

Report 11.251

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Minutes of the Wellington Regional Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street Wellington, on Wednesday, 8 June 2011 at 1.00pm

Present

Councillors Wilde (Chair), Aitken, Brash, Bruce, Donaldson, Glensor, Greig, Laidlaw, Lamason, McPhee, Ponter, Swain and Wilson.

114 Apologies

There were no apologies

115 Conflict of Interest declarations

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

116 Alteration to agenda

Moved (Cr Wilde /Cr Wilson)

That in light of legal advice regarding requests for public participation relating to Item 10 on the agenda, that precedence be accorded to Item 10 and that public participation follow Council's consideration of this item.

The motion was **CARRIED**

117 Report of the Greater Wellington Parks Network Plan Subcommittee

Report 11.242 File: PK/03/13/01

Moved (Cr Wilson / Cr Grieg)

That Council:

- 1. Receives the report.
- 2. *Notes the contents of the report.*
- 3. Agrees to amend the Greater Wellington Parks Network Plan in accordance with the recommendations of the Subcommittee.
- 4. Approves the Greater Wellington Parks Network Plan, as amended.
- 5. Agrees that the amended sections of the Greater Wellington Parks Network Plan shall take effect immediately.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

118 **Public participation**

Diane Strugnell and Mark Phillips spoke to agenda Item 10 – Report of the Greater Wellington Parks Network Plan Subcommittee.

119 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved (Cr Wilson / Cr Glensor)

That Council confirms the minutes of 24 May 2011, Report 11.225.

The motion was CARRIED.

120 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved (Cr Aitken / Cr Bruce)

That Council confirms the minutes of the Annual Plan 2011/12 Hearing Committee of 19 and 20 May 2011, Report 11.213.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

121 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved

(Cr Wilson /Cr Grieg.)

That Council confirms the minutes of the Greater Wellington Parks Network Plan Subcommittee of 17 April 2011, Report 11.159.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Strategy/Policy/Major Issues

122 Report of the Annual Plan 2011/12 Hearings Committee

Report 11.239 File: SP/04/04/03

Moved (Cr Wilde /Cr Glensor)

That Council:

- 1. Receives the report.
- 2. Notes the content of the report.
- 3. Agrees to amend the Proposed Annual Plan 2011/12 as recommended in paragraphs 4.1.1 and 4.1.6.
- 4. Notes the Hutt Valley Flood Management Subcommittee will consider the Wainuiomata River Flood Hazard Maps at its meeting on 23 June 2011, and that any proposed amendments to the Proposed Annual Plan 2011/12 will be considered by Council on 29 June.
- 5. Agrees to the Proposal to amend the Treasury Risk Management Policy contained in the Regional Council's 2009-2019 Long Term Council Community Plan and to invest in New Zealand Local Government Funding Agency Limited (proposal to join the LGFA).
- 6. Agrees to amend the Proposed Resource Management Charging policy as recommended in part 6 of this report.
- 7. Agrees to amend the Proposed Dangerous Dams Policy as recommended in part 7 of this report.

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The motion was **CARRIED**.

123 Fare increase 2011

Report 11.243 File: TD/07/07/07

A replacement Attachment 1 was circulated

Moved (Cr Glensor / Cr Aitken)

That Council:

- 1. Receives the report.
- 2. Notes the content of the report.
- 3. Agrees that the proposed new fare schedule at Attachment 1 be used in negotiations with operators with a view to it being introduced on 1 September 2011.
- 4. Agrees to delegate to the Chief Executive the authority to determine that the negotiations with the transport operators have met the objective of the Council that the financial benefits from the fare increase flow back to the Council and not the operators.
- 5. Agrees to delegate to the Chief Executive the authority to make minor changes to the proposed fare schedule that might arise from the negotiations with operators.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Councillors Bruce, Ponter and Wilson requested that their votes against recommendations 3, 4 and 5 be recorded.

124 Finalisation of the 2011/12 Annual Plan (the Plan)

Revised recommendations were circulated

Report 11.232 File: SP/04/01/01

Moved (Cr Wilde /Cr Aitken)

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That Council:

- 1. Receives the report.
- 2. Notes the contents of the report.

- 3. Approves the operating expenditure items listed within Attachment 1 of this report to be rebudgeted within the 2011/12 Annual Plan.
- 4. Approves the capital expenditure items listed within Attachment 2 of this report to be rebudgeted within the 2011/12 Annual Plan.
- 5. Approves the operating expenditure adjustments within this report for inclusion within the 2011/12 Annual Plan.
- 6. Notes that the impacts of the rebudgeting and other adjustments, as approved in recommendations 3-5 above, have been reflected in this report.
- 7. Approves the rate increase of 4.94% and a 3% increase in the bulk water levy for the 2011/12 year for inclusion in the Annual Plan 2011/12, to be considered by the Council on 29 June.
- 8. Notes significant dissatisfaction with the rate of improvements in service delivery achieved by KiwiRail over the past year.
- 9. Notes expectation of major demonstrated improvements in the monitoring, evaluating and reporting against agreed KiwiRail KPIs, performance targets and contracted SLAs.

Moved as an amendment:

(Cr Swain /Wilson)

That Council declines the increase of \$527,000 for rail operations.

The motion was **LOST**

Moved as an amendment:

(Cr Swain / Cr Aitken)

That the Council declines the net increase in rates of \$70,000 for Catchment Management.

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The motion was **LOST**

The substantive motion was then put to the vote and was **CARRIED**.

Corporate

125 Financial report for the ten months ending 30 April 2011

Report 11.233 File: CFO/13/02/01

Moved (Cr Aitken / Cr Donaldson)

That Council:

- 1. Receives the report.
- 2. Notes the contents of the report.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Committees/Meetings

126 Report on the Environmental Wellbeing Committee meeting held on 3 May 2011

Report 11.208 File: E/11/02/04

Moved (Cr Donaldson / Cr Laidlaw)

That Council:

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

The motion was **CARRIED**.

127 Report on the Economic Wellbeing Committee meeting held on 5 May 2011

Report 11.209 File: E/11/03/04

Moved (Cr Glensor / Cr Bruce)

That Council:

- 1. Receives the report.
- 2. Notes the contents of the report.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Report on the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee meeting held on 1 June 2011

Report 11.247 File: WRS/09/01/01

Moved (Cr Wilde /Cr Glensor)

That Council:

- 1. Receives the report.
- 2. Notes the contents of the report.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

129 Exclusion of the Public

Report 11.249 File: E/11/01/03

Moved (Cr Grieg /Cr Swain)

That the Council

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

- 1. Grow Wellington Board appointments
- 2. Public excluded minutes from the 24 May meeting of the Council

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:

General subject of Reason for passing this resolution Ground under section each matter to be in relation to each matter 48(1) for the passing of this resolution

1. Grow Wellington Board appointments

The information contained in this report relates to the proposed appointment of directors to Grow Wellington. Release of this information would prejudice the proposed appointees' privacy by disclosing the fact that they are being considered as directors of the region's economic development Greater Wellington has agency. not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override the privacy of the individuals concerned.

That the public conduct of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings the of meeting would be likely result disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 7(2)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e to protect the privacy of natural persons).

2. Public excluded minutes from the 24 May meeting of the Council

The information contained in these minutes relates to a tender that Greater Wellington has entered into for the Boulcott/Hutt stopbank construction. The minutes outline Greater Wellington's total budget for the project 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 relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely result in the to 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 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 motion was **CARRIED**.

The public part of the meeting closed at 2.40pm

Cr F H Wilde (Chair)

Date: