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Report 12.608

12/12/2012

File: E/11/01/03

Minutes of the Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street Wellington, on Wednesday, 12 December 2012 at 9.32am

Present

Councillors Wilde (Chair), Aitken (from 9:35am), Brash (from 9:33am), Bruce, Donaldson, Glensor, Greig, Laidlaw, Lamason, McPhee, Ponter, Swain and Wilson.

Public Business

The Council observed a minute's silence in recognition of the recent passing of former Council Chair, Stuart Macaskill.

1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

2 Conflict of Interest declarations

Councillor Wilde advised the Council that she would vacate the Council Chamber during the Council's consideration of Report 12.585 on Emergency water supply.

3 Public Participation

Liam McGruddy, Ephraim Gazo, and Kaio Malama from Youth Infusion (Youth Council, Hutt City Council); and Derek Wilshere spoke to agenda item 5 - Wellington Local Governance Reform.

4 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Moved

(Cr Brash/ Cr Donaldson)

That the Council confirms the public and public excluded minutes of the meeting of 7 November 2012, Reports 12.469 and PE12.558.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

The Council agreed to consider item 5 on the agenda – Wellington Local Government Reform after it had considered item 8 on the agenda – Timetable for implementing the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management; it was also agreed that item 6 on the agenda – Bulk water supply development would be considered after consideration of item 7 on the agenda – Emergency water supply.

Councillor Wilde vacated the Council Chamber at 9:50am.

Councillor Glensor, Deputy Chair of the Council, presided at the meeting.

Strategy/Policy/Major Issues

5 **Emergency water supply**

Chris Laidlow, General Manager, Water Supply, introduced the report. Murray Kennedy, Consultant, spoke to the report.

Report 12.585

File: B/01/14/01

Moved

(Cr Wilson/ Cr Brash)

That the Council:

- 1 Receives the report.*
- 2 Notes the content of the report.*
- 3 Approves carrying out a feasibility study for a possible emergency water reservoir on Landcorp land near Takapu Road, Porirua.*
- 4 Authorises officers to negotiate an option to purchase the Landcorp land if the feasibility study shows the proposed reservoir to be a viable and cost effective option for emergency water.*
- 5 Notes that officers will discuss the Wellington sites identified for emergency water storage and the opportunities to work jointly on development with Wellington City Council officers.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Councillor Wilde returned to the meeting at 10:17am and resumed her role as Chair.

6 Bulk water supply development 2012

Murray Kennedy, Consultant spoke to the report.

Report 12.584

File: B/01/14/01

Moved

(Cr Wilson/ Cr Brash)

That the Council:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the contents of the report.*
- 3. Notes that augmentation of water supply sources may be required by 2019-20 to maintain the security of supply standard, based on existing water allocation, current demand and population projections.*
- 4. Agrees that smaller scale, lower cost solutions for water supply augmentation are preferred to a long term, higher cost Kaitoke Lake 3 or Whakatikei Dam.*
- 5. Notes that small scale augmentation of the existing water sources may be possible, but any opportunity for augmentation will not be known until review of the Regional Plan is well advanced.*
- 6. Notes that a medium term and lower cost augmentation solution potentially exists with Pakuratahi Lakes 1 and 2 on the AgResearch land, and a feasibility study on these lakes will commence in 2013.*
- 7. Agrees that a decision on developing either the Whakatikei Dam or Kaitoke Lake 3 is not necessary at this time, and that it is important to retain the ability to develop either, or both, of these options in the future.*
- 8. Authorises officers to enter into negotiations with AgResearch Ltd to purchase the 206.6ha block (more or less) of land at Kaitoke, and delegates to the Chief Executive the authority to enter into a sale and purchase agreement for the land within the sum identified in the 2012-22 Long Term Plan.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

7 **Timetable for implementing the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management**

Nigel Corry, General Manager, Environment Management, introduced the report.

Report 12.531

File: ENV/31/03/04

Moved

(Cr Donaldson/ Cr Aitken)

That the Council:

- 1 Receives the report.*
- 2 Notes the content of the report.*
- 3 Adopts the time-limited stages in Attachment 3 for implementation of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

The meeting adjourned at 10:32am.

The meeting resumed at 10:50am.

8 **Wellington Local Government Reform**

David Benham, Chief Executive, and Paul Kos, Principal Advisor, spoke to the report.

Report 12.599

File: PS/08/01/01

Moved

(Cr Wilde/ Cr Glensor)

That the Council:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the contents of the report.*
- 3. Agrees that the main reason for any agreed reform in the arrangements for regional and local government in the greater Wellington region would be to reinforce the collective capacity and shared capability of all regional and territorial agencies to:*
 - a. efficiently deliver all the statutory purposes of the Resource Management Act 1991, having particular regard to the wellbeings defined in that Act*
 - b. protect the democratic basis for the mandatory payment of rates/taxes to support and enable the efficient delivery of regional and local services*

- c. *facilitate collaborative strategic planning, regulation, evaluation and investment in services and activities likely to have an enduring impact on the social, economic, commercial, environmental, civic or cultural interests of current and future generations of citizens in this region, and their comparative wellbeing in New Zealand as a whole;*
4. *Agrees with the findings of the Panel’s report that local government reform is required to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of local government in the Wellington region - particularly around leadership, infrastructure, resilience, integrated planning and economic development;*
5. *Agrees in principle that an integrated unitary authority model with either local boards or community boards would provide the best governance arrangements for the Wellington region;*
6. *Agrees to work with any other council in the region to develop an integrated unitary authority model for Wellington;*
7. *Agrees that the following are the basic principles to take into our negotiations:*
 - a. *Subsidiarity of functions*
 - b. *Regardless of the final internal boundaries, the governing body must have a minimum of two members from each area approximately equivalent to the current territorial areas in the western area and from Wairarapa.*
 - c. *Provision for either local boards or community boards;*
 - d. *The decisions regarding council controlled organisations be left to the new council to determine.*
8. *Notes Porirua City Council and Kapiti Coast District Council have already resolved to work with other Councils to develop a proposal, and that other Councils may resolve to do the same over the next few weeks;*
9. *Agrees to a joint working group with elected representatives and senior staff for the detailed development of an integrated unitary authority model;*
10. *Agrees the Chair, Deputy Chair and Councillor Co-Chair of Te Upoko Taiao – Natural Resource Management Committee represent the Council on the joint working group;*
11. *Agrees Māori representation in the proposal be determined in consultation with mana whenua iwi;*
12. *Agrees a draft proposed model will be agreed by Council for community engagement before being released;*

13. *Notes the Councils in the region have informally agreed that it would be optimal for all applications for local government reform in the Wellington region to be submitted to the Local Government Commission at about the same time;*

14. *Agrees an application to the Local Government Commission will need to be finalised in early 2013, with the exact timeline agreed by the Council following recommendations from the joint working group.*

The motion was decided part by part.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Noted

Councillor Aitken abstained from voting on part 5.

Councillor Bruce voted against parts 4, 5 and 6, and abstained from voting on parts 7(b), 7(c) and 9.

Councillors Greig and McPhee voted against parts 4, 5, 6, 7(b), 7(c), 7(d), 9 and 14.

Councillors Ponter and Swain voted against parts 4, 5, 6, 7(a), 7(b), 7(c), 7(d), 9 and 14.

Corporate

9 Shareholder resolutions in lieu of Annual General Meeting

Report 12.494

File: WRS/08/05/01

Moved

(Cr Wilde/ Cr Glensor)

That the Council:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the contents of the report.*
- 3. As sole shareholder of Grow Wellington Limited resolves by way of the written resolutions contained within Attachment 1 to not hold an Annual General Meeting.*
- 4. Authorises the Chief Financial Officer to affix the Council's Common Seal to the resolutions of the sole shareholder (Attachment 1).*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Committees/Meetings

10 Report on the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee meeting, 8 November 2012

Report 12.567

File: E/11/01/04

Moved

(Cr Wilde/ Cr Glensor)

That the Council:

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

The motion was **CARRIED**.

11 Report on the Regional Transport Committee meeting 8 November 2012

Report 12.568

File: E/11/01/04

Moved

(Cr Wilde/ Cr Glensor)

That the Council:

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

The motion was **CARRIED**.

12 Report on the Environmental Wellbeing Committee meeting 27 November 2012

Report 12.592

File: E/11/01/04

Moved

(Cr Donaldson/ Cr Aitken)

That the Council:

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

The motion was **CARRIED**.

13 **Report on the Economic Wellbeing Committee meeting 29 November 2012**

Report 12.598

File: E/11/01/04

Moved

(Cr Glensor/ Cr Bruce)

That the Council:

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

The motion was **CARRIED**.

14 **Report on the Te Upoko Taiao – Natural Resource Management Committee meeting 4 December 2012**

Report 12.603

File: E/11/05/04

Moved

(Cr Laidlaw/ Cr Bruce)

That the Council:

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

The motion was **CARRIED**.

15 **Exclusion of the public**

Moved

(Cr Wilde/ Cr Lamason)

That the Council:

1. *Excludes the public from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:*
 1. *Water Supply Group Office Accommodation*
 2. *Rail Services*
 3. *Possible forestry cutting rights sale*
 4. *Appointment of member to the Greater Wellington Farming Reference Group*

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 each matter to be considered:	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
<i>1. Water Supply Group Office Accommodation</i>	<i>The information contained in this report relates to Greater Wellington Regional Council entering into a commercial lease which is still to be negotiated. Having this part of the meeting open to the public would disadvantage the Council in the negotiations as it would reveal information on 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 Regional Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations).</i>
<i>2. Rail Services in the Wellington region</i>	<i>Certain information contained in this report relates to potential future rail service contracting in the Wellington region. Release of this information would be likely to harm the commercial position of current providers as it sets out potential options which if adopted might expose current providers to commercial risks. Greater Wellington Regional 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 the need to withhold the information.</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)(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).</i>
<i>3. Possible forestry cutting rights sale</i>	<i>Certain information contained in this report relates to potential sale of forestry cutting rights. Release of this information would be likely to harm the negotiating position of Greater Wellington Regional</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</i>

Council as it sets out potential options, which if exposed to the market would adversely affect Greater Wellington Regional Council's capacity to negotiate an outcome most advantageous for ratepayers. Greater Wellington Regional 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 the need to withhold the information.

withholding would exist under section 7(2)(i) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e. to enable Greater Wellington Regional Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations).

4. Appointment of member to the Greater Wellington Farming Reference Group

The information contained in this report relates to the appointment of a non-local government member to the Greater Wellington Farming Reference Group. Release of this information would prejudice their privacy by disclosing the fact that they are being considered, and have expressed interest, in becoming a member of the Greater Wellington Farming Reference Group. Greater Wellington Regional 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 their privacy.

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).

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.

- 2. Permit to remain at this meeting, after the public has been excluded, Murray Kennedy, Consultant because of his knowledge relating to the potential sale of forestry cutting rights. This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed, is*

relevant to that matter because it is the subject of the report.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

The public part of the meeting closed at 1:05pm.

FH Wilde
(Chair)

Date: