

Confirmed Public minutes of the Council meeting on Thursday 25 February 2021

Taumata Kōrero – Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council
100 Cuba Street, Te Aro, Wellington at 9.31am

Members Present

Councillor Ponter (Chair) (until 10.33am)
Councillor Staples (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Blakeley
Councillor Brash
Councillor Connelly
Councillor Gaylor
Councillor Hughes
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand
Councillor Laban
Councillor Lamason
Councillor Lee
Councillor Nash
Councillor van Lier

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved: Cr Blakeley / Cr Nash

That the Council accepts the apology for early departure from Councillor Ponter.

The motion was **carried**.

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

3 Public participation

Stephen Pattinson, Save Our Hills, spoke to agenda item 13 – Establishment of the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee.

4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Council meeting on 10 December 2020 – Report 21.4

Moved: Cr Kirk-Burnnand / Cr Brash

That Council confirms the Public minutes of the Council meeting on 10 December 2020 – Report 21.4

The motion was **carried**.

5 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Council meeting on 17 December 2020 – Report 20.499

Moved: Cr Blakeley / Cr Gaylor

That Council confirms the Public minutes of the Council meeting on 17 December 2020 – Report 20.499

The motion was **carried**.

6 Update on progress of action items from previous Council meetings – February 2021 – Report 21.11 [For Information]

Strategy, policy or major issues

7 Belmont West grazing license – one year extension to 31 March 2022 – Report 21.66

Al Cross, General Manager Environment Management, and Wayne Boness, Principal Ranger Western, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Brash / Cr Lamason

That Council:

- 1 Considers the submissions, together with the officer comments, (Attachment 1) in making its decision.
- 2 Authorises officers to extend the current West Licence governing grazing activity within the Licensed Area with the incumbent Licensee to 31 March 2022 to enable forward planning and to accommodate the late completion of the Transmission Gully (TG) motorway.
- 3 Notes that the extension of the West Licence will be drafted to incorporate the necessary variations to comply with section 74 of the Reserves Act 1977 and the now operative Toitū te Whenua - Parks Network Plan.
- 4 Notes that master planning for the western side of Belmont Regional Park will be underway from July 2021 to consider appropriate action with respect to, amongst other matters, public access, fencing, signage, stock levels,

completion of TG, and retirement and regeneration of land within Belmont Regional Park, under the current parks management delegations to the General Manager, Environment Management.

- 5 Notes that officers will keep the Council informed as to progress on this matter.

The motion was **carried**.

8 Submission on the Water Services Bill – Report 21.40

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

Moved: Cr Brash / Cr Lamason

That Council:

- 1 Agrees to the content of the Council’s submission on the Water Services Bill (Attachment 1).
- 2 Delegates to the Council Chair authority to make any minor amendments to the Council’s submission prior to its lodgement.
- 3 Agrees that the Council should seek to be heard in relation to its submission.

The motion was **carried**.

9 Application to the Low Carbon Acceleration Fund – Report 21.46

Andrea Brandon, Programme Lead – Climate Change, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Nash / Cr Lee

That Council:

- 1 Notes the application to the Low Carbon Acceleration Fund will contribute towards the success of Council’s goal to reduce Greater Wellington’s corporate carbon footprint.
- 2 Notes the importance of a well-planned, sustainably resourced and tightly managed retirement and restoration programme to achieving our climate goals for the organisation.
- 3 Notes that the Climate Committee recommended approval of the application for \$620,000 at its meeting on 23 February 2021.
- 4 Notes funding originally sought for the 2020/21 year is being split across years 2020/21 and 2021/22 to better reflect available resources.
- 5 Approves the application for \$620,000 (GST exclusive), to be allocated until 30 June 2024 as follows:

2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
\$100,000	\$220,000	\$150,000	\$150,000.

The motion was **carried**.

10 Emission Unit management and carbon offsetting options – Report 21.47

Andrea Brandon, Programme Lead – Climate Change, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Nash/ Cr Connelly

That Council:

- 1 Notes that there is both an opportunity cost to voluntary offsetting and uncertainty on the future of offsetting in New Zealand post-2020.
- 2 Agrees to defer selling Greater Wellington Regional Council's emissions units until the 2024-34 Long Term Plan.
- 3 Agrees to continue to borrow against the value of those units to fund Council's Low Carbon Acceleration Fund for the first three years of the 2021-31 Long Term Plan, subject to any change in market conditions.
- 4 Agrees to defer the decision regarding offsetting Greater Wellington Regional Council's own emissions from 2025 onwards until there is sufficient clarity on the matter of voluntary offsetting.

The motion was **carried**.

Governance

11 Mid-term governance review 2019-22 triennium – Report 21.38

Councillor Ponter spoke to a tabled update to Report 21.38.

Moved: Cr Blakeley / Cr Kirk-Burnnand

That Council:

- 1 Adopts the proposed changes to the terms of reference for the Environment Committee (Attachment 1), Te Upoko Taiao – Natural Resources Plan Committee (Attachment 2), and the Hutt Valley Flood Management Subcommittee (Attachment 3).
- 2 Revokes Councillor appointments to committees and advisory bodies, as follows:
 - a Councillor Brash as Council's member of the Wellington Water Committee, with effect from 1 April 2021
 - b Councillor Laban as a member of the Hutt Valley Flood Management Subcommittee
 - c Councillor Lee as:
 - i Deputy Chair of the Climate Committee
 - ii Council's alternate member of the Wellington Regional Climate Change Working Group
 - d Councillor van Lier as:
 - i Member of Te Upoko Taiao – Natural Resources Plan Committee

- ii Council's alternate member on the Wellington Water Committee, with effect from 1 April 2021.
- 3 Appoints Councillors to committees and advisory bodies, as follows:
 - a Councillor van Lier as Council's member of the Wellington Water Committee, with effect from 1 April 2021
 - b Councillor Kirk-Burnnand as Council's alternate member of the Wellington Water Committee, with effect from 1 April 2021
 - c Councillor Connelly as the Deputy Chair of the Climate Committee
 - d Councillor Laban as Council's alternate member of the Wellington Regional Climate Change Working Group.
 - e Councillor Lee as a member of:
 - i Te Upoko Taiao – Natural Resources Plan Committee
 - ii The Hutt Valley Flood Management Subcommittee.
- 4 Disestablishes the position of Portfolio Leader, Wellington Bus Priority Project.
- 5 Amends Council's *Policy on the appointment and remuneration of directors of Council organisations*, adopted by Council on 27 February 2020, to provide for the Chair of the Chief Executive Employment Review Committee to be a member of any Nominations Group convened to consider persons for appointment to director positions.

The motion was **carried**.

12 Review of the Code of Conduct for elected members – Report 21.58

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

Moved: Cr Staples / Cr Brash

That Council adopts the Code of Conduct for Councillors (Attachment 1), to replace the Code of Conduct for Elected Members adopted by Council on 28 September 2011.

The motion was **carried**.

13 Establishment of the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee – Report 21.21

Luke Troy, General Manager Strategy, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Hughes / Cr Lamason

That Council:

- 1 Approves the proposed Wellington Regional Leadership Committee Joint Committee Agreement (Attachment 2) and the Council's entry into it.
- 2 Authorises the Chair to sign, on behalf of the Council, the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee Joint Committee Agreement.

- 3 Notes that the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee will adopt a Memorandum of Understanding (Attachment 3) which will set out the principles that guide the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee's work and approach.
- 4 Appoints and establishes the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee as a joint committee under clause 30(1)(b) of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002 on the terms set out in the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee Joint Committee Agreement and with effect from the date it is signed by all local authority parties.
- 5 Appoints the Council Chair as a member of the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee, with effect from the date that the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee is established.
- 6 Appoints the Deputy Council Chair as an alternate to be a member of the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee and attend meetings in exceptional circumstances where the Chair is unable to attend.
- 7 Notes that the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee is a joint committee of all of the local authorities that are parties to the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee Joint Committee Agreement and includes members representing iwi and the Crown.
- 8 Makes the following delegations to the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee:
 - a Approval of all plans and implementation programmes necessary to fulfil the specific responsibilities of the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee, including the:
 - i Wellington Regional Growth Framework and the Wellington Regional Growth Framework Implementation Plan
 - ii Regional Economic Development Plan
 - iii Regional Economic Recovery Implementation Plan
 - b Approval of all submissions and advocacy statements necessary to fulfil the specific responsibilities of the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee.
- 9 Notes that the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee is likely to be disestablished in the future, with the disestablishment process to be confirmed.
- 10 Agrees that Greater Wellington will be the administering authority for the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee.
- 11 Recommends to the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee that it considers including District Health Boards as observers to the Committee.

The motion was **carried**.

14 Establishment of the Wellington Regional Climate Change Forum and the disestablishment of the Wellington Region Climate Change Working Group – Report 21.23

Tracy Plane, Manager Strategic and Corporate Planning, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Nash / Cr Blakeley

That Council:

- 1 Disestablishes the Wellington Region Climate Change Working Group from 1 July 2021.
- 2 Establishes the Wellington Region Climate Change Forum from 1 July 2021.
- 3 Adopts the Terms of Reference for the Wellington Region Climate Change Forum (Attachment 2).
- 4 Agrees that each mana whenua member of the Wellington Region Climate Change Forum shall be eligible to receive the standard taxable daily meeting fee and mileage allowance set by Council.
- 5 Agrees that the mana whenua Co-Chair, in addition to being eligible to receive the standard taxable daily meeting fee and mileage allowance, shall be eligible to receive an annual taxable honorarium of \$5,000.
- 6 Appoints as Council's members on the Wellington Region Climate Change Forum:
 - a Councillor Nash
 - b Councillor Connelly.

The motion was carried.

15 Regional Transport Committee meeting 9 February 2021 – Report 21.57 [For Information]

The meeting adjourned at 10.33am and resumed at 10.54am. Councillor Ponter left the meeting at 10.33am and did not return. Councillor Staples assumed the Chair when the meeting resumed.

Corporate

16 Greater Wellington's performance for the six months to 31 December 2020 – Report 21.22

Greg Campbell, Chief Executive, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Kirk-Burnnand / Cr Lamason

That Council accepts Greater Wellington's performance for the six months to 31 December 2020 (the end of the second quarter of 2020/21) (Attachment 1).

The motion was carried.

Resolution to exclude the public

17 Resolution to exclude the public – Report 21.69

Moved: Cr Kirk-Burnnand / Cr Blakeley

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

Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting of 10 December 2020 – PE21.5

Interim review of the Chief Executive’s performance for 2020/21 – Report RPE21.28

Chief Executive recruitment matters – Report RPE21.29.

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:

Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting of 10 December 2020 – Report 21.5	
<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 these minutes relates to bus service procurement and contracting in the Wellington Region; the variation of the Partnering Contract for the provision of harbour ferry public transport service; and to bus service contracting in the Wellington Region.</p> <p>Release of this information would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the ability of Greater Wellington to carry on negotiations with bus and ferry operators.</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 (including commercial and industrial negotiations)).</p>
Interim review of the Chief Executive’s performance for 2020/21 – Report RPE21.28	

<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 relates to the Chief Executive's performance for 2020/21. Release of this information would prejudice Greg Campbell's privacy by disclosing details of his performance agreement with the Council.</p> <p>Greater Wellington Regional Council has not been able to identify a public interest favouring the disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting would override his privacy.</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>
Chief Executive recruitment matters – Report RPE21.29	
<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 relates to remuneration parameters and the draft employment agreement which will be applied in negotiations with the preferred candidate for the position of Chief Executive. Release of this information would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the ability of Greater Wellington to carry on negotiations with the preferred candidate.</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 (including commercial and industrial negotiations)).</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 11.13am.

Councillor ~~D. Porter~~ ^{A Staples} (Presiding member)

Deputy

Chair

A Staples

Date: 8 April 2021.

The matters referred to in these minutes were considered by the Council on Thursday, 25 February 2021 in Public Excluded business. These minutes do not require confidentiality and may be considered in the public part of the meeting.

Report PE21.75

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Councillor Blakeley
Councillor Brash
Councillor Connelly
Councillor Gaylor
Councillor Hughes
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand
Councillor Laban
Councillor Lamason
Councillor Lee
Councillor Nash
Councillor van Lier

Public Excluded Business

- 1 Confirmation of the Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting of 10 December 2020 – Report PE21.5**

Moved: Cr Hughes / Cr Blakeley

That the Council confirms the Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting of 10 December 2020 - Report PE21.5.

The motion was **carried**.

The public excluded part of the meeting closed at 11.14am.

Councillor ~~D. Penter~~ *A. Staples* (presiding member)

Deputy

Chair

M. Hatters

Date:

8 April 2021