
MINUTES

THURSDAY 6 DECEMBER 2012

**9.21AM – 9.57AM
10.12AM – 10.31AM
10.50AM – 12.32PM
1.00PM – 1.37PM**

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

PRESENT:

Mayor Wade-Brown	(9.21am – 9.57am, 10.12am – 10.31am, 10.50am – 12.32pm, 1.00pm – 1.37pm.)
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer	(9.21am – 9.57am, 10.12am – 10.31am, 10.50am – 12.32pm, 1.00pm – 1.37pm.)
Councillor Best (Deputy Chair)	(9.25am – 9.57am, 10.12am – 10.31am, 10.50am – 12.32pm, 1.00pm – 1.37pm.)
Councillor Cook	(9.22am – 9.53am, 9.56am – 9.57am, 10.12am – 10.31am, 10.50am – 11.09am, 11.13am – 11.59am, 12.00pm – 12.32pm, 1.00pm – 1.37pm.)
Councillor Coughlan	(9.21am – 9.57am, 10.12am – 10.31am, 10.50am – 11.11am, 11.34am – 12.32pm, 1.07pm – 1.37pm.)
Councillor Eagle	(9.21am – 9.54am, 10.14am – 10.31am, 10.50am – 12.32pm, 1.05pm – 1.37pm.)
Councillor Foster (Chair)	(9.21am – 9.57am, 10.12am – 10.31am, 10.50am – 12.32pm, 1.00pm – 1.37pm.)
Councillor Gill	(9.21am – 9.57am, 10.12am – 10.31am, 10.50am – 12.32pm, 1.00pm – 1.37pm.)
Councillor Lester	(9.21am – 9.57am, 10.12am – 10.31am, 10.50am – 10.51am, 10.53am – 12.32pm.)
Councillor McKinnon	(9.22am – 9.46am, 9.53am – 9.57am, 10.12am – 10.31am, 10.50am – 11.59am, 12.01pm – 12.32pm.)
Councillor Marsh	(9.21am – 9.46am, 9.49am – 9.57am, 10.12am – 10.31am, 10.50am – 12.32pm, 1.08pm – 1.37pm.)

Councillor Morrison	(9.21am – 9.57am, 10.12am – 10.31am, 10.50am – 11.16am, 11.28am – 12.32pm, 1.00pm – 1.37pm.)
Councillor Pannett	(9.22am – 9.33am, 10.14am – 10.18am, 10.22am – 10.31am, 10.52am – 11.09am, 11.10am – 11.21am, 11.25am – 12.32pm, 1.00pm – 1.17pm, 1.18pm – 1.37pm.)
Councillor Pepperell	(9.21am – 9.57am, 10.12am – 10.31am, 10.50am – 12.01pm, 12.02pm – 12.32pm, 1.00pm – 1.37pm.)
Councillor Ritchie	(9.21am – 9.57am, 10.12am – 10.31am, 10.50am – 12.32pm, 1.00pm – 1.37pm.)

DEMOCRATIC SERVICES OFFICER IN ATTENDANCE:

Sophie Rapson - Committee Advisor

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Best for lateness

357/12P **APOLOGIES**
(1215/52/IM)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Morrison, the motion that the Strategy and Policy Committee accept apologies for lateness from Councillor Best.

The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- 1. Accept apologies for lateness from Councillor Best.*

358/12P **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There were no conflicts of interest.

(Councillor Cook joined the meeting at 9.22am.)

(Councillor Pannett joined the meeting at 9.22am.)

(Councillor McKinnon joined the meeting at 9.22am.)

359/12P **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

1. Gillian Peacock representing Volunteering New Zealand, spoke in relation to the Volunteering Strategy Report from the Strategy and Policy Committee meeting of 22 November 2012. Ms Peacock spoke in support of the volunteer strategy with its development in conjunction with the key stakeholders.

(Councillor Best joined the meeting at 9.25am.)

2. Pauline Harper representing Volunteer Wellington, spoke in relation to the Volunteering Strategy Report from the Strategy and Policy Committee meeting of 22 November 2012. Ms Harper supports the development of a volunteer strategy that will help the management of the sector.

(Councillor Pannett left the meeting at 9.33am.)

3. Phillip Bramley representing Toy World Wellington, spoke in relation to the adverse economic impact on retailers due to filming in the CBD leading up to Christmas.

(Councillor McKinnon left the meeting at 9.46am.)

(Councillor Marsh left the meeting at 9.46am.)

4. Eyal Aharoni representing Terrace Heights Holdings, spoke in relation to Report 2 – Curtis Street Rezoning: Proposed Plan Change Documents for Notification from the Strategy and Policy Committee meeting of 22 November 2012. Mr Aharoni stated that he would like the site to be zoned as business 2 zone.

(Councillor Marsh returned to the meeting at 9.49am.)

(Councillor McKinnon returned to the meeting at 9.53am.)

(Councillor Cook left the meeting at 9.53am.)

(Councillor Eagle left the meeting at 9.54am.)

360/12P **DEPUTATIONS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There were no deputations.

361/12P **ORDER OF BUSINESS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

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

Report 2 – Regional Governance Update

Report 1 – Town Belt Encroachment Licence Application – 104 Ellice Street

362/12P **REGIONAL GOVERNANCE UPDATE** (9.55AM – 1.29PM)
Report by Elise Webster – Senior Strategy Advisor, Executive Strategy Stake Relations.
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 2)

(Councillor Cook returned to the meeting at 9.56am.)

Moved Mayor Wade-Brown, seconded Councillor Gill, the substantive motion with changes to the recommendations in the officer's report as follows (in bold):

1. Receive the information.
2. (a) Agree to join the regional governance working party, dependent on an invitation being extended to the Hutt and Upper Hutt City Councils and the Masterton, Carterton and South Wairarapa District Councils.
2. (b) **Agree to continue to work with all Councils in the region to share information and coordinate consultation and communication with the public and the Local Govt Commission.**
3. Agree to appoint the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer, **and alternates**, as Wellington City Council's representatives on the working party.
4. Agree that the following ~~governance priorities should underpin any model developed by~~ **principles should form the basis for Wellington City Council's involvement on** the working party:
 - (a). High quality democratic representation
 - (b). Direct access to decision makers
 - (c). Efficiency and effectiveness of decision-making and service delivery
 - (d). Strengthened relationship between citizens and council
 - (e). **Consideration of the economic, environmental, social and cultural wellbeing of Wellington city and region**

- ~~(e). One decision making body~~
- f. Consideration of an integrated Unitary Authority model (one or more unitary councils) with local level representation that best meets the needs of the community**
- ~~(f). One voice~~
- (g). The differing communities of interest in the region will be considered**
- (h). Engagement with iwi**
- (i). Exploration of participatory budgeting**
- (j). The cost/benefit for communities of interest will be considered**
- (k). A comprehensive consultation plan to be agreed by Strategy and Policy Committee or Council.**

5. Note that a poll on a final proposal can now be demanded by 10% or more of electors in the district of an affected Territorial Authority, making it likely that a poll will be held.

(The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 9.57am, and reconvened at 10.12am.)

(Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillors, Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Coughlan, Foster, Gill, Lester, McKinnon, Marsh, Morrison, Pepperell, and Ritchie were present when the meeting reconvened.)

(Councillor Eagle returned to the meeting at 10.14am.)
 (Councillor Pannett returned to the meeting at 10.14am.)
 (Councillor Pannett left the meeting at 10.18am.)
 (Councillor Pannett returned to the meeting at 10.22am.)

(The meeting adjourned at 10.31am, and reconvened at 10.50am.)

(Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillors, Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Coughlan, Eagle, Foster, Gill, Lester, McKinnon, Marsh, Morrison, Pepperell, and Ritchie were present when the meeting reconvened.)

(Councillor Lester left the meeting at 10.51am.)
 (Councillor Pannett returned to the meeting at 10.52am.)
 (Councillor Lester returned to the meeting at 10.53am.)

Moved Councillor Ritchie, seconded Councillor Eagle, the following amendment:

- 6. Recommend to Council that Wellington City Council at the next Local Body elections, conduct a binding referendum of all Wellington City electors under Section 9(1)(b), and any other relevant Section of the Local Electoral Act 2001, on the issue of abolishing Wellington City Council and replacing it with a**

regional Supercity, and that an officer report be received by Wellington City Council in February 2013 on the issue of the conducting of the referendum.

(Councillor Pannett left the meeting at 11.09am.)
(Councillor Cook left the meeting at 11.09am.)
(Councillor Pannett returned to the meeting at 11.10am.)
(Councillor Coughlan left the meeting at 11.11am.)
(Councillor Cook returned to the meeting at 11.13am.)
(Councillor Morrison left the meeting at 11.16am.)
(Councillor Pannett left the meeting at 11.21am.)
(Councillor Pannett returned to the meeting at 11.25am.)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Marsh, the following foreshadowed amendment

- 6. Confirm the Council's view that a poll or referendum be held, ideally at the next local body election, on the issue of local government reform.**

(Councillor Morrison returned to the meeting at 11.28am.)
(Councillor Coughlan returned to the meeting at 11.34am.)

The amendment new recommendation 6 was put and a DIVISION called:

Voting for: Councillors Eagle, Pepperell, and Ritchie.
Voting against: Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Coughlan, Foster, Gill, Lester, McKinnon, Marsh, Morrison, and Pannett.
Vote: 3:12

The amendment new recommendation 6 was declared LOST.

The foreshadowed amendment to new recommendation 6 was put and a DIVISION called:

Voting for: Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Coughlan, Eagle, Foster, Gill, Lester, McKinnon, Marsh, Morrison, Pannett, Pepperell, and Ritchie.
Voting against: Nil.
Vote: 15:0

The foreshadowed amendment to new recommendation 6 was declared CARRIED.

Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Cook, the following amendment:

- 7. Note for the purpose of clarification: A statement was released by Mayor Ray Wallace following the 21 November hui, which said the nine councils across the Wellington region had “re-committed to a future local authority governance that would be in the best interests of the region.”**

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor McKinnon the procedural motion pursuant to Standing Order 116.3, that the motion under debate be put immediately.

The procedural motion was put and a DIVISION called:

Voting for: Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Coughlan, Eagle, Foster, Gill, Lester, McKinnon, Marsh, Morrison, and Pannett.

Voting against: Councillor Cook, Pepperell, and Ritchie.

Vote: 12:3

The procedural motion was declared CARRIED.

The amendment new recommendation 7 was put and a DIVISION called:

Voting for: Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Coughlan, Eagle, Foster, Gill, Lester, McKinnon, Marsh, Morrison, Pannett, Pepperell, and Ritchie.

Voting against: Nil.

Vote: 15:0

The amendment new recommendation 7 was declared CARRIED.

(Councillor Cook left the meeting at 11.59am.)

(Councillor McKinnon left the meeting at 11.59am.)

(Councillor Cook returned to the meeting at 12.00pm.)

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 12.01pm.)

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

(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 12.02pm.)

(Councillor Lester left the meeting at 12.32pm.)

(Councillor McKinnon left the meeting at 12.32pm.)

(The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.32pm, and reconvened at 1.00pm.)

(Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillors, Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Foster, Gill, Morrison, Pannett, Pepperell, and Ritchie were present when the meeting reconvened.)

(Councillor Eagle returned to the meeting at 1.05pm.)

(Councillor Coughlan returned to the meeting at 1.07pm.)

(Councillor Marsh returned to the meeting at 1.08pm.)

(Councillor Pannett left the meeting at 1.17pm.)

(Councillor Pannett returned to the meeting at 1.18pm.)

The substantive recommendation 1 was put and declared CARRIED.

(Councillor Ritchie wished to have her dissenting vote recorded.)

The substantive recommendation 2(a) was put and a DIVISION called:

Voting for: Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Coughlan, Eagle, Foster, Gill, Marsh, and Morrison.

Voting against: Councillors Cook, Pannett, Pepperell, and Ritchie.

Vote: 9:4

The substantive recommendation 2(a) was declared CARRIED.

The substantive recommendation 2(b) was put and a DIVISION called:

Voting for: Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Coughlan, Eagle, Foster, Gill, Marsh, Morrison, Pannett, Pepperell, and Ritchie.

Voting against: Nil.

Vote: 13:0

The substantive recommendation 2(b) was declared CARRIED.

The substantive recommendation 3 was put and a DIVISION called:

Voting for: Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Coughlan, Eagle, Foster, Gill, Marsh, and Morrison.

Voting against: Councillors Cook, Pannett, Pepperell, and Ritchie.

Vote: 9:4

The substantive recommendation 3 was declared CARRIED.

The substantive recommendation 4 was put and a DIVISION called:

Voting for: Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Coughlan, Eagle, Foster, Gill, Marsh, and Morrison.

Voting against: Councillors Cook, Pannett, Pepperell, and Ritchie.

Vote: 9:4

The substantive recommendation 4 was declared CARRIED.

The substantive recommendations 5 - 7 was put and a DIVISION called:

Voting for: Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Coughlan, Eagle, Foster, Gill, Marsh, Morrison, Pannett, Pepperell, and Ritchie.

Voting against: Nil.

Vote: 13:0

The substantive recommendations 5 - 7 was declared CARRIED.

Councillor Foster sought nominations for Councillors to be alternates on the Regional Governance Working Party.

Councillors Foster and Gill, indicated that they wished to be members.

Moved Councillor Morrison, seconded Councillor Marsh, the motion that Councillors Foster and Gill be alternates for the Regional Governance Working Party.

The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

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2. (a) *Agree to join the regional governance working party, ~~dependent on an~~ and request that an invitation be extended to the Hutt and Upper Hutt City Councils and the Masterton, Carterton and South Wairarapa District Councils.*
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communication with the public and the Local Govt Commission.

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 - (e). ***Consideration of the economic, environmental, social and cultural wellbeing of Wellington city and region***
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 - (f). ***Consideration of an integrated Unitary Authority model (one or more unitary councils) with local level representation that best meets the needs of the community***
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 - (g). ***The differing communities of interest in the region will be considered***
 - (h). ***Engagement with iwi***
 - (i). ***Exploration of participatory budgeting***
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5. ***Note that a poll on a final proposal can now be demanded by 10% or more of electors in the district of an affected Territorial Authority, making it likely that a poll will be held.***
6. ***Confirm the Council's view that a poll or referendum be held, ideally at the next local body election, on the issue of local government reform.***
7. ***Note for the purpose of clarification: A statement was released by Mayor Ray Wallace following the 21 November hui, which said the nine councils across the Wellington region had "re-committed to a future local authority governance that would be in the best interests of the region."***

NOTED:

The Resolution differs from the officer's recommendations as follows:

The Committee added the text in **bold** and removed the text with strikethrough.

363/12P **TOWN BELT ENCROACHMENT LICENCE APPLICATION – 104 ELLICE STREET** (1.29PM – 1.37PM)
 Report of Rebecca Ramsay, Reserves Planning Officer, Parks and Gardens.
 (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 1)

Moved Councillor Ritchie, seconded Councillor Best, the substantive motion with changes to the recommendations in the officer's report as follows (in bold):

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Approve the granting of a licence to the owner of 104 Ellice Street to formalise the existing encroachment for eventual removal.
3. Agree that Council officers will finalise and negotiate the licence agreement details.
4. ~~Note~~ **Agree** that the requirement for public advertising under Section 48 (2) of the Reserves Act 1977 be waived in accordance with Section 48(3) of the Reserves Act 1977, as the reserve and reserve management plan are 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 licence.
5. **Note:**
 - (a) the costs associated with preparing the licence are to be met by the applicant.
 - (b) **ten years is the maximum period for which a licence can be granted in accordance with the Town Belt Management Plan. Removal of the house, garage and retaining wall encroachments will be assessed, on an ongoing basis during this and any subsequent licence, under Town Belt Policy current at the time and on the basis of an event or activity arising that makes removal of the structures a reasonable request (such as natural disaster, fire or redevelopment of the property for example).**

- (c) that the Officer's report (in section 5. Discussion under the heading "Current Situation") was incorrect and is as follows:

Current situation:

The current owner bought the property in 2011. They were ~~not~~ aware of the encroachments when they bought the property **and approached Council for an encroachment licence.**

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Approve the granting of a licence to the owner of 104 Ellice Street to formalise the existing encroachment for eventual removal.*
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- (c) *that the Officer's report (in section 5. Discussion under the heading "Current Situation") was incorrect and is as follows:*

Current situation:

*The current owner bought the property in 2011. They were ~~not~~ aware of the encroachments when they bought the property **and approached Council for an encroachment licence.***

NOTED:

The Resolution differs from the officer's recommendations as follows:

The Committee added the text in **bold** and removed the text with strikethrough.

The meeting concluded at 1.37pm.

Confirmed: _____
Chair
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