

Confirmed Public minutes of the Council meeting on 7 April 2022

All members participating remotely via Microsoft Teams at 9.31am.

Members Present

Councillor Ponter (Chair)
Councillor Staples (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Blakeley
Councillor Connelly
Councillor Hughes
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand
Councillor Laban
Councillor Lamason
Councillor Lee
Councillor Nash
Councillor van Lier

All members participated at this meeting remotely and counted for the purpose of quorum in accordance with clause 25B of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002.

Karakia timatanga

The Council Chair opened the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved: Cr Nash / Cr Connelly

That Council accepts the apologies for absence from Councillor Gaylor and apology for lateness from Councillor Brash.

The motion was **carried**.

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

3 Public participation

There was no public participation.

4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Council meeting on 17 March 2022 - Report 22.115

Moved: Cr Kirk-Burnnand / Cr Staples

That Council confirms the Public minutes of the Council meeting on 17 March 2022 – Report 22.115.

The motion was **carried**.

5 Update on the Progress of Action Items from Previous Council Meetings – April 2022 – Report 22.132 [For Information]

Strategy, policy or major issues

6 Waiōhine River Plan – Report 22.135

Wayne O’Donnell, General Manager, Catchment Management, and Andy Brown, Team Leader, Investment, Strategy and Planning, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Staples / Cr Connelly

That Council adopts the Waiōhine River Plan (Attachment 2).

The motion was **carried**.

Noted: Council thanked officers for their work in bringing the Waiōhine River Plan to a completion.

Noted: Council requested that a letter of thanks be sent to members of the Waiōhine FMP Steering Group, from the Council Chair and Chair of the Steering Group, thanking members for their contribution to the development of the Waiōhine River Plan.

7 Draft Submission on Road User Chargers – Report 22.138

Amelia Wilkins, Strategic Advisor, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Blakeley / Cr Nash

That Council:

- 1 Approves the submission on the Road User Charges discussion document (Attachment 1).
- 2 Authorises the Council Chair to make minor editorial amendments to the submission to correct errors and improve public understanding.

The motion was **carried**.

8 Fluoridation of Water Supply – Report 22.134 [For Information]

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

Ms Gain advised that the Wellington Water board has confirmed and issued the terms of reference for the independent inquiry into the events detailed in the report, which will be undertaken by Martin Jenkins.

9 Central Government Co-Investment in Flood Protection Schemes – 22.117 [For Information]

Wayne O'Donnell, General Manager, Catchment Management, and Graeme Campbell, Manager, Flood Protection, spoke to the report and tabled a presentation.

Governance

10 WRC Holdings – Draft Statement of Intent 2023 – Report 22.121

Sean Mahoney, Company Portfolio and Economic Development Manager, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Lamason / Cr Hughes

That Council:

- 1 Receives the Draft Statement of Intent from WRC Holdings.
- 2 Requests that climate related financial disclosure status is incorporated into the Draft Statement of Intent.

The motion was **carried**.

Noted: Council requested that officers provide further information regarding the living wage in relation to Council Controlled Organisations.

11 Establishment of the 2022 Funding and Financial Policies Hearing Committee - Report 22.119

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

Moved: Cr Connelly / Cr Lee

That Council:

- 1 Establishes the 2022 Funding and Financial Policies Hearing Committee.
- 2 Appoints councillors to the 2022 Funding and Financial Policies Hearing Committee, as follows:
 - a Councillor Blakeley
 - b Councillor Connelly
 - c Councillor Gaylor
 - d Councillor Kirk-Burnnand
 - e Councillor Ponter

f Councillor Staples.

- 3 Appoints Councillor Ponter as 2022 Funding and Financial Policies Hearing Committee Chair.
- 4 Adopts the Terms of Reference (Attachment 1) for the 2022 Funding and Financial Policies Hearing Committee, subject to amendments to reflect the adopted membership of the committee and the quorum being three members.
- 5 Notes that the hearing is scheduled for 17 to 19 May 2022.

The motion was **carried**.

12 Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting Attendance - Report 22.133

Moved: Cr Kirk-Burnnand / Cr Staples

That Council:

- 1 **Approves** the attendance of Councillors Ponter, Staples and Nash, and Nigel Corry, Chief Executive, at the 2022 Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting.
- 2 **Appoints** Councillor Ponter as the Presiding Delegate for voting on behalf of the Council at the 2022 Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting.
- 3 **Appoints** Councillors Staples and Nash, and Nigel Corry, Chief Executive, as Alternate Delegates for voting on behalf of the Council at the 2022 Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting if Councillor Ponter is absent.

The motion was **carried**.

13 Wellington Water Committee meeting – 18 March 2022 – Report 22.129 [For Information]

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

The meeting adjourned at 10.28am and resumed at 10.40am.

14 Wellington Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Meeting – 22 March 2022 – Report 22.123 [For Information]

15 Regional Transport Committee Meeting – 22 March 2022 – Report 22.122 [For Information]

16 Wellington Regional Leadership Committee Meeting 22 March 2022 – Report 22.124 [For Information]

Resolution to exclude the public

17 Resolution to exclude the public – Report 22.137

Moved: Cr Kirk-Burnnand / Cr Hughes

That Council excludes the public from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

RiverLink Project – Authorisation to Execute Project Partner Agreement Variation 2 – Report PE22.130

Appointment of Director to Predator Free Wellington Limited – Report PE22.93

Appointment of Directors – WRC Holdings – Report PE22.120

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 ground/s 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:

RiverLink Project – Authorisation to Execute Project Partner Agreement Variation 2 – Report PE22.130	
<i>Reason/s for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i>	<i>Ground/s under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
<p>Certain information contained in this report relates to RiverLink Project procurement and contracting information and costs. Release of this information would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the ability of Greater Wellington to carry on negotiations without prejudice.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>The public conduct of this part of the meeting is excluded as per section 7(2)(i) of the Act (to enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations).</p>
Appointment of Director to Predator Free Wellington Limited – Report PE22.93	
<i>Reason/s for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i>	<i>Ground/s under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
<p>The information contained in this report includes personal and identifying information about the proposed candidate. Withholding this information prior to Council’s decision is necessary to protect the privacy of that natural person as releasing this information would disclose their consideration as a</p>	<p>The public conduct of this part of the meeting is excluded as per section 7(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons.</p>

<p>board member of Predator Free Wellington.</p> <p>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.</p>	
<p>Appointment of Directors – WRC Holdings – Report PE22.120</p>	
<p><i>Reason/s for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i></p>	<p><i>Ground/s under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i></p>
<p>The information contained in this report includes personal and identifying information about the proposed appointees. Withholding this information prior to Council’s decision is necessary to protect the privacy of those natural persons, as releasing this information would disclose their consideration as Directors of WRC Holdings.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>The public conduct of this part of the meeting is excluded as per section 7(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons.</p>

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Act and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act or section 6 or section 7 or section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public.

The motion was **carried**.

The public part of the meeting closed at 10.44am.



Councillor D Ponter

Chair

Date: 26/5/22