

Confirmed Public minutes of the Council meeting on Thursday 29 October 2020

Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council
Level 2, 15 Walter Street, Te Aro, Wellington at 9.30am

Members Present

Councillor Ponter (Chair)
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

There were no apologies.

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

3 Public participation

Geoff Canham, Convenor, New Zealand Parks Leaders Forum, spoke about the work of Amanda Cox, in her capacity as Greater Wellington's Manager Parks, in chairing the Parks Leaders Forum and her contribution to the parks management sector. Mr Canham advised that Ms Cox is the inaugural recipient of the Outstanding Parks Leader Award, and presented the award to Ms Cox.

4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Council meeting on 24 September 2020 – Report 20.360

Moved: Cr Lamason / Cr Blakeley

That the Council confirms the Public minutes of the Council meeting on 24 September 2020 – Report 20.360.

The motion was **carried**.

5 Update on progress of action items from previous meetings – October 2020 – Report 20.392 [For Information]

Wayne O'Donnell, General Manager, Catchment Management, spoke to the report.

Strategy, policy or major issues

6 Carbon Reduction Pathways and the Long Term Plan – Report 20.371

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

Moved: Cr Nash / Cr Connelly

That the Council agrees that two or more options for the corporate carbon emissions reduction pathways and their associated measures (including scenario B2-R2-P2 in Attachment 1) be included in the Consultation Document for the 2021-31 Long Term Plan.

The motion was **carried**.

7 Public transport fares review – 2020/21 – Report 20.413

Tim Shackleton, Manager Strategy and Investments, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Staples / Cr Lamason

That the Council:

- 1 Notes that due to the uncertainties caused by COVID-19, the annual fares review for 2020/21 is being concluded after the Annual Plan has been adopted.
- 2 Notes that as a result of COVID-19, patronage and fare revenue in 2019/20 (before Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's COVID-19 funding support) were significantly lower than the previous year and budget expectation.

- 3 Notes the assumption in the current Long Term Plan is that fares will increase by inflation from 2019/20 onwards.
- 4 Notes that fares did not increase by inflation in 2019/20.
- 5 Agrees to increase fares by inflation (1.5 percent) from 1 February 2021.
- 6 Agrees in principle, that in public information on fares that the fares should be initially identified as cash fares, with bus smartcard fares, rail 10-trip tickets, rail passes, and bus passes being shown as a discount off the cash fare.

The motion was **carried**.

The meeting accorded priority to agenda item 9, with agenda item 8 dealt with after agenda item 10.

8 Belmont West grazing license – temporary extension to enable consultation – Report 20.408

Al Cross, General Manager, Environment Management, Deborah Kessell-Haak Senior Legal Advisor and Wayne Boness, Principal Ranger, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Brash / Cr Connelly

That Council:

1. Authorises officers to extend the current Licence governing grazing activity within the Licensed Area to 31 March 2021 to enable public consultation to occur in relation to a possible extension of the Licence to 31 March 2022.
2. Delegates to the Chief Executive the development and implementation of a consultation plan conforming with the requirements of the Reserves Act 1977 (Reserves Act) in relation to the proposed further extension of the Licence to 31 March 2022.
3. Notes that all relevant information, including public feedback received, will be reported to Council for final decision with officer recommendations as to whether the extension of the Licence to 31 March 2022 should be granted under the Reserves Act 1977.

The motion was **carried**.

Note: The meeting adjourned at 10.25am during questions on the report, and reconvened at 10.39am.

9 Chief Executive position description – Report 20.398

Cr Hughes spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Hughes / Cr Lamason

That the Council:

- 1 Approves the Chief Executive position description (Attachment 1) for the purposes of recruiting the Chief Executive.

- 2 Appoints the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Chief Executive Employment Review Committee as the panel to select the recruitment agency to undertake the Chief Executive recruitment process.
- 3 Authorises the engagement of Strategic Pay to undertake the job sizing of the Chief Executive position in order for Council to determine the remuneration parameters to apply to the Chief Executive position.

The motion was **carried**.

Note: In the “Purpose of role” section of the draft position description the Council requested that the wording of the second sentence of the second paragraph be changed to “The CE needs to be visible across the organisation and community”.

Councillor Ponter requested that his abstention from voting on this motion be recorded.

10 Endorsement of the Wellington Regional Growth Framework for public consultation – Report 20.370

Tracy Plane, Manager, Strategic and Corporate Planning and Kim Kelly, Programme Lead, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Blakeley / Cr Lamason

That Council:

- 1 Notes that the draft Wellington Regional Growth Framework is the result of a partnership between central government, local government, and iwi.
- 2 Notes that the draft Framework is generally consistent in content and structure to other spatial plans developed within the urban growth partnership programme.
- 3 Notes that a ‘public consultation friendly’ version of this Framework (smaller and more concise) will be developed for the public consultation process in 2021 and that an example of what this might look like is included as Attachment 3.
- 4 Endorses the draft Wellington Regional Growth Framework attached as Attachment 2 for public consultation.

The motion was **carried**.

Governance

11 Impact of recent legislative changes on the Council’s powers, functions and duties October 2020 – Report 20.342

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

Moved: Cr Lamason / Cr Staples

That Council:

- 1 Notes recent legislation with implications for Council’s powers, functions and duties.

- 2 Notes that Council has already established related delegations for the Land Transport (Rail) Legislation Act 2020 and the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020.
- 3 Delegates to the Chief Executive all the powers, functions and duties under the Privacy Act 2020 (as set out in Attachment 1).
- 4 Notes that, given a range of other legislative amendments, officers will report to Council's 10 December 2020 meeting proposing changes to the suite of delegations associated with the Resource Management Act 1991.

The motion was **carried**.

12 Notice of motion: Councillor Ros Connelly – Report 20.400

Cr Connelly spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Connelly / Cr van Lier

That Council:

- 1 Agrees to publicly support, through words, deeds and votes, the following birds for Bird of the Year 2020 (in preference order):
 - a Kākā
 - b Banded Dotterel/Tūturiwhatu
 - c Kererū
 - d Tieke and
 - e Kākāriki
- 2 Agrees that these birds all represent birds that are growing in abundance in the Wellington Region and can be considered as the 'Whanganui-a-tara Five' voting ticket.

The motion was **carried**.

13 Councillor fieldtrip to Auckland on 1 and 2 October 2020 – Report 20.394 [For Information]

Cr Blakeley spoke to the report.

Corporate

14 Issue of unpaid share capital to fund Greater Wellington Rail Limited capital expenditure for 2020/21 – Report 20.367

Moved: Cr Lamason / Cr Kirk-Burnnand

That Council:

- 1 Notes that the amount of \$16.7 million is required by GWRL to fund GWRL's budgeted 2020/21 year capital expenditure.
- 2 Notes that GWRL's budgeted 2020/21 capital expenditure will be funded by:

- The issue of 12.1 million unpaid ordinary \$1 shares by GWRL to WRCHL, and
 - The issue of 12.1 million unpaid ordinary \$1 shares by WRCHL to Council.
 - The utilisation of 4.6 million unpaid ordinary \$1 shares issued by GWRL to WRCHL in prior periods but not yet called.
 - The utilisation of 4.6 million unpaid ordinary \$1 shares issued by WRCHL to Council in prior periods but not yet called.
- 3 Approves the issue of 12.1 million unpaid ordinary \$1 shares in WRCHL to Council.
 - 4 Approves WRCHL approving the issue of 12.1 million unpaid ordinary \$1 shares in GWRL to WRCHL.
 - 5 Authorises the Council Chair and Deputy Chair to sign the required Entitled Persons Agreement attached approving and consenting to the issue of shares on behalf of Council.
 - 6 Authorises the Council Chair to sign the agreement attached for the issue of shares approving the basis upon which the respective WRCHL and GWRL boards may make calls for payment of the shares.
 - 7 Requests that the Council Chair confirms the consent and approvals referred to in this report, in writing to WRCHL.

The motion was **carried**.

15 Local Government Funding Agency Annual General Meeting 2020 – Report 20.368

Seán Mahoney, Company Portfolio and Economic Development Manager, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Lamason / Cr Hughes

That Council:

- 1 Appoints Samantha Gain, General Manager Corporate Services, as proxy to vote on behalf of the Council at the Local Government Funding Agency's Annual General Meeting on 19 November 2020, and Seán Mahoney, Company Portfolio and Economic Development Manager, as alternate.
- 2 Instructs the appointed proxy to:
 - a Receive the financial statements and reports.
 - b Re-elect Philip Cory-Wright as Independent Director
 - c Re-elect Michael Timmer as a non-independent Director
 - d Approve the changes to the foundation policies of the company
 - e Elect two of the following councils, as Nominating Local Authorities
 - i Wellington City Council

The motion was carried.

Resolution to exclude the public

16 Resolution to exclude the public – Report 20.412

Moved: Cr Blakeley / Cr Brash

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

Public excluded minutes of the Council meeting on 24 September 2020 - Report PE20.363

Wellington Regional Stadium Trust – appointment of trustee – Report PE20.369

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 on 24 September 2020 – Report PE20.363	
<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>Information contained in these minutes relates to the terms of a loan to Water Wairarapa Limited. The release of this information is likely to prejudice the Council in the negotiation of the proposed loan agreement.</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>
Wellington Regional Stadium Trust – appointment of trustee – Report PE20.369	
<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</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>

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 Trustee of the Wellington Regional Stadium Trust.

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.

The motion was **carried**.

The public part of the meeting closed at 11.48am.



Councillor D Ponter

Chair

16/12/2020

Date:

The matters referred to in these minutes were considered by the Council on Thursday 29 October 2020 in public excluded business. These minutes do not require confidentiality and may be considered in the public part of the meeting.

Report PE20.415

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Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council
Level 2, 15 Walter Street, Te Aro, Wellington, at 11.48am

Members Present

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Councillor Staples (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Blakeley
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Councillor Connelly
Councillor Gaylor
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Public Excluded Business

- 1 Confirmation of the Public excluded minutes of the Council meeting on 24 September 2020 – Report PE20.363**

Moved: Cr Staples / Cr Lamason

That the Council confirms the Public excluded minutes of the Council meeting on 24 September 2020 – Report PE20.363.

The motion was **carried**.

- 2 Wellington Regional Stadium Trust – appointment of trustee – Report PE20.369**

Seán Mahoney, Company Portfolio and Economic Development Manager, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Hughes / Cr Kirk-Burnnand

That Council:

1. Appoints Tracy Bridges as Trustee to the Wellington Regional Stadium Trust for a second term, from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2023.
2. Notes that Wellington City Council approved this appointment earlier this year.

The motion was carried.

The public excluded part of the meeting closed at 11.49am.



Councillor D Ponter
Chair

Date: 10/12/2020