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Minutes of the Meeting of the Passenger Transport Committee held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Thursday, 22 September 2005 at 11.00am

Present

Councillors Evans (Chairperson), Aitken, Buchanan, Glensor, Greig, McDavitt and Wilde

Also Present

Councillor Turver

Officers Present

Messrs Anderson, Benham, Budd, Cross, Ham, Jackson, Turfrey, Chrissy Dowland, Eyvette Najbert, and Rhona Nicol

Public Business

Procedural Items

PT 55 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Evans/Cr McDavitt)

That the Committee

Accept the apology for absence from Councillor Kirton and the apology for lateness from Councillor Glensor.

PT 56 **Public Participation**

Mr Brent Efford

Presented a petition organised by the Green Party of 312 local residents seeking the retention of Redwood and Takapu Road stations.

Mr Malcolm Thomas

Spoke of Wellington roading problems - especially the width of roads, the costs of roading works, too many cars – and the need for a tram network and punitive charges for bringing cars into the CBD.

11.05am Councillor Glensor entered the meeting.

PT 57 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved *(Cr Evans/Cr Greig)*

That the Committee

Confirm the minutes of the meeting, Report 05.425, held on 11 August 2005.

11.15am Councillor Turver entered the meeting.

Matters for Information

PT 58 **Transport Services Update**

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Resolved *(Cr Evans/Cr Greig)*

That the Committee:

- (1) Receive the report.*
- (2) Note the content of the report.*

Matters Raised by Councillors

Councillor Turver requested that additional operational analysis be carried out by TMG Consultants to assess the feasibility of including a station at Raumati before doubling tracking work begins on the Western rail line.

PT 59 (a) **Transport Information Bulletin**

Report 05.497

File: E/06/19/03

Resolved

(Cr Evans/Cr Greig)

That the Committee:

- (1) *Receive the report.*
- (2) *Note the content of the report.*

PT 59 (b) **Wellington City Northern Suburbs Passenger Transport Services Study Reference Group**

With reference to Item 6 in the Transport Information Bulletin, and the minutes of the previous meeting regarding this reference group recording that the Committee request discussions with Wellington City Council regarding further possible appointments to the reference group, it was agreed following discussion that:

- (1) GWRC needed to have a process itself for making such appointments. Guidelines for the appointment of individuals to such a reference group, advisory body or committee be prepared by the Council Secretariat for use by the whole of Council rather than for transport only.
- (2) In the case of this reference group, it was felt that no further appointments were required other than the addition of Councillor Aitken.
- (3) Councillors did not support the idea from Wellington City Council that a further two persons with transport policy and urban form experience should be appointed to the Wellington City Northern Suburbs Passenger Transport Services Study Reference Group. Support for the reference group in these areas should be sought from relevant council officers.

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Glensor)

That the Committee:

Appoint Councillor Aitken to the Wellington City Northern Suburbs Passenger Transport Services Study Reference Group.

Matters Raised by Councillors

Councillor Wilde requested that combining the Transport Services Update and Transport Information Bulletin reports be investigated for future meetings as they are for information only.

PT 60 **Total Mobility Scheme – Ministry of Transport Proposed Policy Framework**

Report 05.490

File: T/10/04/01

Resolved

(Cr Evans/Cr Greig)

That the Committee:

- (1) Receive the report.*
- (2) Note the content of the report.*

Other Matters

PT 61 **Questions**

There were no questions.

PT 62 **General**

- (1) Mr Euan McQueen Chair of the Rail Heritage Trust presented a plaque recognising Greater Wellington's contribution in restoring the historic flagpole at Petone Station.
- (2) Councillor Aitken requested that the Transport Division consider and report back on how it could establish a working relationship with Health Boards and Education agencies relating to passenger transport.

PT 63 **Exclusion of the Public**

Report 05.511

Resolved

(Cr Evans/Cr Greig)

That the Committee

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

- (1) South Wairarapa Carriages*
- (2) Council Chairman's Verbal Report – Meeting with Land Transport New Zealand Board*

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:

General subject of each matter to be considered: Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution

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| (1) | <i>South Wairarapa Carriages</i> | <i>Because of the need to preserve commercial confidentiality</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 (ie because of the need to preserve commercial confidentiality)</i> |
| (2) | <i>Council Chairman's Verbal Report – Meeting with Land Transport New Zealand Board</i> | <i>Because of the need to preserve commercial confidentiality</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 (ie because of the need to preserve commercial confidentiality)</i> |

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.

12.15am The meeting closed.

CR T G G EVANS
Chairperson

Date