

**ORDINARY MEETING**

**OF**

**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**Time:** 9.15am  
**Date:** Thursday, 27 November 2014  
**Venue:** Committee Room 1  
Ground Floor, Council Offices  
101 Wakefield Street  
Wellington

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**PRESENT**

Mayor Wade-Brown  
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer  
Councillor Foster  
Councillor Free  
Councillor Lee  
Councillor Pannett (Chair)  
Councillor Ritchie  
Councillor Sparrow



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## **1 Meeting Conduct**

### **1.1 Apologies**

**Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Foster**

**Resolved**

That the Environment Committee:

Accept the apology for lateness received from Mayor Wade-Brown.

**Carried**

### **1.2 Conflict of Interest Declarations**

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

### **1.3 Confirmation of Minutes**

There were no confirmation of minutes.

### **1.4 Public Participation**

#### **1.4.1 Duncan Mackay**

Duncan Mackay addressed the Environment Committee on his South Coast Bach.

#### **1.4.2 Barry Insull**

Barry Insull addressed the Environment Committee on his South Coast Bach.

#### **1.4.3 Bev Abbott**

Bev Abbott addressed the Environment Committee on the Children's Garden and territorial responsibilities for management of biodiversity on land.

### **1.5 Items not on the Agenda**

There were no items not on the agenda.

(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer entered the meeting at 09.23 am.)

(Councillor Ritchie entered the meeting at 09:25 am.)

(Mayor Wade-Brown entered the meeting at 09.48 am.)

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## **3. Policy**

(Councillor Foster left the meeting at 10:08 am.)

(Councillor Foster returned to the meeting at 10.16 am.)

(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer left the meeting at 10:34 am.)

(The meeting adjourned at 10.36am for morning tea)

(The meeting reconvened at 10.46am)

(Councillors Foster, Pannett, Ahipene-Mercer, Lee, Free and Sparrow and Mayor Wade-Brown were present when the meeting reconvened)

(Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 10.49 am.)

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 10:50 am.)

(Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 10:52 am.)

### 5.1 Island Bay Seawall Oral Hearings

**Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Ritchie**

#### **Resolved**

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receive the oral submissions.

**Carried**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Name and Organisation</b>	<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Comment</b>
10:45am	John Robinson	51	Tabled information
10:50am	Ron Waters	182	
10:55am	Marnie Woodd	271	Rescheduled to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec
10:55am	Dan Neely	366	
11:00am	Ifor Owen	424	

#### **Attachments**

- 1 John Robinson - tabled information

### 3.1 WCC Feedback on Greater Wellingtons Draft Natural Resources Plan

**Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Free**

#### **Recommendations**

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Agree to make a submission on Greater Wellington's draft Natural Resources Plan as set out in Attachment 1.
3. Note that officers will continue discussions with Greater Wellington Regional Council officers and seek changes to the draft Natural Resources Plan consistent with Council's submission.

**Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Mayor Wade-Brown, the following amendment:**

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Agree to make a submission on Greater Wellington's draft Natural Resources Plan as

set out in Attachment 1 amended to reflect the discussions at the committee notably;

- a. **Make clear Council wants to be involved in the Whaitua Committees.**
  - b. **Request that the “Wellington Harbour” Whaitua be renamed “Wellington Harbour and South Coast” Whaitua**
  - c. **Make clear that while we note that the Kaiwharawhara Stream mouth is modified, Council wants to embrace the landscape and ecological values of the Kaiwharawhara Stream mouth.**
  - d. **Work with Greater Wellington Regional Council to refine the approach to managing streams and ephemeral streams in areas where development is being considered to develop a strategic framework such that some streams could have a higher level of planning protection than others depending on their respective environmental importance**
  - e. **Evaluate which sites should be considered sites of significance**
  - f. **Challenge the timeframes for seeking new discharge consents noting that Wellington City has only just obtained new global consents.**
3. Note that officers will continue discussions with Greater Wellington Regional Council officers and seek changes to the draft Natural Resources Plan consistent with Council’s submission.

**Carried**

### **Resolved**

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Agree to make a submission on Greater Wellington’s draft Natural Resources Plan as set out in Attachment 1 amended to reflect the discussions at the committee notably;
  - a. Make clear Council wants to be involved in the Whaitua Committees.
  - b. Request that the “Wellington Harbour” Whaitua be renamed “Wellington Harbour and South Coast” Whaitua
  - c. Make clear that while we note that the Kaiwharawhara Stream mouth is modified, Council wants to embrace the landscape and ecological values of the Kaiwharawhara Stream mouth.
  - d. Work with Greater Wellington Regional Council to refine the approach to managing streams and ephemeral streams in areas where development is being considered to develop a strategic framework such that some streams could have a higher level of planning protection than others depending on their respective environmental importance
  - e. Evaluate which sites should be considered sites of significance
  - f. Challenge the timeframes for seeking new discharge consents noting that Wellington City has only just obtained new global consents.
3. Note that officers will continue discussions with Greater Wellington Regional Council officers and seek changes to the draft Natural Resources Plan consistent with Council’s submission.

**Carried**

### **3.2 Amendments to the Trading in Public Places Policy: Report on Consultation and Final Proposals**

#### **Moved Councillor Ritchie, seconded Councillor Free**

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Note the changes to the draft Trading in Public Places Policy.
3. Agree that the following three activities (and requirements for management) be added to the Trading in Public Places Policy (as detailed in Attachment 2):
  - a. Commercial (only) functions/events that have exclusive use requiring permits
  - b. Organised commercial group fitness activities not requiring a licence or permit, but needing to abide by the Code of Conduct at the back of Attachment 2, and if these activities take place on a sports-field, needing to pay any standard booking fees
  - c. Commercial guided tours that take place on reserves requiring licences.
4. Recommend to Council to:
  - a. adopt the amended Trading in Public Places Policy in Attachment 2
  - b. delegate Council officers with the power to take all actions necessary to negotiate and issue licences in relation to open spaces and land classified as Reserve (under the Reserves Act 1977), as agreed to by this Committee on 6 August 2014.

**Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Mayor Wade-Brown**, the following amendment:  
That the Environment Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Note the changes to the draft Trading in Public Places Policy.
3. Agree that the following **activity** (and requirements for management) be added to the Trading in Public Places Policy (as detailed in the annex of Attachment Two):
  - a. **Organised commercial group fitness activities not requiring a licence or permit, but needing to abide by the Code of Conduct in the annex of Attachment Two, and if these activities take place on a sports-field, needing to pay any standard booking fees.**
4. Recommend to Council to:
  - a. adopt the **further** amended Trading in Public Places Policy in Attachment 2 **(that reflects this Committee's decision on 27 November 2014)**.
  - b. **delegate Council officers with the power to take all actions necessary to negotiate and issue licences in relation to open spaces and land classified as Reserve (under the Reserves Act 1977), as agreed to by this Committee on 6 August 2014.**
5. Note that Council has the discretion to revisit the adoption of changes relating to functions, events and guided tours in the future.
6. Note that any activity on public land is subject to the relevant management plans and policies.

**Carried**



**Resolved**

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Note the changes to the draft Trading in Public Places Policy.
3. Agree that the following **activity** (and requirements for management) be added to the Trading in Public Places Policy (as detailed in the annex of Attachment Two):
  - a. Organised commercial group fitness activities not requiring a licence or permit, but needing to abide by the Code of Conduct in the annex of Attachment Two, and if these activities take place on a sports-field, needing to pay any standard booking fees.
4. Recommend to Council to:
  - a. adopt the further amended Trading in Public Places Policy in Attachment 2 (that reflects this Committee's decision on 27 November 2014).
  - b. delegate Council officers with the power to take all actions necessary to negotiate and issue licences in relation to open spaces and land classified as Reserve (under the Reserves Act 1977), as agreed to by this Committee on 6 August 2014.
5. Note that Council has the discretion to revisit the adoption of changes relating to functions, events and guided tours in the future.
6. Note that any activity on public land is subject to the relevant management plans and policies.

Voting For: Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillor Foster, Councillor Free, Councillor Lee, Councillor Pannett and Councillor Sparrow,

Voting Against: Councillor Ahipene-Mercer and Councillor Ritchie

Majority Vote: 6:2

**Carried**

**Attachments**

1 Trading in Public Places policy as amended at Environment Committee 27 November

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 12:28 pm.)

(The meeting temporary adjourned at 12.31pm until the Regulatory Processes Committee meeting had ended.)

(The meeting reconvened at 1.48pm.)

(Councillors Foster, Pannett, Lee, Free, Ritchie and Sparrow were present when the meeting reconvened)

**5.2 Charles Plimmer Bequest Forward Programme**

**Moved Councillor Ritchie, seconded Councillor Pannett**

**Resolved**

1. Receive the information.
2. Recommend that Council approves use of the Charles Plimmer funding as set out

below and includes in the 2015-2025 LTP as follows:

- a. \$650,000 to part fund the development of the Children's Garden, Wellington Botanic Garden in 2015/2016 to supplement Charles Plimmer Bequest funding of \$750,000 approved in March 2012
  - b. \$50,000 in 2017/2018 and \$600,000 in 2018/2019 for the redevelopment of Newlands Park
3. Recommend to Council that it agree in principle that the forecast distributed funds of up to \$2 million by 2025 be used for a suitable project as part of the proposed heritage park on Watts Peninsula and that officers will report back with a detailed funding proposal once governance and management arrangements for the proposed park are completed .
  4. Agree to investigate for consideration from future Charles Plimmer Bequest funding the redevelopment of multi – use recreation spaces including Miramar Park, Kilbirnie Park, and/or Shorland Park.

**Carried**

(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer returned to the meeting at 02:06 pm.)

## **4. Monitoring**

### **4.2 2015/16 Letters of Expectation to Council Controlled Organisations**

**Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Free**

#### **Resolved**

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Confirm the general messages as outlined in this report to be included in the 2015/16 Letters of Expectation to the following organisations:
  - a. The Wellington Zoo Trust
  - b. Karori Sanctuary Trust
3. Note that officers will circulate the specific messages for each entity to the Committee members for feedback prior to the Chair signing the letters.
4. Agree to delegate authority to the Chair to approve the specific messages to be directed to each entity through the Letter of Expectation following approval of the draft 2015-25 Long Term Plan budget on 10 December 2014.
5. Note that officers will prepare formal 2015/16 Letters of Expectation incorporating the directions of the Committee for signing by the Chair of the Committee.
6. Note that the Committee can expect to receive draft 2015/16 Statements of Intent, alongside officers' analyses, for its consideration at the March/April 2015 meetings.

**Carried**

### **4.1 Reports from Council Controlled Organisations for the Quarter Ending 30 September 2014**

**Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Foster**

### **Resolved**

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Note any issues for the Chair to raise with the entities covered by this report.

**Carried**

### **4.3 2014/15 First Quarter Report**

**Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Free**

### **Resolved**

That the Environment Committee:

1. Note the information.

**Carried**

## **5. Operational**

### **5.4 Skyline Track**

**Moved Councillor Ritchie, seconded Councillor Free**

### **Recommendations**

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receive the information.

**Moved Councillor Ritchie, seconded Councillor Foster, the following amendment:**

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receive the information
2. **Note that the Council will continue to pursue the western route for the Skyline Track over Ohariu (Best Ridge) subject to future land owner approval.**
3. **Agree to amend the project plan, in paragraph 5 (table 1) of the officers report, to read: Sections 3 and 4 within 18 months: to be completed by April/May/June 2016.**
4. **Agree that the amendment to the project plan in 3 above, is subject to funding being allocated in the 2015-25 LTP in 2015/16, noting that it is proposed that the required funding of \$148K (capex) is achieved by reallocating funding currently proposed for 2016/17 and 2017/18.**

Voting For: Councillor Ahipene-Mercer, Councillor Foster, Councillor Free, Councillor Lee, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Ritchie and Councillor Sparrow

Voting Against: Nil

Majority Vote: 7:0

**Carried**

**Resolved**

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Voting For: Councillor Ahipene-Mercer, Councillor Foster, Councillor Free, Councillor Lee, Councillor Pannett (Chair), Councillor Ritchie and Councillor Sparrow

Voting Against: Nil

Majority Vote: 7:0

**Carried**

(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer left the meeting at 02:45 pm.)

**5.5 Our Living City Fund - October 2014**

**Moved Councillor Ritchie, seconded Councillor Pannett**

**Recommendations**

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Agree to fund the applicants as listed below and in Attachment 2 of the officer's report.

Appln No	Organisation Name	Project Description	Total Cost	Amount requested	Recommended Amount	Comments
1	Adelaide Early Childhood Centre	Adelaide Community Garden	\$4,920	\$4,920	\$2,000	Support for community garden project, contributes to 'Healthy communities, including community gardens' focus area.
2	Aro Creative Inc	E-Cycle	\$630	\$50	\$50	Contribution to costs of community e-waste collection, seeking costs for staffing costs on the day.

3	Garden to Table Trust	Garden to Table in Wellington Schools	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$12,000	Support for start-up costs of projects in four local primary schools based on four activities- growing, harvesting, preparing and sharing fresh food. Promotes community connectedness.
4	Great Harbour Way Trust under Cycle Aware Wellington Inc	Miramar Peninsula Ciclovias	\$14,760	\$14,760	\$2,000	Contribution to costs of cycling event, support recommended for same application through Social and Recreation Fund (\$4,000).
5	Living Streets Aotearoa Inc	Walk2Work Day 2015	\$6,330	\$4,100	\$2,000	Contribution to costs of event promoting walking and sustainable transport. Council can assist with promotion and publicity.
6	Local Food Network under Sustainability Trust	Local Food Week 2015	\$5,285	\$4,719	\$2,500	Celebration of local food via local food week events bringing together community gardens, restaurants and growers together.
7	Makara Peak Mountain Bike Park Supporters Inc	Makara Peak Supporters - Tools	\$2,103	\$2,103	\$2,000	Replacing worn out tools used by volunteers, hold an average of 50 volunteer 'work parties' every year. Contributes to biodiversity and pest management focus areas.

8	Mount Cook Preschool Incorporated	Outdoor Area Redevelopment - Design and Starting phase	\$1,960	\$1,960	\$220	Contribution to cost of installing two rainwater tanks in playground, delivers to 'water; conservation, efficiency and quality' and 'health communities' focus areas. Group can reapply for community garden contribution in March 2015.
		<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$49,988</b>	<b>\$46,612</b>	<b>\$22,770</b>	

**Moved Councillor Ritchie, seconded Councillor Free**, the following amendment:  
That the Environment Committee:

2. Agree to fund the applicants as listed below and in Attachment 2 of the officer's report amended to make the grant to Garden to Table Trust conditional upon:
  - **The four Wellington Garden to Table school communities supported should:**
    - **Have school board and parent body agreements in place to support the programme and have made an ongoing financial commitment**
    - **Be located in four different Wellington wards and part of separate school clusters and include some lower decile schools.**
    - **Work in partnership with existing programmes and local initiatives**

**Carried**

### **Resolved**

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### 5.3 Proposed South Coast Bach Licenses: Red Rocks and Mestanes Bay

**Moved Councillor Ritchie, seconded Councillor Lee**

#### Recommendations

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receives the information.
2. Agrees to grant licences under the Reserves Act 1977 over Lot 1 DP28821 as comprised and described in Computer Freehold Register WN41A/291 and Lot 1, DP 26786 as comprised and described in Computer Freehold Register WN39D/222.
3. Notes that any approval to grant licences is conditional on:
  - a. appropriate iwi consultation;
  - b. public notification under s119 and s120 Reserve Act 1977;
  - c. no sustained objections resulting from the above notification.

**Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Sparrow**

That the Environment Committee:

In accordance with standing order 3.16.2(b), that the item of business being discussed be adjourned to the Environment Committee meeting on December 16 2014, 9:15am. Items 2.1, 4.4 and 5.6 will also be adjourned to the Environment Committee meeting on December 16 2014, 9:15am.

**Carried**

The meeting concluded at 3.26pm.

Confirmed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chair