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REGIONAL COUNCIL

Te Pane Matua Taiao

Please note these minutes remain unconfirmed until the Council meeting on 27 February 2020.

Report 19.538

Public minutes of the Council meeting on Thursday 12 December 2019

Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council
Level 2, 15 Walter Street, Te Aro, Wellington at 8.31am.

Members Present

Councillor Ponter (Chair)
Councillor Blakeley
Councillor Brash (from 9.23am)
Councillor Connelly
Councillor Gaylor (from 8.36am)
Councillor Hughes
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand
Councillor Laban
Councillor Lamason
Councillor Lee
Councillor Nash
Councillor Staples
Councillor van Lier

Public Business

1. Minute of silence for Whakaari/White Island event

The Chair acknowledged the events at Whakaari/White Island and a minute of silence was observed.

2. Apologies

Moved: Cr Staples / Cr Hughes

That the Council accepts the apologies for lateness from Cr Brash and Cr Gaylor.

The motion was **carried**.

3. Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

4. Public participation

Marian Horan spoke to item 7 - Bus Network Review findings – Wellington City.

Chris Horne spoke to item 7- Bus Network Review Findings – Wellington City, and tabled a document in support of his presentation

Mike Mellor spoke to item 6 - Joint programme to improve the reliability of travel times for buses and Bus; and item 7 - Bus Network Review Findings – Wellington City. Mr Mellor made a personal presentation and also spoke on behalf of Living Street Aotearoa. A document was tabled in support of each presentation.

Noted: Cr Gaylor arrived at 8.36am, during public participation.

5. Confirmation of the public minutes of 30 October 2019 and reconvened 20 November 2019 – report 19.480

Moved: Cr Lamason / Cr Blakeley

That the Council confirms the Public minutes of the Council meeting of 30 October 2019 and reconvened 20 November 2019 – Report 19.480.

The motion was **carried**.

Strategy/ Policy/ Major Issues

6. Funding and partnering for the next phase of Let's Get Wellington Moving – Report 19.485

Updated report recommendations were tabled.

Harriet Shelton, Manager, Regional Transport Planning, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Blakeley / Cr Gaylor

That the Council:

- 1 Notes progress to date on the Let's Get Wellington Moving (LGWM) programme.
- 2 Notes that the existing LGWM work programme includes further business case investigations that, when complete, will allow LGWM to review and recommend to the LGWM partners the optimal sequencing and options for the future LGWM components.
- 3 Agrees that the LGWM City Streets work package will deliver the joint Wellington City Council/Greater Wellington Regional Council bus priority action plan to expedite improvements and maximise funding

opportunities, noting that this approach has been endorsed by the LGWM Board.

- 4 Notes the interim funding splits agreed by Council in June 2019.
- 5 Approves the LGWM Relationship and Funding Agreement (Attachment 1), which provides the basis of the next phase of the programme (business cases and quick-win capital works).
- 6 Agrees to the additional funding for the LGWM programme in 2019/20 as outlined in paragraphs 64 and 65 of this report.
- 7 Agrees to include additional funding, outlined in paragraphs 64 and 65 of this report, as part of the 2020/21 Annual Plan process.
- 8 Agrees to debt fund Greater Wellington's contribution to the LGWM programme over a 10 year period.
- 9 Agrees that Councillor Daran Ponter and Councillor Roger Blakeley will be Council's representatives, and that Councillor Josh van Lier will be Council observer, on the LGWM Governance Reference Group for the 2019-2022 triennium.
- 10 Notes that the final Terms of Reference for the LGWM Governance Reference Group, including how the interface between the reference group and the board will be managed, will be provided to Council in early 2020.
- 11 Requests that LGWM engage with mana whenua to understand how they would like to be involved as partners for the next phase of LGWM and agree this includes (but is not limited to) offering mana whenua seats on the LGWM Governance Reference Group.
- 12 Notes that key decisions in relation to the packages of work within the LGWM programme will come back to Council for approval and that regular sessions will be held to provide Council with updates on the programme progress.
- 13 Delegates to the Chair and Chief Executive the authority to approve any minor amendments, including the addition of a Council observer on the LGWM Governance Reference Group and any change required to later enable mana whenua representation, and sign the LGWM Relationship and Funding Agreement (Attachment 1), on behalf of Council.

The motion was **carried**.

7. Joint programme to improve the reliability of travel times for buses – Report19.486

Harrier Shelton, Manager, Regional Transport Planning, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Blakeley / Cr Staples

That the Council:

- 1 Notes the collaborative approach and process between the Wellington City Council, Greater Wellington Regional Council and the NZ Transport Agency to develop the draft Bus Priority Action Plan.
- 2 Endorses the direction of the draft Bus Priority Action Plan)Attachment 1) provided that
 - a. The following parts of the Seatoun to City corridor are reconsidered in the Indicative Business Case to be re-prioritised as Category A: Miramar to Kilbirnie and Kilbirnie to Hataitai; and
 - b. Early consideration is given to dedicated bus lanes with T3 multi-user opportunities, where possible.
- 3 Notes that in order to access government funding, the Let's Get Wellington Moving City Streets package will deliver the bus priority works.
- 4 Notes that the Council will receive an update and consider the full Let's Get Wellington Moving City Streets package, including bus prioritisation, following the engagement planned for early 2020 and that this will form the basis of future reporting.
- 5 Notes that the findings and recommendations from the Bus Network Review (Wellington city) will be considered as part of the detailed investigation, engagement and development of the Let's Get Wellington Moving City Streets package.
- 6 Notes that approval for the infrastructure changes proposed as a result of detailed investigation and engagement will be considered by the Wellington City Council through the standard traffic resolution process.
- 7 Requests officers to urgently consider opportunities to speed up the delivery of the bus priority programme, and in particular the delivery of bus lanes.

The motion was **carried**.

8. Bus Network Review Findings – Wellington City – Report 19.501

Wayne Hastie, General Manager. Strategic Programmes, introduced the report.

Moved: Cr Blakeley / Cr Hughes

That the Council:

- 1 Acknowledges that some of the 2018 bus network changes have had a significant and adverse impact on many Metlink customers; notwithstanding the benefits for other customers.
- 2 Agrees that the changes proposed to the network design in this report can remove transfers and improve access to key destinations; improve network operation and reliability; meet specific community and customer needs; provide for current and future demand; and improve customer experience and engagement.
- 3 Notes that some changes proposed will require trade-offs such as reduced frequency for a direct service.

- 4 Notes that the actions have been developed taking into account the resources expected to be available over the next 3 years, such as bus drivers and vehicles.
- 5 Notes that funding required in the 2019/20 financial year to implement the identified short-term actions will be met from the public transport budget.
- 6 Endorses the recommendations from the review and the associated actions set out in Attachment 1 to this report.
- 7 Agrees to budget for the funding necessary to implement the actions identified for future years as part of the Annual Plan/Long-term Plan development.
- 8 Notes that approval will be required from the NZ Transport Agency.
- 9 Notes that the medium and long term actions will be incorporated into the future work plan for public transport.
- 10 Notes that a number of bus operational issues will not be solved by network changes alone. Changes proposed in the draft Bus Priority Action Plan will help restore trust in bus transport, particularly amongst bus commuters, by helping to make routes more reliable.

The motion was **carried**.

Governance

9. Committee and advisory body terms of reference and delegations for the 2019-22 triennium – Report 19.504

Cr Ponter spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Connelly / Cr Nash

That the Council adopts the committee and advisory body terms of reference for the 2019-22 triennium, as detailed in Attachment 1 to this report.

The motion was **carried**.

Noted: Cr Brash arrived at 9.23am during the introduction of the report.

10. Proposed meeting schedule for the 2020 calendar year – Report 19.498

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

Moved: Cr Gaylor / Cr Brash

That the Council:

- 1 Adopts the meeting schedule for Council and committees for the 2020 calendar year as outlined in Attachment 1 - Proposed meeting schedule for 2020 calendar year.

- 2 Notes that the schedule does not include meetings of advisory bodies or external organisations to which Councillors have been appointed.
- 3 Authorises the Kaiwhakahaere Matua/Manager, Democratic Services to circulate the adopted meeting schedule to key stakeholders and to modify the meeting schedule as, and when, required.

The motion was **carried**.

11. Further appointments to committees and advisory groups – Report 19.499

Francis Ryan, Manager, Democratic Services, spoke to the report. Mr Ryan presented Council with an updated recommendation for the appointment to the Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee.

Moved: Cr Brash/ Cr Kirk-Burnnand

That the Council:

- 1 Appoints to the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee:
 - a Mayor Campbell Barry to represent Hutt City Council, and Councillor Deborah Hislop as alternate
 - b Mayor K Gurunathan to represent Kāpiti Coast District Council, and Deputy Mayor Janet Holborow as alternate
 - c Mayor Anita Baker to represent Porirua City Council, and Councillor Euon Murrell as alternate
 - d Mayor Wayne Guppy to represent Upper Hutt City Council, and Deputy Mayor Hellen Swales as alternate
 - e Mayor Lyn Patterson to represent the three Wairarapa district councils, and Mayor Greg Lang as alternate
 - f Mayor Andy Foster, Deputy Mayor Sarah Free, Councillor Diane Calvert and Councillor Jenny Condie to represent Wellington City Council.
- 2 Appoints to the Regional Transport Committee David Gordon as an advisory member to represent KiwiRail, and Helen Rogers as alternate.
- 3 Appoints to the Hutt Valley Flood Management Subcommittee:
 - a Deputy Mayor Tui Lewis and Councillor Simon Edwards to represent Hutt City Council.
 - b Mayor Wayne Guppy and Councillor Dave Wheeler to represent Upper Hutt City Council.
- 4 Notes that Hutt City Council's appointments to the Hutt Valley Flood Management Subcommittee are subject to confirmation by Hutt City Council at its meeting on 10 December 2019.
- 5 Notes that Upper Hutt City Council's nominees to the Hutt Valley Flood Management Subcommittee are subject to confirmation by Upper Hutt City Council at its meeting on 18 December 2019.
- 6 Appoints Deputy Mayor Garrick Emms to the Lower Ruamahanga Valley Floodplain Management Advisory Committee to represent South Wairarapa District Council.

- 7 Appoints Councillor Roger Blakeley to the Wellington Regional Healthy Housing Steering Group to represent Greater Wellington Regional Council.
- 8 Replaces Deputy Mayor Tui Lewis with Councillor Brady Dyer as the alternate member for Hutt City Council on the Regional Transport Committee.
- 9 Replaces Deputy Mayor Janet Holborow with Councillor James Cootes as alternate for Kāpiti Coast District Council on the Regional Transport Committee.
- 10 Replaces Councillor Tamatha Paul with Councillor Sean Rush as the representative for Wellington City Council on the Whaitua-Te-Whanganui-a-Tara Committee.
- 11 Appoints Councillor Brian Deller to the Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee to represent Carterton District Council, and notes that this is subject to confirmation by Carterton District Council at its meeting on 18 December 2019.

The motion was **carried**.

12. Establishment of Upper Ruamāhanga River Management Advisory Committee – Report 19.519

Wayne O'Donnell, General Manager, Catchment Management, introduced the report. Graeme Campbell – Manager, Flood Protection, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Staples / Cr Lamason

That the Council:

- 1 Establishes the Upper Ruamahanga River Management Advisory Committee.
- 2 Adopts the Terms of Reference for the Upper Ruamahanga River Management Advisory Committee as set out in Attachment 1.

The motion was **carried**.

13. WRC Holdings Limited – Statement of Expectations for 2020/21 – Report 19.526

Samantha Gain, General Manager, Corporate Services, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Brash / Cr Blakeley

That the Council:

- 1 Provides feedback on the draft statement of expectations (Attachment 1), noting that the relationship with mana whenua is a matter of priority for Greater Wellington Regional Council.
- 2 Authorises the Council Chair to make changes to finalise the statement of expectations and send it to WRC Holdings Limited.

The motion was **carried**.

14. Wellington Regional Stadium Trust – Statement of Expectations for 2020/21 – Report 19.525

Samantha Gain, General Manager, Corporate Services, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Hughes / Cr Lamason

That the Council:

- 1 Provides feedback on the draft statement of expectations (Attachment 1), noting that the relationship with mana whenua is a matter of priority for Greater Wellington Regional Council.
- 2 Authorises the Council Chair to make changes to finalise the statement of expectations and send it to the Wellington Regional Stadium Trust.

The motion was **carried**.

Corporate

15. Health, Safety and Wellbeing update – Report 19.522 [For Information]

Nigel Corry, General Manager, People and Customer, introduced the report.

Julie Barber, Manager, Health and Safety, spoke to the report.

The meeting adjourned at 10.06am and resumed at 10.24am.

Resolution to exclude the public

16. Resolution to exclude the public – Report 19.511

Moved: Cr Blakeley / Cr Staples

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

Confirmation of the public excluded minutes of the reconvened Council meeting on 20 November 2019

Appointment of directors to the Wellington Regional Economic Development Agency

Variation to property agreement - Belmont

Future fleet.

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:

Confirmation of the public excluded minutes of the reconvened Council meeting on 20 November 2019	
<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i>	<i>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
Information contained in these minutes relates to payments to Snapper Services Limited. Release of this information would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the ability of Greater Wellington to carry on negotiations with Snapper Services Limited. 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 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).
Appointment of directors to the Wellington Regional Economic Development Agency	
<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i>	<i>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
Information contained in this report includes personal and identifying information about proposed candidates. Release of this information prior to the respective councils' decisions is likely to prejudice the privacy of natural persons. 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 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).

Variation to property agreement - Belmont	
<i>Reason 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 relates to a proposed contractual arrangement regarding land owned by Greater Wellington. The report outlines the terms of a proposed agreement, including details of the commercial terms. Having this part of the meeting open to the public would disadvantage Greater Wellington in that it would reveal Greater Wellington's expectations as to the final terms and conditions that would be acceptable to Greater Wellington. 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 this prejudice.</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).</p>
Future fleet	
<i>Reason 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 this report relates to negotiations with NZ Bus and Tranzurban. Release of this information would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the ability of Greater Wellington to carry on negotiations with NZ Bus and Tranzurban. 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).</p>

The motion was **carried**.

Noted: After the conclusion of the adjournment Councillors Brash, Connelly, Gaylor, Kirk-Burnnand and Lee did not return to the meeting until the public excluded part of the meeting and were not present for the vote of the above item.

The public part of the meeting closed at 10.24am.

Cr D Ponter
(Chair)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D Ponter', written in a cursive style.

Date:

27/2/2020

