



Report 08.987

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Confirmed Minutes of the meeting of the Wellington Regional Council held at the Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Monday, 19 May 2008 at 9.32 am

Present

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

Officers Present

Benham, Bradbury, Corry, Davis, Dick, Hastie, Kennedy, Reay, Ryan, Sangster, and Turfrey.

Public Business

117 **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

118 **Conflict of Interest declarations**

Councillor Baber declared a conflict of interest concerning an item of public excluded business, and took no part in the discussion.

119 **Public participation**

No members of the public wished to participate in the meeting.

120 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved

(Cr Greig/Cr Lamason)

That Council:

Confirms the minutes of the meeting on 19 May 2008, Report 08.284 and Report 08.285.

Matters arising

Councillor Greig thanked those who had expressed condolences on the passing of her husband, and for the donations to Te Omanga Hospice.

Regional Strategies/Policies

121 **WRC Holdings Draft Statement of Intent**

Report 08.305

File: CFO/09/02/01

Resolved

(Cr Wilson/Cr Glensor)

That Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the contents.*
3. *Receives the draft Statement of Intent of WRC Holdings Group for 2008/09.*

122 **Lake Wairarapa Wetlands – Establishment Group**

Report 08.315

File: PK/15/01/01

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Donaldson)

That Council:

1. *Receives the report and notes its contents.*
2. *Notes that a general parks network strategic plan is due for completion in mid 2009.*

3. *Recognises the establishment of the Wairarapa Moana Establishment Group, and its role in the development of a Lake Wairarapa Park.*
4. *Approves the Wairarapa Moana Establishment Group's Terms of Reference.*

Noted

Officers were asked to note in the terms of reference for the Wairarapa Moana Establishment Group:

- that the Group's objectives take into account the existing uses of the area, including its role in flood management.
- the number of representatives from each member body of the Establishment Group.

Committees

123 **Regulatory – 20 April 2008**

Report 08.283

File: E/06/26/02

Resolved

(Cr Wilde/Cr Glensor)

That Council:

Receives the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting of the Regulatory Committee held on 29 April 2008, items R 32 to R 41 inclusive.

124 **Regional Sustainability – 30 April 2008**

Report 08.286

File: E/06/32/02

Resolved

(Cr Baber/Cr Laidlaw)

That Council:

Receives the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting of the Regional Sustainability Committee held on 30 April 2008, items RS 25 to RS 35 inclusive.

125 **Catchment Management – 1 May 2008****Report 08.288**

File: E/06/27/02

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

Receives the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting of the Catchment Management Committee held on 1 May 2008, items CM 33 to CM 41 inclusive, and the public excluded minutes, item PECM 01.

126 **Transport and Access – 7 May 2008****Report 08.298**

File: E/06/29/02

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

Receives the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting of the Transport and Access Committee held on 7 May 2008, items T&A 39 to T&A 52 inclusive.

127 **Parks, Forests and Utilities – 8 May 2008****Report 08.306**

File: E/06/28/02

*Resolved**(Kirton/Glensor)**That Council:*

Receives the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting of the Parks, Forests and Utilities Committee held on 8 May 2008, items PFU 26 to PFU 37 inclusive.

128 **Finance, Evaluation and Risk – 9 May 2008****Report 08.308**

File: E/06/30/02

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

Receives the unconfirmed Minutes of the meeting of the Finance, Evaluation and Risk Committee held on 9 May 2008, items FER 28 to FER 35 inclusive.

The meeting was adjourned between 10.44 am and 11.01 am for morning tea.

Corporate

129 **2008 Local Government New Zealand National Conference and Annual General Meeting**

Report 08.300

File: E/07/07/03

Resolved

(Cr Aitken/Cr Kirton)

That Council:

1. *Approves the attendance of Councillors Judith Aitken, Peter Glensor and Fran Wilde; and the Chief Executive at the 2008 LGNZ National Conference and Annual General Meeting.*
2. *Nominates Councillor Fran Wilde as the Presiding Delegate for voting on behalf of the Council at the 2008 LGNZ Annual General Meeting.*
3. *Nominates Councillor Judith Aitken and Councillor Peter Glensor and the Chief Executive as Alternate Delegates for voting on behalf of the Council at the 2008 LGNZ Annual General Meeting if Councillor Wilde is absent from the AGM.*

130 **Proposed Establishment of a Disability Reference Group**

Report 08.322

File: E/06/02/06

Resolved

(Cr Aitken/Cr Wilson)

That Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Establishes a disability reference group for the Wellington region.*
4. *Recommends that the Chief Executive provides for the position of Disability Advisor, with the extent of the position to be reviewed after six months.*
5. *Includes \$34,000 funding for consideration in the 2008/09 Annual Plan to cover the expected cost of running a disability reference group and establishing the role of a Disability Advisor.*
6. *Adopts the proposed Terms of Reference for the Greater Wellington disability reference group as set out in attachment 1 to this report.*

7. *Appoints Cr Peter Glensor, Chair of the Transport and Access Committee to the Greater Wellington disability reference group.*
8. *Approves the payment of standard meeting fees and travel allowances for non-elected members who are appointed as members of the Greater Wellington disability reference group.*

Finance

131 Financial review for the nine months ended 31 March 2008

Report 08.321

File: G/04/01/05

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Laidlaw)

That Council:

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

132 Lower Wairarapa Valley Development Scheme – Proposed Adoption of a New Rating Classification

Report 08.328

File: WO/02/01/26

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Baber)

That Council:

1. *Adopts the amendments to the proposed rating classification recommended by the Hearings Committee.*
2. *Approves the new rating classification, including the amendments to the Bidwell and Papakowhai Trust properties, for implementation from next financial year, 2008/09, as set out in Attachment 1.*

133 Review of funding for Wairarapa Red Cross Transport Service

Report 08.329

File: T/10/03/03

Resolved

(Cr Glensor/Cr Lamason)

That Council:

1. *Receives the report.*

2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Agrees that funding of \$5 per passenger, up to a maximum of \$6,000, be made available for this service in this financial year, and for each of the next four years.*
4. *Agrees that funding may be reviewed at any time in the next four years in the event that circumstances (including the profitability of the service) change.*
5. *Requests the Chief Executive to draw up a suitable agreement covering this payment.*

General

134 **General Business**

Councillor Wilson asked about progress in appointing Ara Tahī nominees to Greater Wellington committees. He was advised by the Chair that Ara Tahī met last week, and that the nominations will be coming forward shortly for Council's consideration.

135. **Exclusion of the Public**

Report 08.327

File: E/06/01/04

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Wilson)

That Council:

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

1. *Transport and Access – 7 May 2008*
2. *Parks, Forests and Utilities – 8 May 2008*
3. *Stoney Creek wind farm development: Report on contract negotiations*
4. *Restricted Minutes of Council – 29 April 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>
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*1. Minutes –
Johnsonville
Bus/Rail
interchange.*

The information contained in this report relates to a legal agreement between parties for a new Johnsonville Bus/Rail interchange. Negotiations are still taking place. Having this part of the meeting open to the public would disadvantage Greater Wellington in commercial negotiations.

Certain portions of the information contained in this report are subject to a mutually understood obligation of confidence between Greater Wellington and the developer. Release would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information in the future. It is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied to ensure Greater Wellington is able to be fully informed.

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 these prejudices.

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 enable Greater Wellington to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities).

*2. Minutes -
Stoney Creek
wind farm
development:
Report on
contract
negotiations*

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 prior to approval by Council and the signing of the contract by both parties would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the Council in carrying on contract negotiations.

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 enable Greater Wellington to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities).

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.

3. Stoney Creek wind farm development: Report on contract negotiations

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Release of the information prior to approval by Council and the signing of the contract by both parties 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.

4. Minutes - Increase in Share Capital

Release of the information contained in this report in public proceedings of the meeting would be likely to prejudice Greater Wellington's ability to ensure that the best price for the EMUs is maintained as it would reveal its total budget for the project. The Council has not been able 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 sections 7(2)(c)(i) and 7(2)(i) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e. to enable Greater Wellington to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities).

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 enable Greater Wellington to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities).

<p><i>Minutes Matangi Electrical Multiple Units</i></p>	<p>- <i>Release of the information contained in this report in public proceedings of the meeting would be likely to prejudice Greater Wellington's ability to ensure that the best price for the EMUs is maintained as it would reveal its total budget for the project. The Council has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override this prejudice.</i></p>	<p><i>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 enable Greater Wellington to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities).</i></p>
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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 11.32 am.

Cr FH WILDE
(Chair)

Date