



Report 15.623

9/12/2015

File: CCAB-8-355

Confirmed Public minutes of the Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council, Shed 39, 2 Fryatt Quay, Pipitea, Wellington, on Wednesday, 9 December 2015 at 9.35am

Present

Councillors Laidlaw (Chair), Aitken, Brash, Bruce, Donaldson, Greig, Kedgley, McPhee, Laban, Lamason, Swain, Wilde, and Wilson (from 9.39am).

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved

(Cr Laidlaw/ Cr Aitken)

That Council accepts the apology for lateness for Councillor Wilson.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

2 Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

3 Public Participation

Councillor Donaldson presented a petition of 930 people against aerial spraying in Queen Elizabeth Park that stated the following:

“Immediately put a stop to aerial spraying of harmful herbicides in Queen Elizabeth Park, publicly owned, leased land. The herbicides used are: glyphosate (roundup), metsalfuron, picloram, 2,4-D and triclopyr, and is rendering the park lifeless and barren.”

Nina Atkinson and Victor Konarovsky of Generation Zero presented a petition of 2022 people on keeping the Wellington Trolley Buses that stated the following:

“To: Councillor Paul Swain, Chair of the Wellington Regional Transport Committee, Keep Our Buses Clean: We don’t want to see Wellington’s trolley buses ditched for outdated diesel buses. We call on you to start Wellington’s transition to cleaner, more attractive public transport, and find a better solution for our buses than diesel. We support keeping the trolley buses in action until we can shift directly to other clean transport options such as electric buses or modern trams.”

4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of 4 November 2015 and the Public Excluded minutes of 4 November 2015

Moved

(Cr Aitken/ Cr Wilson)

That the Council confirms the public minutes of 4 November 2015, Report 15.554 and the public excluded minutes of 4 November 2015, Report PE15.555.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Strategy/Policy/Major Issues

5 Hutt River City Centre Upgrade Project – Preferred Option

Report 15.602

File: CCAB-8-331

Graeme Campbell, Manager, Flood Protection, spoke to the report.

Moved

(Cr Greig/ Cr Lamason)

That the Council:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content of the report.*
- 3. Authorises the Chief Executive to proceed with the preliminary design, costing and implementation timelines to be prepared for Option A.*
- 4. Requests the Chief Executive to prepare a land purchase strategy and then enter into discussions with any affected land owners who offer to sell.*
- 5. Notes that approval to purchase land will be sought from Council once negotiations are complete - on a case by case basis.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Noted: Councillors commended officers for their work on this project to date.

6 **Variation to the Wellington Regional Land Transport Plan 2015: Sealing and widening of the Hutt River Trail**

Report 15.578

File: TP/01/18/17

Moved

(Cr Swain/ Cr Lamason)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Agrees to adopt the variation to the Wellington Regional Land Transport Plan 2015 as set out in Attachment 1.*
4. *Agrees to forward the variation to the Regional Land Transport Plan 2015 to the NZ Transport Agency, requesting it be included in the National Land Transport Programme.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

7 **Dissolution of Pringle House Limited – distribution of assets**

Report 15.589

File: CCAB-8-299

Moved

(Cr Wilde/ Cr Lamason)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Consents, as sole shareholder of WRC Holdings Limited, to the board of WRC Holdings Limited resolving to pass a special shareholder resolution of Pringle House Limited to approve the major and significant transactions of Pringle House Limited repaying its debt to WRC Holdings Limited and distributing its surplus assets as a dividend to WRC Holdings Limited, as set out in Attachment 1.*
4. *Authorises the Council Chair to execute the attached shareholder consent for delivery to WRC Holdings Limited.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

8 **Electric car infrastructure in the Wellington Region**

Report 15.608

File: CCAB-8-334

Councillor Swain, Chair of the Sustainable Transport Committee, spoke to the report.

Moved

(Cr Swain/ Cr Kedgley)

That the Council:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content of the report.*
- 3. Requests that officers convene a working group consisting of representatives of councils in the region, the Wellington Electricity company, Drive Electric, Charge Net and any other company or organisation with an interest in electric car infrastructure, to promote the installation of a network of fast charging stations for electric vehicles in the Wellington region, so that electric car drivers have the freedom and range to go anywhere they want in the Wellington region.*
- 4. Demonstrates its leadership on electric vehicles by undertaking to replace existing vehicles with electric vehicles when there are sufficient charging stations in place in the region, and suitable vehicles available, and requests that the Chief Executive provides a report to Council on the options for replacing its existing car fleet with electric vehicles by March 2016.*
- 5. Notes the proposal to coordinate a symposium on electric vehicles in the new year, hosted by Greater Wellington Regional Council to bring together key stakeholders and map out a future direction.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Committees and Meetings

9 **Report on the Finance, Risk and Assurance Committee meeting, 24 November 2015**

Report 15.583

File: CCAB-8-297

Moved

(Cr Aitken/ Cr Laidlaw)

That the Council:

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

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Noted: The Committee recorded its thanks to officers for the work done, and advice provided, in preparing for the implementation of the new health and safety legislation.

10 **Exclusion of the public**

Report 15.614

Moved

(Cr Laidlaw/ Cr Brash)

That the Council:

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

- 1. Property Purchase – South Wairarapa*
- 2. Disposal of Property – Waterloo*
- 3. Property Agreements – Waikanae*

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(the Act) 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 matter</i>	<i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
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| <i>1. Property Purchase - South Wairarapa</i> | <i>The information contained in this report relates to a proposed offer to acquire property interests. The report outlines terms of the proposed acquisition offer which is still subject to negotiation and acceptance. Having this part of the meeting open to the public would disadvantage GWRC if further negotiations were to take place as it would reveal GWRC's negotiation strategy. GWRC 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> | <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)(i) of the Act (i.e to enable GWRC to carry out without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations).</i> |
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2. *Disposal of Property-Waterloo* *The information contained in this report relates to a property disposal and contains details of an assessment of the current market value of the property for purposes of sale. It is proposed to dispose of the property on the open market and this part of the meeting being open to the public would disadvantage GWRC in respect to revealing GWRC's expectations in respect of the sale price. GWRC 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 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)(i) of the Act (i.e to enable GWRC to carry out without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations).*
3. *Property agreements – Waikanae* *The information contained in this report relates to land purchase and land exchange agreements. The agreements are not unconditional. The report outlines terms of the proposed purchase and exchange. Having this part of the meeting open to the public would disadvantage GWRC if further negotiations were to take place as it would reveal GWRC negotiation strategy. GWRC 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 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)(i) of the Act (i.e to enable GWRC to carry out without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations).*

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1) of the Act 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 10.36am.

Cr C Laidlaw
(Chair)

Date: