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Report 13.1014

21/11/2013

File: E/12/01/03

Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of the Wellington Regional Council for the 2013-2016 Triennium, held in the Matiu Room, Wharewaka, Odlins Square, Taranaki Street Wharf, Wellington, on Wednesday, 30 October 2013 at 10.00am, and reconvened on Thursday 21 November 2013 at 9.30am.

Wednesday 30 October

Present

Councillors Aitken, Brash, Bruce, Donaldson, Greig, Kedgley, Laban, Laidlaw, Lamason, McPhee (from 10.30am), Swain, Wilde and Wilson.

Pōwhiri

After the tangata whenua and Council staff gathered in the Matiu Room, June Jackson began the karanga and called the manuhiri (new councillors and guests) into the Matiu Room.

Lee Rauhina-August responded on behalf of the manuhiri.

Sam Jackson then opened with a karakia and whaikōrero on behalf of the tangata whenua, who sang the waiata *He Honore* in support.

Rick Witana responded on behalf of the manuhiri, who sang the waiata *E hara i te mea* in support.

Te Waari Carkeek responded on behalf of tangata whenua and Ara Tahi.

David Benham, the Council's Chief Executive, welcomed both the returning and new councillors, along with their families and friends. He also thanked the Council's tangata whenua iwi partners for their support.

Mark Te One also welcomed the new councillors on behalf of the region's iwi.

Tangata whenua performed the waiata *Tiakina mai ra* in support.

Sam Jackson then presented the karakia whakamutunga, and tangata whenua, Councillors, staff and guests performed the waiata *E toru ngā mea*.

The pōwhiri concluded with morning tea, taken at 10.30 am.

Council agenda

Mr Benham took the Chair at 11.08am for the start of the meeting agenda items. He explained that, under the Local Government Act 2002, as Chief Executive Officer he was required to act as Chairperson until the Council elected its Chairperson and Deputy, and the Chairperson had made their declaration and taken the Chair.

Mr Benham then thanked the tangata whenua for their presence and welcome, and greeted the newly elected Councillors, families, and friends, distinguished guests, and the public.

1 Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

2 Declaration by Councillors

Report 13.846

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In the presence of the Chief Executive, Councillors came forward in groups to make the following declaration:

We, Judith Estranna Aitken and Jennifer Sylvia Brash, Paul Everard Bruce and Barbara Helen Donaldson, Sandra Vanessa Greig and Susan Jane Kedgley, Ken Laban and Christopher Laidlaw, Prudence Mary Lamason and Gary Hamilton McPhee, Paul Desmond Swain, Frances Helen Wilde and Nigel Wilson declare that we will faithfully and impartially, and according to the best of our skill and judgment, execute and perform, in the best interests of the Wellington Region, the powers, authorities, and duties vested in, or imposed upon us, as members of the Wellington Regional Council by virtue of the Local Government Act 2002, the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, or any other Act.

3 Election of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson

(1) Procedure to elect the Council Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson

Report 13.847

File: E/12/01/04

Moved

(Cr Lamason/ Cr Wilson)

That Council:

- 1. Chooses voting system A (election by the majority of members) for the election of the Council Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson.*
- 2. Agrees that, in the event of a tie under voting system A, the candidate to be excluded from the next round of voting shall be resolved by lot as described in section 3.1 of this report.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

(2) Election of Chairperson

Mr Benham then called for nominations for the position of chairperson of the Greater Wellington Regional Council.

Councillor Wilde was nominated by Councillor Brash and seconded by Councillor Wilson.

There being no further nominations, Councillor Wilde was declared the elected chairperson of the Greater Wellington Regional Council.

(3) Declaration by Newly-elected Chairperson

Report 13.848

File: E/12/01/04

In the presence of the Chief Executive, the newly-elected Chairperson made the following declaration:

I, Frances Helen Wilde, declare that I will faithfully and impartially, and according to the best of my skill and judgment, execute and perform, in the best interests of the Wellington region, the powers, authorities, and duties vested in, or imposed upon, me as the chairperson of the Wellington Regional Council by virtue of the Local Government Act 2002, the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, or any other Act.

(4) Newly-elected Chairperson takes the Chair

Councillor Wilde took the Chair. She welcomed all present to the meeting and thanked her fellow councillors for again entrusting her with the role of Chair. Councillor Wilde went on to outline her perception of the issues which would face the Council over the next triennium, and her thoughts on how they might be addressed.

(5) Election of Deputy Chairperson

Councillor Wilde then called for nominations for the position of Deputy Chairperson of the Wellington Regional Council.

Councillor Donaldson was nominated by Councillor Lamason and seconded by Councillor Laidlaw.

There being no further nominations, Councillor Donaldson was declared the elected Deputy Chairperson of the Greater Wellington Regional Council.

Councillor Donaldson thanked her fellow councillors for their support.

4 Laws affecting Councillors

Report 13.849

File: E/12/01/04

Moved

(Cr Aitken/ Cr Greig)

That the Council:

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

The motion was **CARRIED**.

5 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11.30am until 21 November 2013 at 9.30 am.

Thursday 21 November 2013

Present

Councillors Wilde (Chair), Brash, Bruce, Donaldson, Kedgley, Laban, Laidlaw, Lamason, McPhee, Swain and Wilson.

Public Business

6 Apologies

Moved

(Cr Wilde/ Cr Donaldson)

That the Council accepts the apologies for absence from Councillors Aitken and Greig.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

7 Declarations of conflict of interest

Councillor Lamason declared a pecuniary interest in item 5 on the agenda for the reconvened inaugural meeting - Appointment of directors to Council companies.

Councillor Wilson declared a pecuniary interest in item 14 on the agenda for the reconvened inaugural meeting - Fees for Stadium Trustees.

8 Public participation

Fred McDonald spoke to item 10 on the agenda for the reconvened inaugural meeting – Kaiwharawhara station overbridge structural report and future use, and a paper on item 10 from Mike Mellor was tabled.

Governance matters

8 Proposed committee structure for the 2013-2016 triennium

Report 13.1004

File: E/12/01/04

Moved

(Cr Brash/ Cr Lamason)

That the Council:

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

3. *Adopts the committee structure as outlined in Attachment 1 to this report.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

9 Councillor appointments

Report 13.1005

File: E/09/19/05

Moved

(Cr Bruce/ Cr Brash)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Makes the appointments as set out in Attachment 1 to this report.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Noted

The Council requested that the appointment of Councillor Laidlaw as Portfolio Leader, Regional Plan Development, be added to the list of Councillor appointments.

10 Appointment of directors to Council companies

Report 13.864

File: M/30/08/01

Councillor Lamason left the table for the discussion and voting on this agenda item.

Moved

(Cr Brash/ Cr Wilson)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *As sole shareholder of WRC Holdings Limited resolves as a special resolution by way of the written resolutions combined within Attachment to appoint and remove WRC Holdings Limited's directors.*
4. *Consents to WRC Holdings Limited, as the sole shareholder of Port Investments Limited, Pringle House Limited and Greater Wellington Rail Limited, passing its shareholder resolutions to appoint and remove the directors set out in Attachment 1.*

5. *As sole shareholder of WRC Holdings Limited resolves as a special resolution by way of the written resolutions contained within Attachment to authorise the payment of a director fee of \$9,400.00 per annum to the Chairperson of WRC Holdings Limited.*
6. *Requests that the Chair of the Council confirms this consent in writing to WRC Holdings Limited.*
7. *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**.

11 Appointments to the Regional Transport Committee

Report 13.1007

File: E/09/19/05

Moved

(Cr Donaldson/ Cr Bruce)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Resolves to appoint the following to the Regional Transport Committee as territorial authority representatives:*

<i>Territorial Authority</i>	<i>Appointee</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
<i>Carterton District Council</i>	<i>Mayor Ron Mark</i>	<i>Cr John Booth</i>
<i>Hutt City Council</i>	<i>Mayor Ray Wallace</i>	<i>Cr David Bassett</i>
<i>Kapiti Coast District Council</i>	<i>Mayor Ross Church</i>	<i>Cr Mike Cardiff</i>
<i>Masterton District Council</i>	<i>Mayor Lyn Patterson</i>	<i>Cr Graham McClymont</i>
<i>Porirua City Council</i>	<i>Mayor Nick Leggett</i>	<i>Cr Tim Sheppard</i>
<i>South Wairarapa District Council</i>	<i>Mayor Adrienne Staples</i>	<i>Cr Vivien Napier</i>

<i>Upper Hutt City Council</i>	<i>Mayor Wayne Guppy</i>	<i>Cr John Gwilliam</i>
<i>Wellington City Council</i>	<i>Mayor Celia Wade-Brown</i>	<i>Cr Andy Foster</i>

4. Resolves to appoint Jenny Chetwynd to represent the New Zealand Transport Agency on the Committee and to appoint Lyndon Hammond as Ms Chetwynd's alternate on the Committee.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

12 Appointment of local government members to the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee

Report 13.1006

File: E/09/19/05

Moved

(Cr Lamason/ Cr Wilson)

That the Council:

1. Receives the report.
2. Notes the content of the report.
3. Resolves to appoint the following to the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee as local government members:

<i>Territorial Authority</i>	<i>Appointee</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
<i>Carterton District Council</i>	<i>Mayor Ron Mark</i>	<i>Cr John Booth</i>
<i>Hutt City Council</i>	<i>Mayor Ray Wallace</i>	<i>Cr David Bassett</i>
<i>Kapiti Coast District Council</i>	<i>Mayor Ross Church</i>	<i>Cr Mike Cardiff</i>
<i>Masterton District Council</i>	<i>Mayor Lyn Patterson</i>	<i>Cr Graham McClymont</i>
<i>Porirua City Council</i>	<i>Mayor Nick Leggett</i>	<i>Cr Ken Douglas</i>
<i>South Wairarapa District Council</i>	<i>Mayor Adrienne Staples</i>	<i>Cr Vivien Napier</i>

<i>Upper Hutt City Council</i>	<i>Mayor Wayne Guppy</i>	<i>Cr John Gwilliam</i>
<i>Wellington City Council</i>	<i>Mayor Wade-Brown</i>	<i>Cr Justin Lester</i>

The motion was **CARRIED**.

13 Revised elected member remuneration 2013/14

Report 13.1012

File: E/12/01/04

Moved

(Cr Wilde/ Cr Lamason)

That the Council:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content of the report.*
- 3. Resolves that the pool available for positions of additional responsibility should be allocated as set out in section 3.1 of this report.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

14 Proposed meeting schedule for the remainder of 2013

Report 13.1002

File: E/12/01/04

Moved

(Cr Lamason/ Cr Donaldson)

That the Council:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content of the report.*
- 3. Adopts the meeting schedule outlined in the attachment to this report.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Strategy/Policy/Major Issues

15 Kaiwharawhara station overbridge structural report and future use

Wayne Hastie, General Manager, Public Transport and Angus Gabara, Manager, Rail Operations, spoke to the report.

Report 13.736

File: T/20/22/01

Moved

(Cr Swain/ Cr Lamason)

That the Council:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content of the report.*
- 3. Agrees to close the Kaiwharawhara station and remove the existing over bridge.*

Moved as an amendment

(Cr Kedgley/ Cr McPhee)

That the decision to close Kaiwharawhara station be deferred until consultation has taken place.

The amendment was **LOST**.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

16 Regional Pest Management Strategy 2002-2022: Operational Plan Report 2012/13

David Benham, Chief Executive, spoke to the report.

Report 13.874

File: CMG/01/14/02

Moved

(Cr Donaldson/ Cr Laidlaw)

That the Council:

- 1. Approves the Operational Plan Report 2012/13 (Attachment 1) for the Regional Pest Management Strategy 2002-2022.*
- 2. Notes that a copy of the Operational Plan Report 2012/13 will be forwarded to the relevant ministers.*
- 3. Notes that the Operational Plan Report 2012/13 will be made available for public inspection.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Corporate

17 WRC Holdings Limited Financial Statements for the year ending 30 June 2013

Warren Tocker, Chief Financial Officer and Mike Timmer, Treasurer, spoke to the report.

Report 13.865

File: CFO/09/02/02

Moved

(Cr Lamason/ Cr Swain)

That the Council:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content of the report.*
- 3. Approves, as sole shareholder, the 2012/13 financial statements of WRC Holdings Ltd.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

18 Shareholder resolutions in lieu of Annual General Meetings

Report 13.856

Files: M/30/03/01
WRS/08/05/01

Moved

(Cr Lamason/ Cr Laban)

That the Council:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content 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. Subject to the approval of WRC Holding's financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2013, as sole shareholder of WRC Holdings Limited Resolves by way of the written resolutions contained within Attachment 2 to not hold an Annual General Meeting.*
- 5. Authorises the Chief Financial Officer to affix the Council's Common Seal to the resolutions of the sole shareholder (Attachments 1 and 2).*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

19 Fees for Stadium Trustees

Report 13.862

File: CFO/27/12/01

Councillor Wilson left the table for the discussion and voting on this agenda item.

Moved

(Cr Lamason/ Cr Kedgley)

That the Council:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content of the report.*
- 3. Approves the increase in fees for the trustees and Chair of the Wellington Regional Stadium Trust as detailed in section 3.1.*
- 4. Resolves that the elected member trustee appointed by the Council receive no payment from the Wellington Regional Stadium Trust.*
- 5. Resolves that the remuneration that would otherwise be payable to the elected member trustee appointed by the Council be paid directly to the Council.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Noted

Councillors Laban and McPhee requested that their votes against Parts 4 and 5 be recorded.

20 Finance report for the period ended 30 September 2013

Warren Tocker, Chief Financial Officer, introduced the report and David Benham, Chief Executive, spoke to the report.

Report 13.859

File: CFO/13/02/01

Moved

(Cr Swain/ Cr Laban)

That the Council:

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

The motion was **CARRIED**.

21 Local Government Funding Agency Annual Report 2012/13

Report 13.873

File: CFO/06/03/01

Moved

(Cr Swain/ Cr Brash)

That the Council:

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

The motion was **CARRIED.**

The meeting closed at 11.01am

Cr F H Wilde

(Chair)

Date: