



**Report 10.580**

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**Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of the Wellington Regional Council for the 2010-2013 Triennium, held in the Council Chamber, Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street Wellington on Wednesday, 27 October at 10.03 am, and reconvened on Thursday, 18 November 2010 at 9.30 am**

**Wednesday 27 October 2010**

**Present**

Councillors Aitken, Brash, Bruce, Donaldson, Glensor, Greig, Laidlaw, Lamason, Ponter, Swain, Wilde, and Wilson.

**Also Present**

Stuart McCaskill and Margaret Shields (former Council chairpersons), Nick Leggett (Mayor of Porirua City), Nelson Rangi, Te Waari Carkeek, Sir Ngatata Love, Hon. Mahara Okeroa, Mark Te One, Alma Mihaere (Iwi leaders)

**Pōwhiri**

After the tangata whenua and Council staff gathered in the Council Chamber, June Jackson began the karanga and called the manuhiri (new councillors and guests) into the Chamber.

Lee Rauhina – August responded on behalf of the manuhiri.

Sam Jackson then opened with a karakia, mihi and whaikōrero on behalf of the tangata whenua, who sang the waiata *E toru ngā mea* in support.

Riki Ellison responded on behalf of the Manuhiri, who sang the waiata *E hara i te mea* in support.

David Benham, the Council's Chief Executive, welcomed both the returning and new councillors, along with their families and friends. He also thanked the Council's manawhenua iwi partners for their support. Mr Benham explained the meaning behind the Council's waiata *Tiakina mai rā* and acknowledged the writer Henare Ngaia who passed on shortly after it was gifted to the Council. Regional Council staff sung *Tiakina mai rā* in support of Mr Benham's speech.

Sam Jackson then presented the Karakia whakawātea, and then Manawhenua, Councillors, staff and guests sung the hymn *Whakaaria mai*.

The pōwhiri concluded with morning tea, taken at 10.28 am.

### **Council agenda**

Mr Benham took the Chair at 10.58 am for the start of the meeting agenda items. He explained that, under the Local Government Act 2002, as Chief Executive Officer he was required to act as Chairperson until the Council elected its Chairperson and Deputy, and the Chairperson had made their declaration and taken the Chair.

Mr Benham then thanked the tangata whenua for their presence and welcome, and greeted the newly elected Councillors, families, and friends, distinguished guests, and the public.

#### **001 Apologies**

Mr Benham notified the Council of Councillor McPhee's apology for absence.

#### **002 Declaration by Councillors**

##### **Report 10.581**

File: E/09/17/05

In the presence of the Chief Executive, Councillors came forward in groups of two to make the following declaration:

*We, Judith Estranna Aitken and Jennifer Sylvia Brash, Paul Everard Bruce and Barbara Helen Donaldson, Peter Edwin Glensor and Sandra Vanessa Greig, Christopher Laidlaw and Prudence Mary Lamason, Daran Mark Ponter and Paul Desmond Swain, and Frances Helen Wilde and Nigel Wilson declare that we will faithfully and impartially, and according to the best of our skill and judgment, execute and perform, in the best interests of the Wellington Region, the powers, authorities, and duties vested in, or imposed upon us, as members of the Wellington Regional Council by virtue of the Local Government Act 2002, the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, or any other Act.*

003 **Election of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson**

**(1) Procedure to elect the Council Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson**

**Report 10.582**

File: E/09/17/05

*Moved*

*(Cr Lamason/Cr Laidlaw)*

*That Council:*

1. *Chooses voting system A (election by the majority of members) for the election of the Council Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson.*
2. *Agrees that, in the event of a tie under voting system (A), the candidate to be excluded from the next round of voting shall be resolved by lot as described in section 3.1 of this report.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

**(2) Election of Chairperson**

Mr Benham then called for nominations for the position of chairperson of the Greater Wellington Regional Council.

*Councillor Wilde was nominated by Councillor Wilson and seconded by Councillor Glensor.*

There being no further nominations, Councillor Wilde was declared the elected chairperson of the Greater Wellington Regional Council.

**(3) Declaration by Newly-elected Chairperson**

**Report 10.583**

File: E/09/17/05

In the presence of the Chief Executive, the newly-elected Chairperson made the following declaration:

*I, Frances Helen Wilde, declare that I will faithfully and impartially, and according to the best of my skill and judgment, execute and perform, in the best interests of the Wellington region, the powers, authorities, and duties vested in, or imposed upon, me as the chairperson of the Wellington Regional Council by virtue of the Local Government Act 2002, the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, or any other Act.*

**(4) Newly-elected Chairperson takes the Chair**

Councillor Wilde took the Chair. She welcomed all present to the meeting, then thanked her fellow councillors for again entrusting her with the role of Chair. Councillor Wilde went on to outline her perception of the issues which would face the Council over the next triennium, and her thoughts on how they might be addressed.

**(5) Election of Deputy Chairperson**

Councillor Wilde then called for nominations for the position of Deputy Chairperson of the Wellington Regional Council.

*Councillor Glensor was nominated by Councillor Bruce and seconded by Councillor Lamason.*

There being no further nominations, Councillor Glensor was declared the elected Deputy Chairperson of the Greater Wellington Regional Council.

**004 Laws affecting Councillors**

**Report 10.584**

File: E/09/17/05

Francis Ryan, Manager Democratic Services, introduced the report.

*Moved*

*(Cr Lamason/Cr Wilson)*

*That Council:*

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes its contents.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

**005 Attendance at Local Government New Zealand Zone 4 meeting (non-agenda item)**

*Moved*

*(Cr Donaldson/Cr Wilson)*

*That Council appoints Councillors Wilde and Glensor as its representatives at the Local Government New Zealand Zone 4 meeting on Monday 1 November 2010.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

**006 Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11.26 am until 18 November 2010 at 9.30 am.

## Thursday, 18 November 2010

### Present

Councillors Aitken, Brash, Bruce, Donaldson, Glensor, Greig, Laidlaw, Lamason, McPhee, Ponter, Swain, Wilde and Wilson

On behalf of the Council and officers, the Chair offered her condolences to Cr Donaldson who had suffered a family bereavement. The waiata *Tūtira Mai Ngā Iwi* was sung.

#### 007 Apologies

There were no apologies.

#### 008 Conflict of Interest declarations

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

### Governance matters

#### 009 Declaration by Councillor

##### Report 10.581

File: E/09/17/05

In the presence of the Chief Executive, Councillor McPhee came forward to make the following declaration:

*I, Gary Hamilton McPhee, declare that I will faithfully and impartially, and according to the best of my skill and judgment, execute and perform, in the best interests of the Wellington Region, the powers, authorities, and duties vested in, or imposed upon me, as a member of the Wellington Regional Council by virtue of the Local Government Act 2002, the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, or any other Act.*

#### 010 Proposed committee structure for the 2010-2013 triennium

##### Report 10.613

File: E/09/17/05

*Moved*

*(Cr Wilde/Cr Wilson)*

*That Council:*

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes its contents.*

3. *Adopts the committee and advisory group structure as outlined in Attachment 1 to this report.*
4. *Agrees that the terms of reference for Te Upoko Taiao – Natural Resource Plan Committee established in the previous triennium continue for the next meeting of the Te Upoko Taiao – Natural Resource Plan Committee subject to an amendment to enable a Councillor member who is not the Chair of the Council to be appointed as the Councillor Co-Chair of the Committee.*
5. *Adopts the terms of reference for the Regional Transport Committee as set out in Attachment 2 to this report.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

#### 011 **Councillor appointments**

##### **Report 10.610**

File: E/09/17/05

*Moved*

*(Cr Wilde/Cr Wilson)*

*That Council makes appointments as set out in Attachment 1 to this report.*

*Moved as an amendment*

*(Cr Donaldson/Cr Lamason)*

*That Council appoints Councillor Aitken to the Social and Cultural Wellbeing Committee.*

The amendment was **CARRIED** and became of the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was then **CARRIED**.

#### 012 **Appointment of directors to the Council's companies**

##### **Report 10.620**

File: M/30/08/01

*Moved*

*(Cr Donaldson/Cr Greig)*

*That Council:*

1. *Amends its policy on the appointment and remuneration of directors of council organisations to:*
  - a. *Allow for the Chairperson of WRC Holdings Limited to receive Director fees.*
  - b. *Remove the requirement that the Chairperson of the Council be Chairperson of the WRC Holdings Group of companies.*

2. *As sole shareholder of WRC Holdings Limited resolves, as a special resolution by way of the written resolutions contained within Attachment 2, to authorise the payment of a Director fee of \$19,000 per annum to the Chairperson of WRC Holdings Limited.*
3. *As sole shareholder of WRC Holdings Limited resolves as a special resolution by way of the written resolutions contained within Attachment 2 to appoint and remove WRC Holdings Limited's Directors.*
4. *Consents to WRC Holdings Limited, as the sole shareholder of Port Investments Limited, Pringle House Limited, Greater Wellington Infrastructure Limited, Greater Wellington Rail Limited, and Greater Wellington Transport Limited, passing its shareholder resolutions to appoint and remove the Directors set out in Attachment 2.*
5. *Requests that the Chair of the Council confirms this consent in writing to WRC Holdings Limited.*
6. *Authorises the Chief Financial Officer to affix the Council's Common Seal to the resolutions of the sole shareholder (Attachment 2).*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

#### 013 **Appointment to the Regional Transport Committee**

##### **Report 10.614**

File: E/09/17/05

*Moved*

*(Cr Glensor/Cr Lamason)*

*That Council:*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Resolves to appoint the following to the Regional Transport Committee as territorial authority representatives:*

<b><i>Territorial Authority</i></b>	<b><i>Appointee</i></b>	<b><i>Alternate</i></b>
<i>Carterton District Council</i>	<i>Mayor Ron Mark</i>	<i>Cr Barbara Durbin</i>
<i>Hutt City Council</i>	<i>Mayor Ray Wallace</i>	<i>Cr Roger Styles</i>
<i>Kapiti Coast District Council</i>	<i>Mayor Jenny Rowan</i>	<i>Cr Tony Lester</i>
<i>Masterton District Council</i>	<i>Mayor Garry Daniell</i>	<i>Cr Gary Caffell</i>
<i>Porirua City Council</i>	<i>Mayor Nick Leggett</i>	-
<i>South Wairarapa District Council</i>	<i>Mayor Adrienne Staples</i>	<i>Cr Vivien Napier</i>
<i>Upper Hutt City Council</i>	<i>Mayor Wayne Guppy</i>	<i>Cr Peter McCardle</i>
<i>Wellington City Council</i>	<i>Mayor Celia Wade-Brown</i>	<i>Cr Andy Foster</i>

4. *Resolves to appoint Jenny Chetwynd to represent the New Zealand Transport Agency on the Committee, and to appoint Lyndon Hammond as Ms Chetwynd's alternate on the Committee.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

014 **Appointment of local government members to the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee**

**Report 10.611**

File: E/09/17/05

*Moved*

*(Cr Wilde/Cr Aitken)*

*That Council:*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Resolves to appoint the following to the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee as local government members:*



<i><b>Territorial Authority</b></i>	<i><b>Appointee</b></i>	<i><b>Alternate</b></i>
<i><b>Carterton District Council, Masterton District Council, and South Wairarapa District Council</b></i>	<i><b>Mayor Adrienne Staples (South Wairarapa District Council)</b></i>	<i><b>Mayor Garry Daniell (Masterton District Council)</b></i>
<i>Hutt City Council</i>	<i>Mayor Ray Wallace</i>	<i>Cr David Bassett</i>
<i>Kapiti Coast District Council</i>	<i>Mayor Jenny Rowan</i>	<i>Cr Roger Booth</i>
<i>Porirua City Council</i>	<i>Mayor Nick Leggett</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>Upper Hutt City Council</i>	<i>Mayor Wayne Guppy</i>	<i>Cr Peter McCardle</i>
<i>Wellington City Council</i>	<i>Mayor Celia Wade - Brown</i>	<i>Cr Ian McKinnon</i>

~~4. Notes that the nomination of a person to represent the interests of the Wairarapa has yet to be confirmed.~~

The motion was **CARRIED**.

The text in bold was added during the consideration of the item and the struck-through text deleted.

## 015 **Remuneration of elected members**

### **Report 10.615**

File E/05/02/03

*Moved*

*(Cr Wilde/Cr Glensor)*

*That Council:*

1. *Adopts the remuneration arrangements, detailed in Attachment 1 of this report.*
2. *Adopts the Policy on Elected Members' Allowances and Expenses, detailed in Attachment 2 of this report.*
3. *Approves the Sensitive Expenditure Policy (Elected Members), detailed in Attachment 3 of this report*
4. *Notes that the remuneration arrangements and Policy on Elected Members' Allowances and Expenses are subject to approval by the Remuneration Authority.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

016 **Proposed meeting schedule for the remainder of 2010**

**Report 10.609**

File: E/06/02/02

*Moved*

*(Cr Lamason/Cr Greig)*

*That Council adopts the meeting schedule outlined in the attachment to this report.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

017 **Submission – Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Bill**

**Report 10.617**

File: Z/01/04/01

*Moved*

*(Cr Ponter/Cr Aitken)*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Approves the attached submission.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

The meeting was adjourned between 10.21 am and 10.37 am for morning tea.

018 **Regional Pest Management Strategy: Operational Plan Report 2009/10**

**Report 10.600**

File: WB/01/11/01

*Moved*

*(Cr Greig/Cr Donaldson)*

*That Council:*

1. *Approves the proposed Operational Plan Report 2009/10 (Attachment 1) for the Regional Pest Management Strategy 2002-2022.*
2. *Notes that a copy of the Annual Report will be forwarded to the relevant Ministers.*
3. *Notes that the Annual Report will be made available for public inspection.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

019 **Financial report for the three months ended 30 September 2010**

**Report 10.599**

File: CFO/13/02/01

*Moved*

*(Cr Aitken/Cr Laidlaw)*

*That Council:*

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

The motion was **CARRIED**.

020 **Exclusion of the public**

**Report 10.619**

File: E/06/01/04

*Moved*

*(Cr Wilde/Cr Glensor)*

*That Council*

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

*Appointment of objective and cultural interest members to the Regional Transport Committee*

*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:*

<b><i>General subject of the matter to be considered</i></b>	<b><i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter</i></b>	<b><i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i></b>
<i>Appointment of objective and cultural interest members to the Regional Transport Committee</i>	<i>The information contained in this report relates to the appointment of objective and cultural interest members to the Regional Transport Committee. Release of this information would prejudice their privacy by disclosing the fact that they are being considered, and have expressed interest, in</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 section 7(2)(a) of the Local Government Official</i>

*becoming members of the Regional Information and Meetings Act  
Transport Committee. Greater 1987 (i.e. to protect the  
Wellington has not been able to privacy of natural persons).  
identify a public interest favouring  
disclosure of this particular  
information in public proceedings  
of the meeting that would override  
their privacy.*

*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 motion was **CARRIED**.

The public part of the meeting closed at 11.14 am.

Cr F H Wilde

(Chair)

Date: