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Confirmed Minutes of the Meeting of the Wellington Regional Council held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Monday, 25 February 2008 at 9.35 am

Present

Councillors Wilde (Chair), Aitken, Baber, Bruce, Buchanan, Burke, Donaldson, Glensor, Greig, Laidlaw, Lamason, and Wilson.

Officers Present

Benham, Bradbury, Corry, Cox, Dick, Gray, Hastie, Kennedy, Porteous, Reay, Shorten, Sangster, and Turfrey.

Public Business

046 **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

047 **Conflict of Interest declarations**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

048 **Public participation**

Sue Kedgley called for support from Greater Wellington to halt fumigation of logs with methyl bromide on the Wellington waterfront.

049 **Confirmation of Minutes***Resolved**(Cr Wilde/Cr Baber)**That Council:*

Confirms the minutes of the public and public excluded meetings on 29 November 2007, Report 07.818 and Report 07.819, and the meeting on 5 December 2007, Report 07.827.

Regional Strategies/Policies050 **Draft Regional Policy Statement****Report 08.62**

File: X/08/05/01

*Resolved**(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Aitken)**That Council:*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Approves the release of the draft Regional Policy Statement for public feedback.*
4. *Notes that the consultation period will occur between 10 March and 16 May 2008.*
5. *Authorises the Chair to discuss issues raised at this meeting with the Divisional Manager, Environment Management, and to make any necessary amendments to the draft document.*

051 **“At the Heart” – the regional physical activity strategy****Report 08.74**

File: PK/01/06/08

*Resolved**(Cr Aitken./Cr Wilson)**That Council:*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Endorses the final draft of ‘At the Heart’ – the Wellington Urban Region Physical Activity Strategy.*

Noted

Officers were asked to consider changing the title of the strategy to more accurately reflect its regional extent.

052 **Triennial Agreement****Report 08.83**

File: E/07/03/14

*Resolved**(Cr Bruce/Cr Baber)**That Council:*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Authorises the Council Chair to sign the Triennial Agreement on behalf of the Council.*

Noted

Councillors considered that the meaning of paragraph 4.5 of the agreement is unclear, and asked Officers to consider rewording it.

Financial053 **Results for the six months ended 31 December 2007****Report 08.79**

File: CFO/13/02/01

*Resolved**(Cr Aitken/Cr Baber)**That Council:*

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

054 **Proposed Rates and Levies for 2008/09****Report 08.80**

File: CFO/07/06/16

*Resolved**(Cr Greig/Cr Donaldson)**That Council:*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Approves for inclusion in the Council's Proposed 2008/09 Annual Plan the rates and levies included in Section (4.1) of Report 08.80.*

Central Government

055 **Draft Submission on Sustainable Transport, Update of the New Zealand Transport Strategy Discussion Paper**

Report 08.76

File: TP/01/06/02

Resolved

(Cr Glensor./Cr Ogden)

That Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Approves the submission set out in Attachment 1.*
4. *Authorises the Council Chair to sign the submission on behalf of the Council.*

056 **Climate Change (Emissions Trading and Renewable Preference) Bill: Draft Council Submission**

Report 08.101

File: O/02/08/03

Resolved

(Cr Donaldson/Cr Wilson)

That Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Approves the draft submission.*
4. *Authorises the Chair to make changes to the submission to give it greater impact.*

The meeting was adjourned between 11.11 am and 11.19 am for morning tea.

Committees

057 **1. Wellington Regional Strategy – 23 November 2007**

Report 07.797

File: E/06/25/02

Resolved

(Cr Wilde/Cr Glensor)

That Council:

Adopts the report of meeting of the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee held on 23 November 2007, items WRS01 to WRS 08 inclusive.

2. Wellington Regional Strategy – 23 November 2007

Report 07.798

File: E/06/25/02

Resolved

(Cr Wilde/Cr Glensor)

That Council:

Adopts the public excluded report of the meeting of the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee held on 23 November 2007, item PEWRS01.

3. Wellington Regional Strategy – 3 December 2007

Report 07.824

File: E/06/26/02

Resolved

(Cr Wilde/Cr Glensor)

That Council:

Adopts the report of meeting of the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee held on 3 December 2007, items WRS09 to WRS 18 inclusive.

058 **1. Regional Sustainability – 27 November 2007**

Report 07.806

File: E/06/25/02

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Donaldson)

That Council:

Adopts the report of meeting of the Regional Sustainability Committee held on 27 November 2007, items RS 01 to RS 07 inclusive.

2. Regional Sustainability – 12 February 2008

Report 08.73

File: E/06/32/02

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Donaldson)

That Council:

Adopts the report of meeting of the Regional Sustainability Committee held on 12 February 2008, items RS 08 to RS 16 inclusive.

Noted

Council noted that Councillor Bruce had been absent from the committee meeting due to other Council business, and requested that the report of the meeting be altered accordingly.

059 **1. Finance, Evaluation and Risk – 4 December 2007****Report 07.830**

File: E/06/30/02

*Resolved**(Cr Aitken/Cr Donaldson)**That Council:*

Adopts the report of meeting of the Finance, Evaluation and Risk Committee held on 4 December 2007, items FER 01 to FER 10 inclusive.

2. Finance, Evaluation and Risk – 12 February 2008**Report 08.72**

File: E/06/30/02

*Resolved**(Cr Aitken/Cr Donaldson)**That Council:*

Adopts the report of meeting of the Finance, Evaluation and Risk Committee held on 12 February 2008, items FER 11 to FER 18 inclusive.

Noted

Council noted that Councillor Lamason had been absent from the committee meeting due to other Council business, and that Councillor Wilde had tendered an apology for lateness.

060 **1. Parks, Forests and Utilities – 5 December 2007****Report 07.828**

File: E/06/28/02

*Resolved**(Cr Greig/Cr Laidlaw)**That Council:*

Adopts the report of meeting of the Parks, Forests and Utilities Committee held on 5 December 2007, items PFU 01 to PFU 11, inclusive.

2. Parks, Forests and Utilities – 14 February 2008**Report 08.75**

File: E/06/28/02

*Resolved**(Cr Greig/Cr Burke)**That Council:*

Adopts the report of meeting of the Parks, Forests and Utilities Committee held on 14 February 2008, items PFU 12 to PFU 19 inclusive.

061 **1. Regional Land Transport – 6 December 2007**

Report 07.831

File: E/06/11/02

Resolved

(Cr Wilde/Cr Glensor)

That Council:

Adopts the report of meeting of the Regional Land Transport Committee held on 6 December 2007, items RLT 01 to RLT 10 inclusive.

2. Regional Land Transport – 11 February 2008

Report 08.66

File: E/06/11/02

Resolved

(Cr Wilde/Cr Glensor)

That Council:

Adopts the report of meeting of the Regional Land Transport Committee held on 11 February 2008, items RLT 11 to RLT 19 inclusive.

062 **Regulatory – 5 February 2008**

Report 08.8

File: E/06/31/02

Resolved

(Cr Baber/Cr Bruce)

That Council:

Adopts the report of meeting of the Regulatory Committee held on 5 February 2008, items R10 to R18 inclusive.

063 **Terms of reference of the Regulatory Committee**

Report 08.71

File: E/06/02/04

Resolved

(Cr Baber/Cr Aitken)

That Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Amends the terms of reference for the Regulatory Committee to enable the committee to appoint hearing committees to hear submissions on proposed regional plans, make decisions on submissions, and recommend approval of regional plans to Council.*

064 **Catchment Management – 7 February 2008**

Report 08.77

File: E/06/27/02

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Lamason)

That Council:

Adopts the report of the meeting of the Catchment Management Committee held on 7 February 2008, items CM 9 to CM 18 inclusive.

065 **Terms of reference for Hutt River Advisory Subcommittee**

Report 08.45

File: E/06/02/04

Resolved

(Cr Greig /Cr Lamason)

That Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Notes that Wayne Guppy, Mayor of Upper Hutt City, is Upper Hutt City Council's fourth member on the Hutt River Advisory Subcommittee*
4. *Amends the terms of reference for the Hutt River Advisory Subcommittee by increasing the quorum requirement to be three Greater Wellington Councillors, one Hutt City Council member, and one Upper Hutt City Council member.*

066 **Transport and Access – 13 February 2008**

Report 08.67

File: E/06/29/02

Resolved

(Cr Glensor/Cr Burke)

That Council:

Adopts the report of meeting of the Transport and Access Committee held on 13 February 2008, items T&A 16 to T&A 24 inclusive.

067 **Ara Tahi – 5 December 2007****Report 08.60**

File: E/06/21/03

*Resolved**(Cr Wilde/Cr Glensor)**That Council:*

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

Community Outreach068 **Elements redesign and refocus****Report 08.61**

File: CM/18/04/01

*Resolved**(Cr Greig/Cr Aitken)**That Council:*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Approves the redesign and refocus of Elements*

*Moved as an Amendment**(Cr Donaldson/Cr Lamason)*

4. *Requests that the concept of a Wellington region be given greater emphasis in the document.*

Both the substantive motion and the amendment were **passed** unanimously.

069 **Local Governance Statement****Report 08.59**

File: E/01/07/01

*Resolved**(Cr Aitken/Cr Laidlaw)**That Council:*

1. *Receives the draft document: How you can have your say – Greater Wellington Regional Council's local governance statement.*
2. *Approves the contents of the document.*

3. *Notes that the Local Governance Statement will be made publicly available following Council's approval of the document.*
4. *Authorises the Chief Executive to make modifications to the document during the course of this triennium, which reflect any changes to Council policies, practices, or structures.*

Noted

Council requested that copies of the Local Governance statement be made available in the offices of the city and district councils of the region.

Corporate

070 **Code of Conduct**

Report 08.42

File: E/04/01/05

Resolved

(Cr Greig/Cr Lamason)

That Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Notes that any amendment to an existing Code of Conduct or the adoption of a new Code of Conduct requires a vote in support of not less than 75% of the members present.*
4. *Adopts the Code of Conduct for Elected Members included as Attachment 1 to this report.*

071 **Remuneration of Elected Members for 2008/09**

Report 08.23

File: E/05/02/03

The report was withdrawn by the Chair for further consideration.

072 **Computer replacements**

Report 08.65

File: IT/05/22/01

Resolved

(Cr Donaldson/Cr Burke)

That Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Approves a variation to the Information Technology and Support Services Business Plan that allows the desktop computers and laptop replacement program to be transferred from the proposed 2008/09 budget into the current 2007/08 financial year.*

073 **Regional EDA Ltd Name Change**

Report 08.81

File: WRS/09/01/01

Resolved

(Cr Glensor./Cr Greig)

That Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Resolves to change the registered name of Regional EDA Ltd to 'GrowWellington'.*

Noted

Councillors Baber, Buchanan, Glensor, Greig, and Wilde voted on the motion. The remainder abstained. Councillor Bruce asked that his abstention be recorded.

Councillor Baber left the meeting at 12.30 pm.

074 **Approval of fees for WRC Holdings Group, Wellington Regional Stadium Trust**

Report 08.64

File: CFO/09/02/01

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Wilde)

That Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Approves an increase in the fees for the external directors of the WRC Holdings Group of Companies from \$12,500 to \$15,000.*
4. *Approves an increase in the fees for WRST Trustees from \$12,000 to \$15,000 and for the Chair of WRST from \$24,000 to \$30,000.*

Noted

Councillor Laidlaw left the Chamber for this item of business.

Councillor Aitken left the meeting at 12.35 pm.

075 **Waiwhetu Stream clean-up: Ministry for the Environment Funding Deed**

Report 08.91

File: X/23/05/13

Resolved

(Cr Lamason/Cr Greig)

That Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes its contents.*
3. *Approves the Council entering into the funding deed with the Ministry for the Environment.*

General

076 **General**

- Councillor Burke expressed concern at the quality of a press release on 18 February 2008 relating to the Parks, Forests and Utilities Committee meeting at Porirua and following visit to Whitireia and Battle Hill.

- Councillor Bruce voiced support for Sue Kedgley's call, made during public participation, to halt fumigation of logs with methyl bromide on the Wellington waterfront.

He also reported on the *Cycle Aware Wellington* event held on 23 February 2008, in which he and Councillor Glensor participated. Councillor Bruce expressed concern at the state of the Petone-Wellington cycleway, and urged that it be completed as soon as possible. Councillor Wilde advised that this issue is being addressed by the Regional Land Transport Committee

- Councillor Donaldson commended Officers for organising various site visits, which she found very useful.
- Councillor Greig noted that the Auckland Regional Council has purchased two electric scooters for use by staff.

She also drew attention to the adverse publicity the Northland Regional Council has recently received re alleged failure to clear blocked waterways resulting in flooding. Councillor Greig suggested that Greater Wellington should publicise its ongoing successful work in this field.

- Councillor Wilson discussed the insuring of Councillors' lives by Greater Wellington.
- Councillor Laidlaw expressed concerns about Greater Wellington's vehicle purchasing policy.

077 **Exclusion of the Public**

Report 08.92

File: E/06/01/04

Resolved

(Cr Wilde/Cr Burke)

That the Council

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

1. *Non-Local Government Appointments to the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee.*
2. *Appointments to the Catchment Management Committee.*
3. *Report of the public excluded meeting of Parks, Forests and Utilities Committee 5 December 2007.*
4. *Report of the public excluded meeting of Catchment Management Committee 7 February 2008.*

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:

<i>General subject of each matter to be considered</i>	<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each</i>	<i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
1. <i>Non-Local Government Appointments to the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee</i>	<i>The information contained in this report relates to the appointment of 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, and have expressed interest, in becoming members 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 their privacy.</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 sections 7(2)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e. to protect the privacy of natural persons).</i>
2. <i>Appointments to the Catchment Management Committee</i>	<i>The information contained in this report relates to the appointment of members to the Catchment Management Committee. Release of this information would prejudice the proposed members' privacy by disclosing the fact that they are being considered, and have expressed interest, in becoming members of the Catchment Management 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 their privacy.</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 sections 7(2)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e. to protect the privacy of natural persons).</i>

3(a) Stoney Creek wind farm development: report on the request for tender

The information contained in the report is subject to mutually understood obligation of confidentiality. Release would be likely to prohibit future tenderers from tendering if they were aware that their names would be made public in advance of a tender decision being made. It is in the public interest that Greater Wellington receives tenders to ensure that Greater Wellington is able to attract the best possible tenderers.

Release of the information would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the Council in carrying on contract negotiations

Greater Wellington has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of the particular information above in public proceedings of the meeting that would override the identified prejudice.

That the public conduct of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would likely result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under sections 7(2)(c)(i), and 7(2)(i) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e. to protect information that would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, to protect information that, if released, would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, and to enable Greater Wellington to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations.)

3(b) Forestry Annual Report and Proposals

The information contained in this report relates to Greater Wellington's relationship with contractors. The report outlines financial terms of these contracts. Having this part of the meeting open to the public would disadvantage the Council's commercial activities as it would reveal commercial financing arrangements. Greater Wellington has been unable 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 relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would likely result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 7(2)(h) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e. to allow the carrying out of, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.)

<i>4. BioWorks – Update and future direction</i>	<i>Release of information included in the report would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the council in carrying out negotiations.</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 sections 7(2)(i) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e to enable Greater Wellington to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations).</i>
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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 open part of the meeting closed at 12.55 pm.

Cr FH WILDE
(Chair)

Date