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**Report 12.390**

21/08/2012

File: E/11/01/2012

**Minutes of the Council meeting held in the Council Chamber,  
Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street Wellington, on  
Tuesday, 21 August 2012 at 9.30am**

**Present**

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

**Public Business**

1 **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

2 **Conflict of Interest declarations**

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

3 **Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

4 **Confirmation of Minutes**

*Moved*

*(Cr Greig/ Cr Brash)*

*That the Council confirms the public minutes of the meeting of 27 June 2012, report 12.320.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

## 5 Confirmation of Minutes

*Moved*

*(Cr Aitken/ Cr Laidlaw)*

*That the Council confirms the minutes of the Representation Review 2012 Hearing Committee meeting of 2 August 2012, report 12.354.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

## Strategy/Policy/Major Issues

### 6 Approval of the Baring Head/Ōrua-pouanui Draft Amendment

Sharon Lee, Parks Planner, spoke to the report.

#### **Report 12.346**

File: PK/12/04/03

*Moved*

*(Cr Wilson/ Cr Lamason)*

*That the Council:*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the contents of the report.*
3. *Endorses the decisions of the Committee, as set out in Attachment 1.*
4. *Notes the Committee requested officers to further investigate the fire risk issues.*
5. *Notes that there is a high fire risk associated with adopting a no grazing policy at Baring Head/Ōrua-pouanui.*
6. *Notes the discussion of issues of high fire risk, as set out in Section 4 of this report, and agrees*
  - Biodiversity and Ecosystems Policy (b) is altered to read:
    - b. *To remove introduced flora and fauna where practicable and affordable except where:*
      - *Sheep and/or cattle are the best management option for mitigating fire risk.*
    - c. *To monitor key species (eg, rare and threatened plants or animals) to understand the effect of pest plant/animal control in areas where stock are removed, whilst retaining the option to reintroduce grazing if it is found to be a more most effective management tool to maintain these values.*

**Explanation:** *The approach is to remove stock from ecologically sensitive areas to protect the values within Stock will be retained in other areas where this is the best management option for mitigating fire risk.*

*While grazed areas tend to have lower pest animal numbers, grazing can also damage sensitive native plants and native fauna habitats. A review in 3 to 5 years will help to determine if a different land management policy is needed.*

- Land Management Section is altered to read:
  - j. *To retain grazing in areas of low ecological significance for the purpose of mitigating fire risk.*
- Rules applying to activities be altered to read:

*Dog walking is a prohibited activity.*

7. *Notes that financial implications of allowing grazing may be partly mitigated through investment by a grazing lessee.*
8. *Approves the Baring Head/Ōrua-pouanui Amendment to the Parks Network Plan included in Attachment 2 in respect of the recreation reserve.*
9. *Recommends to the Minister of Conservation the approval of the Baring Head/Ōrua-pouanui Amendment to the Parks Network Plan included in Attachment 2 in respect of the scenic reserve.*
10. *Notes the full amendment to the East Harbour Regional Park Chapter of the Parks Network Plan will take effect once the Minister of Conservation approval is received.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

## 7 **Transfer of management responsibilities for part of Queen Elizabeth Park**

**Report 12.347**

File: PK/14/02/03

*Moved*

*(Cr Wilson/ Cr Aitken)*

*That the Council:*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the contents of the report.*
3. *Agrees to relinquish their control and management responsibilities of the Tilley Road area of Queen Elizabeth Park as noted in Map 1.*

4. *Notes the intention that this area would become the responsibility of the Kapiti Coast District Council, through a new delegation by the Minister of Conservation to that Council.*
5. *Requests officers to prepare the necessary documentation to be sent to the Minister of Conservation.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

8 **Anticipated cost of completing Wellington Local Government Review work**

**Report 12.374**

File: CFO/13/02/01

*Moved*

*(Cr Donaldson/ Cr Lamason)*

*That the Council:*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the contents of the report.*
3. *Agrees to adjust the budget to \$321,500 for costs associated with the Wellington Region Local Government Review Panel, and notes that Porirua City Council will make a cash contribution of \$30,000 towards the cost.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Councillors Bruce, Greig, McPhee, Ponter and Swain requested that their votes against the motion be recorded.

9 **Maungakotukutuku Forest – sale of land (1.77ha) to Kapiti Coast District Council**

**Report 12.375**

File: MF/06/07/06

*Moved*

*(Cr Wilson/ Cr Donaldson)*

*That the Council:*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the contents of the report.*
3. *Approves the sale of 1.77ha (subject to survey) of land to the Kapiti Coast District Council for \$13,000 plus GST (if any).*
4. *Delegates to the Chief Executive the right to sign all agreements and other instruments related to the sale.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

## Corporate

### 10 Preliminary Finance report for the year ended 30 June 2012

#### Report 12.359

File: CFO/13/02/01

*Moved*

*(Cr Aitken/ Cr Glensor)*

*That the Council:*

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes that the content of the report is preliminary and subject to final audit.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

## Governance

### 11 Final representation proposal for the 2013 triennial elections

#### Report 12.369

File: E/01/04/08

*Moved*

*(Cr Aitken/ Cr Donaldson)*

*That the Council:*

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the contents of the report.*
- 3. Having considered the recommendations of the Representation Review 2012 Hearing Committee, adopts its final representation proposal for the 2013 triennial elections, providing for a Council of 13 members, elected from six constituencies, as follows:*

<i>Constituency</i>	<i>Number of members</i>	<i>Community of interest represented by the constituency</i>	<i>Population per Councillor</i> <i>(Average: 37,575)</i> <i>(+/-10% range from the average: 33,763 to 41,267)</i>
<i>Wellington</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>The area of Wellington City, excluding the area of the Tawa Community</i>	<i>37,040</i>
<i>Porirua-Tawa</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>The area of Porirua City, and the area of the Tawa Community of</i>	<i>33,800</i>

		<i>Wellington City</i>	
<i>Kapiti Coast</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>The area of the Kapiti Coast District</i>	<i>49,800</i>
<i>Lower Hutt</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>The area of Lower Hutt City</i>	<i>34,333</i>
<i>Upper Hutt</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>The area of Upper Hutt City</i>	<i>41,500</i>
<i>Wairarapa</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>The area of South Wairarapa District, Carterton District and Masterton District, and that part of the Tararua District that falls within the Wellington region.</i>	<i>40,600</i>

4. *Notes that this proposal retains the Council's existing representation arrangements, and differs from the Council's initial representation proposal in that it provides for the membership of the Wairarapa Constituency to be one member.*
5. *Endorses the following reasons for the acceptance or rejection of submissions on the Council's initial representation proposal:*

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Reason for acceptance or rejection of submission</b>
<i>That the proposed second Councillor for the Wairarapa Constituency be opposed.</i>	<i>Accepted. In accordance with the requirements of the Local Electoral Act 2001 this proposal provides fair representation for the electors of the Wairarapa Constituency.</i>
<i>That the proposed second Councillor for the Wairarapa Constituency be supported.</i>	<i>Rejected. This proposal does not meet the requirements under the Local Electoral Act 2001 for fair representation for the electors of the Wairarapa Constituency.</i>
<i>That three single-member constituencies for the area of Lower Hutt City be established.</i>	<i>Rejected. This proposal does not enhance fair or effective representation for the population of Lower Hutt City.</i>
<i>That the Council re-establish the Wairarapa Committee.</i>	<i>Rejected. The Council's committee arrangements fall outside of the representation review.</i>
<i>That the number of elected members be reduced to eleven.</i>	<i>Rejected. This proposal does not provide effective representation when compared with the Council's proposal.</i>
<i>That the Council's boundaries should not extend into Tararua</i>	<i>Rejected. Alteration of the regional boundary falls outside the ambit of</i>

<i>District.</i>	<i>the representation review.</i>
<i>That the Council should comprise 23 members: Lower Hutt – 5, Upper Hutt – 2, Porirua-Tawa – 3, Kapiti Coast – 2, wellington – 9. Wairarapa – 2.</i>	<i>Rejected. The Local Electoral Act 2001 provides that the total membership of a regional council must be between 6 and 14 members (inclusive).</i>

6. *Notes that as the Council's final representation proposal does not comply with the +/- 10% rule of fair representation, it will be forwarded to the Local Government Commission, together with any appeals and objections received on the final proposal, for determination.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

12 **Amendment to Terms of Reference for Environmental Wellbeing and Economic Wellbeing Committees**

**Report 12.331**

File: E/11/01/04

*Moved*

*(Cr Greig/ Cr Brash)*

*That the Council:*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the contents of the report.*
3. *Amends the Terms of Reference of the Economic Wellbeing Committee and Environmental Wellbeing Committee as set out in section 3.1 of this report.*
4. *Amends the Terms of Reference of the Hutt Valley Flood Management Subcommittee by removing all references to the Economic Wellbeing Committee and replacing them with references to the Environmental Wellbeing Committee.*
5. *Amends the Terms of Reference of the Economic Wellbeing Committee to provide that Committee with responsibility for monitoring/ overseeing the progress of the Wairarapa Water Use Project.*

*Moved as an additional resolution*

*(Cr Wilde/ Cr Donaldson)*

6. *Appoints Councillor Lamason to the Environmental Wellbeing Committee.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

13 **2013 meeting schedule**

**Report 12.370**

File: E/11/01/04

*Moved*

*(Cr Lamson/ Cr Ponter)*

*That the Council:*

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the contents of the report.*
- 3. Adopts the 2013 meeting schedule as set out in Attachment 1 to this report.*
- 4. Authorises the Manager, Democratic Services, to circulate the schedule to key stakeholders, and to modify the schedule as and when required, in accordance with Standing Orders.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

14 **Wellington Regional strategy Committee – remuneration of non-local government members**

**Report 12.298**

File: WRS/09/08/01

*Moved*

*(Cr Glensor/ Cr Aitken)*

*That the Council:*

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the contents of the report.*
- 3. Approves an annual honorarium of \$10,000 for the Chairperson of the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee.*
- 4. Approves an annual honorarium of \$5,000 for all other non-local government members of the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee.*
- 5. Approves the payment of an all inclusive daily meeting fee of \$500 per day for each non-local government member's attendance at Wellington Regional Strategy Committee meetings and workshops, and at any meetings and workshops of any subcommittee established by the Committee for which that person is a member.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.



## Committees/Meetings

### 15 Report on Social and Cultural Wellbeing Committee meeting, 8 August 2012

#### Report 12.363

File: E/11/01/04

*Moved*

*(Cr Wilson/ Cr Greig)*

*That the Council:*

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

The motion was **CARRIED**.

### 16 Report on Economic Wellbeing Committee meeting, 9 August 2012

#### Report 12.363

File: E/11/01/04

*Moved*

*(Cr Glensor/ Cr Ponter)*

*That the Council:*

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

The motion was **CARRIED**.

### 17 Exclusion of the public

*Moved*

*(Cr Wilde/ Cr Glensor)*

*That the Council:*

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

- 1. Appointment of non-local government members to Wellington Regional Strategy Committee*
- 2. Appointment of objective representative to the Regional Transport Committee*
- 3. Confirmation of the public excluded Council minutes of 27 June 2012*
- 4. Confirmation of the restricted public excluded Council minutes of 27 June 2012*

*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:

<b>General subject of each matter to be considered:</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>	<b>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</b>
1. Appointment of non-local government members to Wellington Regional Strategy Committee	The information contained in this report relates to the proposed appointment of non-local government members to the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee. Release of this information would prejudice the proposed members' privacy by disclosing the fact that they are being considered for, and have each expressed interest in, appointment as a member of the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee. Greater Wellington has 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 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)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e to protect the privacy of natural persons).
2. Appointment of objective representative to the Regional Transport Committee	The information contained in this report relates to the proposed appointment of a person to represent the objective of economic development on the Regional Transport Committee. Release of this information would prejudice the proposed member's privacy by disclosing the fact that they are being considered for, and have expressed interest in, appointment as a member of the Regional Transport Committee. Greater Wellington has 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	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)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e to protect the privacy of natural persons).

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3. Confirmation of the public excluded Council minutes of 27 June 2012

*These minutes contain information provided by insurance providers relating to pricing for the renewal of Greater Wellington's insurance. Release of this information would be likely to prejudice the providers' commercial position as it would reveal their pricing. In the circumstances, this is considered unreasonable given the environment insurance providers operate in. Greater Wellington 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 to their commercial position.*

*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)(b)(ii) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e. to protect information where the making available of that information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or is the subject of the information).*

4. Confirmation of the restricted public excluded Council minutes of 27 June 2012

*Certain information contained in these minutes relates to potential future rolling stock procurement contracts. Release of this information would be likely to harm the negotiating position of Greater Wellington as it sets out potential options, which if exposed to the market would adversely affect Greater Wellington's capacity to negotiate an outcome most advantageous for ratepayers. Greater Wellington has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override the need to withhold the information.*

*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 motion was **CARRIED**.

The public part of the meeting closed at 10.10am.

FH Wilde  
(Chair)

Date: