



Report 19.372

21/08/2019

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Confirmed Public minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday, 21 August 2019 in the Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council, Level 2, 15 Walter Street, Te Aro, Wellington, at 9.30am.

Present

Councillors Laidlaw (Chair), Blakeley, Brash, Donaldson (from 11.31am), Gaylor, Kedgley, Laban, Lamason, McKinnon, Ogden, Ponter, Staples, and Swain.

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved

(Cr Laidlaw/ Cr Lamason)

That the Council accepts the apology for lateness from Cr Donaldson.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

2 Declarations of conflict of interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

3 Public participation

George Preddey spoke to agenda items 5, *Setting a carbon neutrality target*, and 6, *Declaring a climate emergency*.

Thomas Nash spoke to agenda items 5, *Setting a carbon neutrality target*, and 6, *Declaring a climate emergency*.

Victoria Rhodes-Carlin spoke to agenda items 5, *Setting a carbon neutrality target*, and 6, *Declaring a climate emergency*.

Sigurd Magnusson spoke to agenda items 5, *Setting a carbon neutrality target*, and 6, *Declaring a climate emergency*.

Sarah Free spoke to agenda item 9 - *NZ Bus timetable changes for 26 January 2020*.

4 **Confirmation of the Public minutes of 8 August 2019**

Moved

(Cr Staples/ Cr Blakeley)

That the Council confirms the Public minutes of 8 August 2019, Report 19.335.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Strategy/Policy/Major Issues

5 **Setting a carbon neutrality target for GWRC**

Jake Roos, Climate Change Advisor, and Andrea Brandon, Programme Lead, Climate Change, spoke to the report.

Report 19.364

File: CCAB-8-2413

Moved

(Cr Blakeley/ Cr Kedgley)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Adopts the following greenhouse gas (carbon) reduction targets for its corporate operations and areas of direct influence, using the 2018-19 year as a baseline:*
 - *40% net reduction in 2024-25 financial year*
 - *100% net reduction (carbon neutral) in 2029-30 financial year and thereafter*
 - *Become a net producer of carbon credits (carbon negative) by the 2034-35 financial year*
4. *Agrees that organisational carbon budgets be developed to guide emission reduction work and measure performance for the financial years ending in 2020 to 2025 and 2026 to 2030. The second budget will be equivalent to a linear reduction in net emissions between the 2025 and 2030 targets over the period.*
5. *Endorses the Corporate Carbon Neutrality Action Plan outlined in Section 3.*
6. *Agrees that the Greater Wellington Regional Council identifies the Wellington Region's current carbon footprint, the main sources of carbon emissions and develops a pathway plan for public, mana whenua and corporate consultation on our Region's aspirations for a Wellington Regional Action Plan for Carbon Neutrality.*

7. *Agrees that the draft Wellington Regional Carbon Neutrality Plan for consultation be presented to the Greater Wellington Regional Council for consideration in Q3 2020.*
8. *Requests the Chief Executive to report back to Council by December 2019 on the modalities and cost of the programme of action.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

The meeting adjourned at 11.20am and resumed at 11.31am. Cr Donaldson arrived at the meeting at 11.31am.

6 **Declaring a climate emergency**

Andrea Brandon, Programme Lead, Climate Change, and Jake Roos, Climate Change Advisor, spoke to the report.

Report 19.342

File: CCHSTR-5-98

Moved

(Cr Kedgley/ Cr Blakeley)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Acknowledges that climate change and sea level rise are already seriously impacting fragile eco-systems and communities around the world, including in the Wellington Region, with increasingly frequent and severe storms, floods and droughts, melting polar ice sheets, sea level rise and coastal inundation and erosion, and impacts on biodiversity, including species' loss and extinction.*
4. *Accepts local and international scientific evidence, including the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report of October 2018, that there remains around a decade to take urgent action to limit global warming to the Paris Agreement target of 1.5 degrees and avert the most damaging effects of climate change.*
5. *Notes that the costs of inaction, including the costs of sea level rise in the Wellington Region, as identified in Attachment 2 of Report 19.364, entitled Setting a carbon neutrality target for GWRC, far outweigh the costs of taking action now.*
6. *Agrees to declare a climate emergency and commits to continue to:*
 - a. *Incorporate climate change considerations into all Council work programmes and decisions.*
 - b. *Provide strong and effective leadership in the face of climate change, including working with iwi, regional partners, the scientific community, local communities and business, to ensure a collaborative response.*

- c. *Lead by example, by agreeing to the target of becoming carbon neutral by 2030, and adopting the Carbon Neutrality Action Plan, outlined in section 3 of Report 19.364 and the 'Action Plan to Support the declaration of a Climate Emergency', Attachment 2 to Report 19.342.*
 - d. *Advocate strongly for greater central government leadership and action on climate change.*
7. *Agrees to issue a statement outlining the reasons for this declaration.*
- Moved as an amendment (to be additional motions) (Cr Ponter/ Cr Donaldson)*
- 8. *Notes that the Climate Emergency declaration is made without explicit statutory authority or support.*
 - 9. *Agrees to approach the Government for authority and tools for local government to more actively combat climate change.*

The amendment was CARRIED and became part of the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put:

That the Council:

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- 2. *Notes the content of the report.*
- 3. *Acknowledges that climate change and sea level rise are already seriously impacting fragile eco systems and communities around the world, including in the Wellington Region, with increasingly frequent and severe storms, floods and droughts, melting polar ice sheets, sea level rise and coastal inundation and erosion, and impacts on biodiversity, including species' loss and extinction.*
- 4. *Accepts local and international scientific evidence, including the UN's Intergovernmental Governmental Panel on Climate Change report of October 2018, that there remains around a decade to take urgent action to limit global warming to the Paris Agreement target of 1.5 degrees and avert the most damaging effect of climate change.*
- 5. *Notes that the costs of inaction, including the costs of sea level rise in the Wellington Region, as identified in Attachment 2 of Report 19.364, entitled Setting a carbon neutrality target for GWRC, far outweigh the costs of taking action now.*
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 - a. *Incorporate climate change considerations into all Council work programmes and decisions.*
 - b. *Provide strong and effective leadership in the face of climate change, including working with iwi, regional partners, the scientific community, local communities and business, to ensure a collaborative response.*

- c. *Lead by example by agreeing to the target of becoming carbon neutral by 2030, and adopting the Carbon Neutrality Action Plan, outlined in section 3 of report 19.364 and the 'Action Plan to Support the declaration of a Climate Emergency', Attachment 2 to Report 19.342.*
 - d. *Advocate strongly for greater central government leadership and action on climate change.*
7. *Agrees to issue a statement outlining the reasons for this declaration.*
 8. *Notes that the Climate Emergency declaration is made without explicit statutory authority or support.*
 9. *Agrees to approach the Government for authority and tools for local government to more actively combat climate change.*

The substantive motion was **CARRIED**.

Noted: Crs Blakeley and Kedgley requested that their vote against part 8 of the motion be recorded.

The meeting adjourned at 12.35pm and resumed at 1.04pm. Cr Swain returned at 1.05pm, Cr Ponter at 1.06pm, and Cr Ogden at 1.08pm.

7 **Wellington Region Investment Plan**

Samantha Seath, Programme Lead, Wellington Regional Strategy Office, spoke to the report.

Report 19.339

File: WRIP-1623292765-65

Moved

(Cr Laidlaw/ Cr Donaldson)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Supports the Wellington Regional Investment Plan.*

Moved as an amendment (to be an additional motion)

(Cr Blakeley Cr Ogden)

4. *Notes that a regional spatial plan is to be prepared as the next step and requests that a report be brought back to Council by March 2020 on both the implementation of the Wellington Regional Investment Plan and the preparation of the Wellington Regional Spatial Plan.*

The amendment was **CARRIED** and became part of the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put:

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Supports the Wellington Regional Investment Plan.*
4. *Notes that a regional spatial plan is to be prepared as the next step and requests that a report be brought back to Council by March 2020 on both the implementation of the Wellington Regional Investment Plan and the preparation of the Wellington Regional Spatial Plan.*

The substantive motion was **CARRIED**.

8 **Multi user ferry terminal**

Kim Kelly, Programme Director, spoke to the report.

Report 19.324

File: CCAB-8-2372

Moved

(Cr Lamason/ Cr Ponter)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Supports the Summary Programme Business Case (PBC) “Cook Strait Connectivity – Programme Business Case for the Wellington Ferry Terminals” (Attachment 1) which concludes with the preference for a Multi-User Ferry Terminal at Kaiwharawhara.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

9 **NZ Bus timetable changes for 26 January 2020**

Greg Pollock, General Manager, Public Transport, spoke to the report.

Report 19.306

File: CCAB-20-745

Moved

(Cr Donaldson/ Cr Staples)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Endorses the proposed change principles, as set out in section 4 of this report, to guide the NZ Bus timetable amendments.*

4. *Notes that the proposed change principles will be used to amend current NZ Bus timetables to ensure that the timetables are able to, as far as practicable, provide adequate services for February/March 2020.*
5. *Notes that in order to be implemented in time for February/March 2020, officers are required to agree timetables with NZ Bus by 6 September 2019.*
6. *Notes that timetable changes based on proposed change principles will provide required capacity and improve reliability and punctuality to the extent possible within current vehicle and resource constraints.*
7. *Notes that officers continue to work with NZ Bus to align the proposed timetable amendments with available fleet and driver resources.*
8. *Notes that the changes required to align with available fleet and driver resources will have a customer impact but that officers will seek to minimise this as much as possible.*
9. *Notes that any NZ Bus timetable amendments will be funded from within existing service enhancement budgets.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

10 **Wellington Water issue of shares to South Wairarapa District Council**

Samantha Gain, General Manager, Corporate Services, spoke to the report.

Report 19.354

File: CCAB-8-2402

Moved

(Cr Brash/ Cr Laidlaw)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Agrees to South Wairarapa District Council becoming a shareholder in Wellington Water Ltd.*
4. *Resolves that resolutions 5, 6, 7 and 8 are not effective until all other shareholding councils agree.*
5. *Approves and consents to Wellington Water Ltd issuing the new shares to South Wairarapa District Council and entering into any documentation which is required from time to time to give full effect to such issue of the new shares, as described in the shareholder resolution, attached as Attachment 2 to this report.*
6. *Authorises the Chief Executive to sign the special resolution of shareholders, attached as Attachment 2.*
7. *Waives pursuant to clause 5.1 of the company's constitution, Council's preemptive rights under section 45 of the Companies Act in respect of new shares.*

8. *Confirms, approves and ratifies the company's board resolution, to issue the new shares, attached as Attachment 3 to this report.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

11 **Wellington Water Committee mana whenua partners**

Samantha Gain, General Manager, Corporate Services, spoke to the report.

Report 19.355

File: CCAB-8-2406

Moved

(Cr Brash/ Cr Laidlaw)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Agrees that Te Runanga o Toa Rangatira be appointed as a Mana Whenua Partner Entity, and that Te Taku Parai be its nominated representative and Naomi Solomon be its nominated alternate on the Wellington Water Committee.*
4. *Agrees that Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika be appointed as a Mana Whenua Partner Entity, and that Kim Skelton be its nominated representative and Kirsty Tamanui be its nominated alternate on the Wellington Water Committee.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

12 **Local Government (Community Well-being) Amendment Act 2019 and amended Significance and Engagement Policy**

Francis Ryan, Manager, Democratic Services, spoke to the report.

Report 19.309

File: CCAB-8-2400

Moved

(Cr Donaldson/ Cr Lamason)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Adopts the amended Significance and Engagement Policy in Attachment 1.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Corporate

13 Summary report for the fourth quarter 2018/19

Report 19.366

File: CCAB-8-2416

Moved

(Cr Laidlaw/ Cr McKinnon)

That the Council:

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

The motion was **CARRIED**.

14 Health, Safety and Wellbeing update

Report 19.369

File: CCAB-8-2396

Moved

(Cr McKinnon/ Cr Blakeley)

That the Council:

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

The motion was **CARRIED**.

14 Exclusion of the Public

Report 19.371

File: CCAB-8-2425

Moved

(Cr Laidlaw/ Cr Donaldson)

That the Council:

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

- 1. Confirmation of the Public Excluded minutes of 8 August 2019*
- 2. Greater Wellington Regional Council – future accommodation update*
- 3. Chief Executive’s full year performance review for 2018/19*
- 4. Chief Executive’s full year remuneration review for 2018/19*

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 (the Act) 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
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1. *Confirmation of the Public Excluded minutes of 8 August 2019*

The information in these minutes relates to proposed offer to acquire property relates to information provided by third parties that is the subject of the negotiation of documents related to the proposed change of ownership consent. Release of this information would likely prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied. GWRC has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information that would outweigh that likely 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 which the Council would have good reason for withholding under sections 7(2)(b)(ii), (c) (i), (i) and/or (j) of that Act.

2. *Greater Wellington Regional Council – future accommodation update*

The information contained in this report relates to commercial contracts for the design, construction and furniture supply of the tenancy fitout which are still under negotiation. 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.

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 Act (i.e. to carry out negotiations without prejudice).

3. *Chief Executive's full year performance review for 2018/19*

The information contained in this report contains information relating to the Chief Executive's full year performance review for 2018/19. Release of this information would prejudice Greg Campbell's privacy by disclosing details of his full year performance review for 2018/19. GWRC has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would

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 Act (i.e. to protect the privacy of natural persons).

override his privacy.

4. *Chief Executive's full year remuneration review for 2018/19*
- The information contained in this report contains information relating to the Chief Executive's full year remuneration review for 2018/19. Release of this information would prejudice Greg Campbell's privacy by disclosing details of his full year remuneration review for 2018/19. GWRC has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override his 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 Act (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.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

The public part of the meeting closed at 2.25pm.

Cr C Laidlaw
(Chair)

Date: