



Confirmed Minutes of the meeting of the Regional Sustainability Committee held in the Council Chamber, the Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street on Thursday, 3 September 2009 at 9.30 am

Present

Councillors Laidlaw (Chairman), Aitken, Baber, Bruce, Burke, Donaldson, Kirton, and Wilde, and Mrs Mellish.

Business

RS 131 **Apologies**

Moved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Bruce.)

That the Committee accepts the apology for absence from Mr McKenzie and apologies for lateness from Councillor Wilde and Mrs Mellish.

RS 132 **Conflict of Interest declarations**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

RS 133 **Public participation**

No members of the public participated in the meeting.

RS 134 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Aitken)

That the Committee confirms the minutes of the meeting of 4 August 2009, Report 09.467.

RS 135 **Divisional report for period ended 31 July 2009**

Report 09.523

File: E/06/32/03

Resolved

(Cr Aitken /Cr Donaldson)

That the Committee:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content of the report.*

RS 136 **Underpinning principles for climate change response**

Alison Lash gave a *Powerpoint* presentation.

Councillor Wilde joined the meeting at 9:58am.

RS 137 **WRS updated**

Victoria McGregor gave a *Powerpoint* presentation.

RS 138 **Parks Network Strategy**

Murray Waititi gave a *Powerpoint* presentation.

Mrs Mellish joined the meeting at 10:42am.

The meeting was adjourned between 10:50am and 11:05am for morning tea.

Report 09.535

File: E/06/32/01

Resolved

(Cr Kirton /Cr Donaldson)

That the Committee:

Exclude the public from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

1. *Public Excluded minutes from the 4 August 2009 meeting of the Regional Sustainability Committee*
2. *Electricity Tenders for Water Supply and The Regional Council Centre*

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

<i>General subject of each matter to be considered:</i>	<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i>	<i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
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<i>1. Public Excluded minutes Electricity Tenders for Water Supply and The Regional Council Centre</i>	<i>The information contained in these minutes relates to the Council entering into a one year contract for the supply of electrical energy to Water Supply and The Regional Council Centre. The preferred supplier has been chosen, but the contract has not been entered into. The minutes outline terms of the proposed contract which may still be negotiated. Having this part of the meeting open to the public would disadvantage the Council if further negotiations were to take place, as it would reveal the Council's negotiation strategy. The Council has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override this prejudice.</i>	<i>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 7(2)(i) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e to enable Greater Wellington to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations).</i>
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2. *Electricity Tenders for Water Supply and The Regional Council Centre* *The information contained in this report relates to the Council entering into a one year contract for the supply of electrical energy to Water Supply and The Regional Council Centre. The preferred supplier has been chosen, but the contract has not been entered into. The report outlines terms of the proposed contract which may still be negotiated. Having this part of the meeting open to the public would disadvantage the Council if further negotiations were to take place, as it would reveal the Council's negotiation strategy. The Council has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override this prejudice.* *That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 7(2)(i) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e to enable Greater Wellington to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations).*

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as specified above.

The public were excluded at 11:17am.

The public were readmitted at 11:20am.

Councillors Kirton and Wilde left the meeting at 11:22pm.

RS 140 **Information for deliberations on the draft Battle Hill Farm Forest Park Management Plan**

Report 09.530

File: PK/10/03/05

Resolved

(Cr Aitken /Cr Donaldson)

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Undertakes its deliberations on the submissions received on the draft Battle Hill Farm Forest Park Management Plan 2008.*
4. *Notes that officers will prepare a report to the Committee incorporating a revised draft management plan as a result of the deliberations.*

Noted

The Committee noted that the draft Battle Hill Farm Forest Park Management Plan 2008 (draft Plan), included as Attachment 3 to Report 09.530 was a version dated 15 October 2008, and not the 28 November 2008 version that was consulted on. Officers provided the Committee with page 37 of the 28 November 2008 version, which contained references to network utilities and Puketiro Wind Farm development, these being the substantive changes to the 15 October 2008 version.

The Committee undertook deliberations on wind farm issues and other draft Plan issues. The Committee requested that officers incorporate its comments into the next iteration of the draft Plan.

Councillor Burke expressed concern about the length of time between the hearing of oral submissions and the deliberations by the Committee.

Mrs Mellish left the meeting at 12:05pm.

Councillor Baber asked that her view be recorded that “wind turbine blade flyover” should not be prohibited in the draft Plan.

Councillor Bruce left the meeting at 12:10pm.

Councillor Donaldson requested that officers record in a table changes made to the draft Plan as a result of these deliberations.

The meeting closed at 12:20pm.

Cr C R LAIDLAW
Chairman
Date: