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Wellington City Council**

Me Heke Ki Pōneke

# Ordinary Meeting of Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council

## Ngā Meneti | Minutes

9:30am Rāpare, 14 Hakihea 2023  
9:30am Thursday, 14 December 2023  
Ngake (16.09), Level 16, Tahiwī  
113 The Terrace  
Pōneke | Wellington



**PRESENT**

Mayor Whanau (Chair)  
Deputy Mayor Foon (Deputy Chair)  
Councillor Abdurahman  
Councillor Apanowicz  
Councillor Brown  
Councillor Calvert  
Councillor Chung  
Councillor Free  
Councillor Matthews  
Councillor McNulty  
Councillor O'Neill (via audiovisual link)  
Councillor Pannett  
Councillor Randle  
Councillor Wi Neera  
Councillor Young

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# 1 Meeting Conduct

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## 1.1 Karakia

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 9.31am with the following karakia.

<b>Whakataka te hau ki te uru,</b>	Cease oh winds of the west
<b>Whakataka te hau ki te tonga.</b>	and of the south
<b>Kia mākinakina ki uta,</b>	Let the bracing breezes flow,
<b>Kia mātaratara ki tai.</b>	over the land and the sea.
<b>E hī ake ana te atākura.</b>	Let the red-tipped dawn come
<b>He tio, he huka, he hauhū.</b>	with a sharpened edge, a touch of frost,
<b>Tihei Mauri Ora!</b>	a promise of a glorious day

## 1.2 Apologies

**Moved Mayor Whanau, seconded Councillor Matthews**

### **Resolved**

That Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council:

1. Accept the apologies received from Councillor Chung for lateness, Councillor O'Neill for partial absence, and Councillor Apanowicz for early departure.

**Carried**

A division was required under Standing Order 27.6(d), voting on which was as follows:

### **For:**

Mayor Whanau, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown, Councillor Calvert, Deputy Mayor Foon (Deputy Chair), Councillor Free, Councillor Matthews, Councillor McNulty, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Randle, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young

### **Against:**

### **Absent:**

Councillor Chung, Councillor O'Neill

Majority Vote: 13:0

**Carried**

## 1.3 Announcements by the Mayor

All I want to say is a huge thank you to our Democracy Services team: Jennifer, Alisi, Sean, Steph, Tian, Leteicha, Marcella and Nina, for all of your mahi and keeping all of this together. This is no easy task so just a round of applause for our Democracy Services team.

My message to councillors, I know it's been a tough year and I know we've had some public spats and I know my personal life has been on the front page several times now, but look, if I can get through all that rubbish, you all can too. We can work together as a team. I think we're all in desperate need of a holiday, let's come back in the new year refreshed and keep working hard for our people, which is what we do. Kia ora.

**Secretarial note:** The Mayor delivered her announcements at the end of the hui.

#### 1. 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

No conflicts of interest were declared.

#### 1. 5 Confirmation of Minutes

##### Moved Mayor Whanau, seconded Deputy Mayor Foon

##### **Resolved**

That Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council:

1. Approves the minutes of the Ordinary Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council Meeting held on 25 October 2023, having been circulated, that they be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of that meeting.

**Carried**

A division was required under Standing Order 27.6(d), voting on which was as follows:

##### **For:**

Mayor Whanau, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown, Councillor Calvert, Deputy Mayor Foon (Deputy Chair), Councillor Free, Councillor Matthews, Councillor McNulty, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Randle, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young

##### **Against:**

##### **Absent:**

Councillor Chung, Councillor O'Neill

Majority Vote: 13:0

**Carried**

#### 1. 6 Items not on the Agenda

There were no items not on the agenda.

#### 1. 7 Public Participation

Tiana Jakicevich and Mary Moeono-Kolio on behalf of the Fossil Fuel Non Proliferation Treaty addressed the Council regarding Item 2.2 Te Atakura 2023 Update.

**Secretarial note:** Pursuant to Standing Order 20.11, Councillor Wi Neera made a personal explanation regarding his attendance at the Young Elected Members Conference 2023.

## 2. General Business

### 2.1 Funding for Wellington Water Limited

#### Moved Mayor Whanau, seconded Councillor McNulty

That Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council:

- 1) Receive the information.
- 2) Determine whether an additional \$2 million in operational funding for leak repair will be allocated to Wellington Water Limited (WWL) in the 2023/24 financial year.
- 3) Note that this would need to be funded by debt.
- 4) Note that Wellington Water Limited has indicated that it is unable to provide the Council with a prioritised list of target leaks to be fixed in any given period and that progress and actual costs to fix leaks would require a substantial increase to its current reporting that its systems cannot readily provide.
- 5) Authorise an additional \$1m in operational funding for leak repair to Wellington Water Limited (WWL) in the 2023/24 financial year subject to WWL confirming it can provide the following data each month for the remainder of the financial year: Leak data - address, date reported, date fixed.
- 6) Authorise officers to release a further \$1m in operational funding for leak repair to Wellington Water Ltd if, by 15 March, the initial \$1m has been fully utilised and Wellington Water Ltd has provided the reporting outlined in 5) to the satisfaction of officers.

**Secretarial note:** the motion was moved with changes marked in red.  
(Councillor O'Neill joined the hui at 10.00am)

#### Procedural Motion

Moved Councillor Brown, seconded Councillor Free the following procedural motion:

#### Resolved

Standing Order 25.2 (d) - That the item of business being discussed be laid on the table, and not be further discussed at this meeting.

**Lost**

A division was required under Standing Order 27.6(d), voting on which was as follows:

#### For:

Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown, Councillor Free, Councillor Pannett

#### Against:

Mayor Whanau, Councillor Calvert, Deputy Mayor Foon (Deputy Chair), Councillor Matthews, Councillor McNulty, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Randle, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young

#### Absent:

Councillor Chung

Majority Vote: 5:9

**Lost**

## 2.1 Funding for Wellington Water Limited

### Moved Mayor Whanau, seconded Councillor McNulty

#### Resolved

That Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council:

- 1) Receive the information.
- 2) Determine whether an additional \$2 million in operational funding for leak repair will be allocated to Wellington Water Limited (WWL) in the 2023/24 financial year.
- 3) Note that this would need to be funded by debt.
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- 6) Authorise officers to release a further \$1m in operational funding for leak repair to Wellington Water Ltd if, by 15 March, the initial \$1m has been fully utilised and Wellington Water Ltd has provided the reporting outlined in 5) to the satisfaction of officers.

**Carried**

A division was required under Standing Order 27.6(d), voting on which was as follows:

#### **For:**

Mayor Whanau, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Calvert, Deputy Mayor Foon (Deputy Chair), Councillor Free, Councillor Matthews, Councillor McNulty, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Randle, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young

#### **Against:**

Councillor Brown, Councillor Pannett

#### **Absent:**

Councillor Chung

Majority Vote: 12:2

**Carried**

**Secretarial note:** The hui adjourned at 10.21am and reconvened at 10.41am with the following members present: Mayor Whanau, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Free, Councillor Matthews, Councillor McNulty, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Randle, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young.

(Councillor Apanowicz left the hui at 10.52am)



## 2.2 Te Atakura 2023 Update

### Moved Deputy Mayor Foon, seconded Councillor Pannett

That Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council:

1. Receive the information.
2. Request that officers report back to the committee on the next steps for communicating effective climate action to residents before the end of the next financial quarter
3. Note that officers will include key actions and updates for The Food Futures work as part of quarterly reporting and in the next Te Atakura update
4. Request that officers investigate approaches to help our communities engage in climate action, including the use of a citizen's assembly.

**Secretarial note:** The motion was moved with changes marked in red.

### Amendment

### Moved Councillor Wi Neera, seconded Mayor Whanau the following amendment:

#### Resolved

Formally endorse the international Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.

**Carried**

A division was required under Standing Order 27.6(d), voting on which was as follows:

#### For:

Mayor Whanau, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Brown, Deputy Mayor Foon (Deputy Chair), Councillor Free, Councillor Matthews, Councillor McNulty, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Wi Neera

#### Against:

Councillor Calvert, Councillor Randle, Councillor Young

#### Absent:

Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Chung

Majority Vote: 10:3

**Carried**

## 2.2 Te Atakura 2023 Update

### Moved Deputy Mayor Foon, seconded Councillor Pannett

#### Resolved

That Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council:

1. Receive the information.
2. Request that officers report back to the committee on the next steps for communicating effective climate action to residents before the end of the next financial quarter
3. Note that officers will include key actions and updates for The Food Futures work as part of quarterly reporting and in the next Te Atakura update
4. Request that officers investigate approaches to help our communities engage in climate action, including the use of a citizen's assembly.
5. Formally endorse the international Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.

**Carried**

The motion was voted on, part for part, voting for which was as follows:

Clause 1

**For:**

Mayor Whanau, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Brown, Councillor Calvert, Deputy Mayor Foon (Deputy Chair), Councillor Free, Councillor Matthews, Councillor McNulty, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Randle, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young

**Against:**

**Absent:**

Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Chung

Majority Vote: 13:0

**Carried**

All remaining clauses

**For:**

Mayor Whanau, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Brown, Deputy Mayor Foon (Deputy Chair), Councillor Free, Councillor Matthews, Councillor McNulty, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Wi Neera

**Against:**

Councillor Calvert, Councillor Randle, Councillor Young

**Absent:**

Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Chung

Majority Vote: 10:3

**Carried**

(Councillor O'Neill left the hui at 11.20am)

## **2.3 Actions Tracking and Forward Programme**

### **Moved Mayor Whanau, seconded Councillor Matthews**

#### **Resolved**

That Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council:

1. Receive the information.

**Carried**

A division was required under Standing Order 27.6(d), voting on which was as follows:

**For:**

Mayor Whanau, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Brown, Deputy Mayor Foon (Deputy Chair), Councillor Matthews, Councillor McNulty, Councillor Wi Neera

**Against:**

Councillor Calvert, Councillor Free, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Randle, Councillor Young

**Absent:**

Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Chung, Councillor O'Neill

Majority Vote: 7:5

**Carried**

(Councillor Young left the hui at 11.28am and returned at 11.31am)

### 3. Committee Reports

#### 3.1 Report of the Kōrau Mātinitini | Social, Cultural, and Economic Committee Meeting of 23 November 2023

Moved Councillor Abdurahman, seconded Mayor Whanau

##### Resolved

That Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council:

- 1) Adopt the updated freedom camping rules of the Public Places Bylaw 2022 as Attachment 1.

**Carried**

A division was required under Standing Order 27.6(d), voting on which was as follows:

##### For:

Mayor Whanau, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Brown, Councillor Calvert, Deputy Mayor Foon (Deputy Chair), Councillor Free, Councillor Matthews, Councillor McNulty, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Randle, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young

##### Against:

##### Absent:

Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Chung, Councillor O'Neill

Majority Vote: 12:0

**Carried**

##### Attachments

- 1 Freedom Camping Bylaw Update 2023

#### 3.2 Report of the Koata Hātepe | Regulatory Processes Committee Meeting of 13 December 2023

Moved Councillor Free, seconded Councillor Abdurahman

##### Resolved

That Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council:

- 1) Approve the new premises lease for Port Nicholson & Poneke Cycling Club, as required under the Wellington Town Belt Act 2016.

**Carried**

A division was required under Standing Order 27.6(d), voting on which was as follows:

##### For:

Mayor Whanau, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Brown, Councillor Calvert, Deputy Mayor Foon (Deputy Chair), Councillor Free, Councillor Matthews, Councillor McNulty, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Randle, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young

##### Against:

##### Absent:

Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Chung, Councillor O'Neill

Majority Vote: 12:0

**Carried**

### 3.3 Report of the Pitau Pūmanawa | Grants Subcommittee Meeting of 6 December 2023

**Moved Councillor Young, seconded Councillor Wi Neera**

#### **Resolved**

That Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council:

- 1) Agree to allocate \$543,345 of funding from the FY24/25 Social and Recreation Fund for Downtown Community Ministry Inc (trading as DCM).

**Carried**

A division was required under Standing Order 27.6(d), voting on which was as follows:

#### **For:**

Mayor Whanau, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Brown, Councillor Calvert, Deputy Mayor Foon (Deputy Chair), Councillor Free, Councillor Matthews, Councillor McNulty, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Randle, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young

#### **Against:**

#### **Absent:**

Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Chung, Councillor O'Neill

Majority Vote: 12:0

**Carried**

## 4. Public Excluded

**Moved Mayor Whanau, seconded Deputy Mayor Foon**

#### **Resolved**

That Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council:

1. Pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, exclude the public from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

General subject of the matter to be considered	Reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
4.1 Report of the Unaunahi Māhirahira   Audit and Risk Committee 29 November 2023 - Te Kāinga Update	7(2)(b)(ii) The withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person	s48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.

who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

7(2)(i)

The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

**Carried**

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**For:**

Mayor Whanau, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Brown, Councillor Calvert, Deputy Mayor Foon (Deputy Chair), Councillor Free, Councillor Matthews, Councillor McNulty, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Randle, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young

**Against:**

**Absent:**

Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Chung, Councillor O'Neill

Majority Vote: 12:0

**Carried**

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The hui went into public-excluded session at 11.56am.

The hui returned from public-excluded session and concluded at 12.29pm with the reading of the following karakia:

<b>Unuhia, unuhia, unuhia ki te uru tapu nui</b>	Draw on, draw on
<b>Kia wātea, kia māmā, te ngākau, te tinana, te wairua</b>	Draw on the supreme sacredness To clear, to free the heart, the body
<b>I te ara takatū</b>	and the spirit of mankind
<b>Koia rā e Rongo, whakairia ake ki runga</b>	Oh Rongo, above (symbol of peace)
<b>Kia wātea, kia wātea</b>	Let this all be done in unity
<b>Āe rā, kua wātea!</b>	

Authenticated: \_\_\_\_\_

Chair