes*
 - (f) *impacts on suburban areas*
 - (g) *economic impacts from a major event.*

6. *Note the initial assessments are based on available Council data and will be tested and refined with further surveys, government analysis and property sector data.*
7. *Note that a draft Strategy is being developed and will be presented to the Committee following the Royal Commission's final report and the Council agreement on activities that constitute its broad response.*
8. *Agree to progress the immediate actions listed in Section 5.5 (of the officer's report) related to the following:*
 - (a) *advocacy to government on funding options and legislative changes for local government*
 - (b) *dealing with dangerous elements on buildings*
 - (c) *promoting city resilience*
 - (d) *public communications and education*
 - (e) *services to building owners*
 - (f) *modelling and promoting access to finance options*
 - (g) *continuation of the Initial Evaluation Process.*
9. *Agree that priority activities to consider in the Long Term Plan 2012-22 are those addressing the following areas:*
 - (a) *unreinforced masonry buildings, critical structural weakness and dangerous elements in conjunction with the current building assessment process*
 - (b) *access to capital for residential and commercial strengthening work, and for heritage work*
 - (c) *heritage buildings and character precincts*
 - (d) *new technologies for low cost and/or low damage solutions.*
10. ***Note that funding to deliver on these priorities will be a new initiative that will be considered as part of the Strategy and Policy draft long-term plan deliberations on 6 March 2012.***

NOTED:

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

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

- 029/12P **FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY FOR WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL – ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKING PARTY** (12.44PM – 12.45PM)
 Report of Wendy Walker – Director, City Engagement (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 5)
Moved Mayor Wade-Brown, seconded Councillor McKinnon, the motion that the matter be referred to Council.

The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

NOTED:

The Committee referred the following to Council for decision.

“Officers recommend that the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Agree to establish a Working Party to develop options that will deliver financial sustainability into the future for Wellington City Council.
3. Agree to the Terms of Reference for the Working Party as attached as Appendix 1.
4. Direct that the Working Party will report back to the Strategy and Policy Committee in August, October and December 2012.
5. Appoint three Councillors to the Working Party, in addition to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.”

For the decision, please see the Council minutes of Wednesday 29 February 2012.

(Councillor McKinnon left the meeting at 12.45pm.)

(Mayor Wade-Brown left the meeting at 12.45pm.)

(The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.45pm and reconvened at 1.13pm.)

(Councillors Best, Cook, Eagle, Foster, Gill, Lester, Marsh, Morrison, Pannett and Ritchie were present when the meeting reconvened.)

- 030/12P **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE YOUTH COUNCIL** (1.13PM – 1.14PM)
 Report of Simon Wright – Senior Advisor, Consultation and Engagement. (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 1)
Moved Councillor Foster, 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 the work and achievements of the Wellington Youth Council in 2011, including responses to the issues identified in the 2010 review of Wellington City Council's advisory groups.*
3. *Note that officers plan to address the issues raised by the Wellington Youth Council for consideration by Wellington City Council through the Wellington Youth Council's work planning process for 2012.*

031/12P **PROPOSAL TO TRANSFER THE MANAGEMENT OF BELMONT RESERVE TO THE GREATER WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL** (1.14PM – 1.15PM)
 Report of Bec Ramsay, Reserves Planner, Parks and Gardens, Hanita Shantilal, Senior Property Advisor, Property Management and Baz Kaufman, Senior Strategic Analyst, Research, Strategy, Urban Design and Heritage.
 (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 4)

Moved Councillor Ritchie, seconded Councillor Best, the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Recommend to Council that it:*
 - (a) *Agree to consult on the proposal to transfer the management responsibility for Belmont Reserve to Greater Wellington Regional Council.*
 - (b) *Note that the proposal to transfer the responsibility for management of Belmont Reserve will be included in the draft Long Term Plan.*
 - (c) *Note that the Minister of Local Government will be advised of the transfer of management responsibility in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002.*

- (d) *Note that Council officers will continue to negotiate the management agreement details and those will be reported to Council following consultation.*

032/12P **APPROVAL TO GRANT A TELECOMMUNICATION EASEMENT THROUGH PART OF THE LAND AT MAKARA PEAK, SOUTH KARORI ROAD, KARORI (1.15PM – 1.16PM)**
 Report of Dejan Kirbis – Property Advisor, Property Management & Amber Bill – Manager, Community Engagement & Reserves, Parks & Gardens.
 (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 6)
Moved Councillor Ritchie, 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. *Agree subject to the terms and conditions noted below, the granting of an easement over part of the land known as Makara Peak, on South Karori Road, Karori (outlined in yellow on Appendix 2) to Kordia Group Limited.*
3. *Note that the terms of the easement agreement are as follows:*
Location: *Part of the land known as Makara Peak and legally described as Part Section 45 Karori District.*
Term: *In perpetuity.*
Rental: *\$1.00 per annum (if demanded).*
4. *Waive the requirement for public notification under Section 48(2) of the Reserves Act 1977 in accordance with Section 48(3) of the Reserves Act 1977, as the Reserve land is not likely to be materially altered or permanently damaged and the rights of the public are not likely to be permanently affected by the granting of the easement.*
5. *Note that any approval to grant the easement will be conditional on the approval of the Minister of Conservation being obtained in accordance with Section 121 of the Reserves Act 1977.*
6. *Note that any approval to grant an easement is conditional on the legal costs associated with preparing the easement agreement being met by Kordia Group Limited.*

7. *Agree that Council officers will finalise and negotiate the easement agreement details.*

033/12P **FORWARD PROGRAMME** (1.16PM – 1.16PM)
 Report of Luka Dujmovic – Committee Advisor, Democratic Services.
 (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 7)
Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Best, the substantive motion with amendments to recommendation 2 as follows:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

2. Agree to the Forward Programme for the Strategy and Policy Committee, attached as Appendix 1 to this report, amended as follow:
- 6 March 2012
 - Add Draft Long-term plan: Report back on early engagement
 - Draft Long-term plan: Report of the FAR working Party
 - Draft Long-term plan: Activity Statements
 - Financial Strategy
 - Draft Long-term plan: key issues for consideration
 - Draft Long-term plan: confirmation of required policies and statements
 - Draft Long-term plan: Statement of Proposal for recommendation to Council
 - Draft Long-term plan: Engagement and communication plan
 - Fee Approval of BCLS Charges
 - 15 March 2012
 - Add Report back from Mayoral Trip to Hong Kong
 - 22 March 2012
 - Add Expansion of Capacity to Incorporate other Local Authorities.
 - 5 April 2012
 - Add Public Arts Policy – removed from 22 March 2012
 - 12 April 2012
 - Add Placing Land into the Permanent Forest Sink Initiative
 - 17 May 2012
 - Review of Waste Management Bylaws – removed from 22 March 2012

- To be scheduled
 - Add Request for Approval of Conferences – standing item
 - Add Report backs from Conferences – standing item
 - Add Volunteering
 - Add Regional Approach to Affordable Housing
 - Add Establishment of a Wellington Philanthropic Trust
 - Remove Thorndon Character Plan Change – included in District Plan Review
 - Remove Johnsonville Medium Density Design Guide – included in District Plan Review
 - Remove Thorndon Design Guide – included in District Plan Review

The substantive motion as amended was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to the Forward Programme for the Strategy and Policy Committee, attached as Appendix 1 to this report, amended as follow:*
 - *6 March 2012*
 - *Add Draft Long-term plan: Report back on early engagement*
 - *Draft Long-term plan: Report of the FAR working Party*
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