
ORDINARY MEETING
OF
WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES

Time: 9:30am
Date: Wednesday, 24 February 2021
Venue: Ngake (16.09)
Level 16, Tahiwī
113 The Terrace
Wellington

PRESENT

Mayor Foster
Deputy Mayor Free
Councillor Calvert
Councillor Condie
Councillor Day
Councillor Fitzsimons
Councillor Foon
Councillor Matthews
Councillor O'Neill
Councillor Pannett
Councillor Paul
Councillor Rush
Councillor Sparrow
Councillor Woolf
Councillor Young

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1 Meeting Conduct

1.1 Karakia

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 9:30am with the following karakia.

Whakataka te hau ki te uru,	Cease oh winds of the west
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga.	and of the south
Kia mākinakina ki uta,	Let the bracing breezes flow,
Kia mātaratara ki tai.	over the land and the sea.
E hī ake ana te atākura.	Let the red-tipped dawn come
He tio, he huka, he hauhū.	with a sharpened edge, a touch of frost,
Tihei Mauri Ora!	a promise of a glorious day

(Councillor Pannett joined the meeting at 9:31am)

Mike Scrivener and Manjit Grewal, members of the Wellington Interfaith Council, blessed the meeting.

1.2 Apologies

Moved Mayor Foster, seconded Deputy Mayor Free, the following motion

Resolved

That the Council:

1. Accept the apology from Mayor Foster for early departure.

A division was required under standing order 27.6, voting on which was as follows:

For:

Mayor Foster, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Condie, Councillor Day, Councillor Fitzsimons, Councillor Foon, Deputy Mayor Free, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Paul, Councillor Rush, Councillor Sparrow, Councillor Woolf, Councillor Young

Against:

None

Majority Vote: 15:0

Carried

1.3 Announcements by the Mayor

Mayor Foster made the following announcement:

"I want to make a very important announcement this morning. It has become apparent that we have arrived at a crossroads that requires us to make a significant change to our governance, and the time to do that is now. We have had a succession of incidents and comments over a period of time that have given cause for an environment of public and media speculation, and now ministerial comment.

Their belief in our ability as Councillors, as an elected group, to govern has been shaken and eroded. It is in my capacity as Mayor, and my responsibility, to set the direction for what happens next. We need to listen to the voices of our community and its call for the in-fighting to stop.

I want us all as elected representatives to seize this moment, dispel the current atmosphere of rancour and partisanship, and move to a position where we can make better decisions and focus on what really matters.

Our historic Long-term Plan promises to renew our city's core infrastructure, resolve sludge and landfill issues, rejuvenate Te Ngākau Civic Square, a new library, make future focused decisions on our transport system, respond to climate change, find a sustainable future for our social housing, plan for a growing city, and much more.

We face great challenges, we have great opportunities to make a difference, that is our privilege not to be wasted. This should be a time where we use good governance to lay historic foundations for future generations. To do this we need to work with behavioural integrity, to ensure a productive, collective, and collaborative Council.

Yesterday the Minister for Local Government headlined as ruling out appointing a Crown Commissioner for Wellington City Council - as yet. The fact that she has even formally commented should be of concern to all elected members. The Minister went on to say that her preference is to ensure that local government and councils have the ability to undertake other avenues to be able to strengthen their governance, or to seek advice and support. That fits exactly with my thinking about these matters, we need to find a way forward together, and therefore we need a new set of tools.

Therefore, today I am commencing the process for an independent review. I want to ensure that Wellington City Council retains a democratically elected Council. The scope for the independent review, that includes me, as Mayor.

The Review will:

- Examine relevant information pertaining to council decisions.
- Undertake face to face meetings with key people (internal and external).
- Observe the governance practice of the Council.
- Provide a recommended action plan to allow the Council to take proactive steps to ensure it meets expectations to be a high performing council as soon as practicable.

It is clear to me that we cannot keep working the way we are, our city deserves better. I am not asking for a formal vote, but what I am asking of all of you is to consider for a moment and then to stand and show your support for this action. *(all members stood)*

Councillors, thank you, that gives me great confidence in the way in which we can move forward.”

1. 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

No conflicts of interest were declared.

1. 5 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Mayor Foster, seconded Councillor Pannett, the following motion

Resolved

That the Council:

1. Approve the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 16 December 2020, having been circulated, that they be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate

record of that meeting.

A division was required under standing order 27.6, voting on which was as follows:

For:

Mayor Foster, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Condie, Councillor Day, Councillor Fitzsimons, Councillor Foon, Deputy Mayor Free, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Paul, Councillor Rush, Councillor Sparrow, Councillor Woolf, Councillor Young

Against:

None

Majority Vote: 15:0

Carried

1. 6 Items not on the Agenda

There were no items not on the agenda.

1. 7 Public Participation

1.7.1 Newlands Papararangi Progressive Association Inc.

Representing the Newlands Papararangi Progressive Association Inc, James and Marianne Bishop spoke to item 2.3 Reserves Naming Paper - Pukehuia Park, Newlands.

Secretarial note: In accordance with standing order 19.1, the chairperson accorded precedence to an item of business and announced that the agenda would be considered in the following order:

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| Item | 3.1 | Report of the Strategy and Policy Committee Meeting of 11 February 2021 - Procurement Strategy |
| Item | 2.1 | Wellington Regional Leadership Committee – a new Joint Committee |
| Item | 2.2 | Charles Plimmer Bequest Forward Programme and Taputeranga funds allocation |
| Item | 2.3 | Reserves Naming Paper - Pukehuia Park, Newlands |
| Item | 2.4 | Proposed Road Closure |
| Item | 4. | Public Excluded |
| Item | 4.1 | Public Excluded Report of the Strategy and Policy Committee Meeting of 4 February 2021 - Proposed Land Acquisition |

3. Committee Reports

3.1 Report of the Strategy and Policy Committee Meeting of 11 February 2021 Procurement Strategy

Moved Mayor Foster, Seconded Councillor Foon

Resolved

That the Council:

1. Agree to the proposed 2021 Wellington City Council Procurement Strategy.

A division was required under standing order 27.6, voting on which was as follows:

For:

Mayor Foster, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Condie, Councillor Day, Councillor Fitzsimons, Councillor Foon, Deputy Mayor Free, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Paul, Councillor Rush, Councillor Sparrow, Councillor Woolf, Councillor Young

Against:

None

Majority Vote: 15:0

Carried

2. General Business

2.1 Wellington Regional Leadership Committee – a new Joint Committee

Moved Mayor Foster, seconded Deputy Mayor Free

Recommendations

That the Council:

1. Receive the information.
2. Approve the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee Joint Committee Agreement and the Council's participation on it.
3. Authorise the Mayor to sign the Joint Committee Agreement on behalf of the Council.
4. Note that the Joint Committee will adopt a memorandum of understanding which will set out the principles that guide the Joint Committee's work and the approach that the Joint Committee will take.
5. Appoint and establish the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee as a joint committee under clause 30(1)(b) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 on the terms set out in the Joint Committee Agreement and with effect from the date that the Joint Committee Agreement is signed by all local authority parties.
6. Appoint the Mayor to the Joint Committee, with effect from the date that the Joint

Committee is established.

7. Appoint the Deputy Mayor as an alternate to be a member of the Joint Committee and attend meetings in exceptional circumstances where the Mayor is unable to attend.
8. Note that the Joint Committee is a joint committee of all local authorities that are parties to the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee Joint Committee Agreement and includes members representing iwi and the Crown.
9. Make the following delegations to the Joint Committee:
 - a. Approval of all plans and implementation programmes necessary to fulfil the specific responsibilities of the Joint Committee, including:
 - i. Wellington Regional Growth Framework and the Wellington Regional Growth Framework Implementation Plan
 - ii. Regional Economic Development Plan
 - iii. Regional Economic Recovery Implementation Plan
 - b. Approval of all submissions and advocacy statements necessary to fulfil the specific responsibilities of the Joint Committee.
10. Note that the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee is likely to be disestablished in the future, with the disestablishment process to be confirmed.
- ~~11. Note that the Governance arrangements for WellingtonNZ is intended to revert to the Wellington City Council's Council Controlled Organisations Subcommittee, once the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee is disestablished.~~
11. Note that the governance arrangements for WellingtonNZ will need to be changed in response to the disestablishment of the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee and that new arrangements will be discussed with affected parties before being confirmed through an appropriate process for a jointly owned CCO.

Secretarial note: With the leave of the meeting, Clause 11 was amended as marked in red. (Mayor Foster left the meeting at 10:29am)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29am and reconvened at 10:49am. The following member was not present: Mayor Foster.

Secretarial note: The chair being vacant, Deputy Mayor Free assumed the chair.

Moved Councillor Rush, seconded Councillor Pannett, the following amendment

- 9.A Make the following delegations to the Joint Committee:
 - a. Preparation of all plans and implementation programmes necessary to fulfil the specific responsibilities of the Joint Committee, including:
 - i. Wellington Regional Growth Framework and the Wellington Regional Growth Framework Implementation Plan
 - ii. Regional Economic Development Plan
 - iii. Regional Economic Recovery Implementation Plan
 - b. Preparation of all submissions and advocacy statements necessary to fulfil the specific responsibilities of the Joint Committee.

A division was required under standing order 27.6, voting on which was as follows:

For:

Councillor Fitzsimons, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Rush

Against:

Councillor Calvert, Councillor Condie, Councillor Day, Councillor Foon, Deputy Mayor Free, Councillor Matthews, Councillor Paul, Councillor Sparrow, Councillor Woolf, Councillor Young

Absent:

Mayor Foster

Majority Vote: 4:10

Lost

Moved Councillor Day, seconded Councillor Paul, the following amendment

Resolved

12. Request officers to report regularly on the Regional Leadership Committee activities, including the annual work programme and project work directly relevant to Wellington City Council.
13. Recommend to the future Regional Leadership Committee that it consider reviewing the arrangements and functionality of the Regional Leadership Committee as appropriate, but no less than three years.

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For:

Councillor Calvert, Councillor Condie, Councillor Day, Councillor Fitzsimons, Councillor Foon, Deputy Mayor Free, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Paul, Councillor Rush, Councillor Sparrow, Councillor Woolf, Councillor Young

Against:

None

Absent:

Mayor Foster

Majority Vote: 14:0

Carried

Moved Mayor Foster (replaced by Deputy Mayor Free), Seconded Deputy Mayor Free (replaced by Councillor Calvert), the following substantive motion

Resolved

That the Council:

1. Receive the information.
2. Approve the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee Joint Committee Agreement and the Council's participation on it.
3. Authorise the Mayor to sign the Joint Committee Agreement on behalf of the Council.
4. Note that the Joint Committee will adopt a memorandum of understanding which will set out the principles that guide the Joint Committee's work and the approach that the Joint Committee will take.
5. Appoint and establish the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee as a joint committee under clause 30(1)(b) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 on the terms set out in the Joint Committee Agreement and with effect from the date that

- the Joint Committee Agreement is signed by all local authority parties.
6. Appoint the Mayor to the Joint Committee, with effect from the date that the Joint Committee is established.
 7. Appoint the Deputy Mayor as an alternate to be a member of the Joint Committee and attend meetings in exceptional circumstances where the Mayor is unable to attend.
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A division was required under standing order 27.6, voting on which was as follows:

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Against:

Councillor Rush

Absent:

Mayor Foster

Majority Vote: 13:1

Carried

Secretarial note: Deputy Mayor Free replaced Mayor Foster as the mover, and Councillor Calvert replaced Deputy Mayor Free as the seconder (in accordance with standing order 21.17, movers and seconders of motions and amendments must be present for the duration

of the discussion, and the vote, on that motion or amendment).

2.2 Charles Plimmer Bequest Forward Programme and Taputeranga funds allocation

Moved Councillor O'Neill, seconded Councillor Young, the following motion

Resolved

That the Council:

1. Receive the information.
2. Approve the Plimmer Bequest forward programme for inclusion in the draft 2021-2031 Long-term Plan (LTP) as follows:

	2020/21	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Newlands Park	-	-		Kilbirnie Park	Kilbirnie Park	Kilbirnie Park	-	-	-	-	Te Motu Kairangi Park
	\$1,474			\$760	\$370	\$370					
(underway)											\$2,050*

*accumulated from 2026-2031 and reviewed every three years alongside LTP

3. Note that the Plimmer project long list will be reviewed again in conjunction with preparation of the draft 2024-2034 Long-term Plan. Officers will report back to Councillors on an updated forward programme, in the context of progress and timing of the Te Motu Kairangi Heritage Park and Council's strategic direction for priority parks investment in response to Planning for Growth.
4. Approve the use of the Taputeranga Funds as noted below, for inclusion in the draft 2021-2031 LTP. Officers will work in partnership with Ngāti Toa and Mana Whenua to deliver on these outcomes.

2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Planning & engagement (existing budgets)	Island restoration implementation (\$130,000)	Te Kopahou Projects (\$285,000) (+ potential LTP funding for OGB entrance development)	Te Kopahou Projects (\$285,000) (+ potential LTP funding for OGB entrance development)

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Against:

None

Absent:

Mayor Foster

Majority Vote: 14:0

Carried

2.3 Reserves Naming Paper - Pukehuia Park, Newlands

Moved Councillor Day, seconded Councillor Sparrow, the following motion

Resolved

That the Council:

1. Receive the information.
2. Agree that the upgraded playground and sports ground at Newlands held within (Pt Sec 12 Porirua District, Pt Sec 231, Part Lot 1 DP 4735, Pt Lot 1 DP 10372, Pt Lot 2 & 4 A/2370 and Pt Lot 3 A/18323A/127 and Pt Sec 231 Porirua District) be named 'Pukehuia Park'.
3. Instruct Council Officers to gazette the Recreation Reserve currently known as Newlands Park as Pukehuia Park.

A division was required under standing order 27.6, voting on which was as follows:

For:

Councillor Calvert, Councillor Condie, Councillor Day, Councillor Fitzsimons, Councillor Foon, Deputy Mayor Free, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Paul, Councillor Rush, Councillor Sparrow, Councillor Woolf, Councillor Young

Against:

None

Absent:

Mayor Foster

Majority Vote: 14:0

Carried

2.4 Proposed Road Closure

Moved Councillor Condie, seconded Councillor Matthews, the following motion

Resolved

That the Council:

1. Receive the information.
2. Agree to close the following road and sections of the road for the event to vehicles and cycles only, subject to the conditions listed in the proposed Road Closure Impact Report:
 - a. Filming Tuesday 2 March 2021, Rain day being Wednesday 3 March 2021
7.00am to 8.00pm
Holland Street (Off Tory Street).
3. Note that recommendations in this report should not be amended without first carrying out further consultation with affected parties and verification from the Council's Traffic engineer that the amendment is not likely to cause unreasonable impact on traffic.

A division was required under standing order 27.6, voting on which was as follows:

For:

Councillor Calvert, Councillor Condie, Councillor Day, Councillor Fitzsimons, Councillor Foon, Deputy Mayor Free, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett,

Councillor Paul, Councillor Rush, Councillor Sparrow, Councillor Woolf, Councillor Young

Against:

None

Absent:

Mayor Foster

Majority Vote: 14:0

Carried

4. Public Excluded

Moved Deputy Mayor Free, seconded Councillor Young, the following motion

Resolved

That the Council:

1. Pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, exclude the public from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

General subject of the matter to be considered	Reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
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4.1 Public Excluded Report of the Strategy and Policy Committee Meeting of 4 February 2021 Proposed Land Acquisition	7(2)(b)(ii) The withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.	s48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.
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2. Review the public-excluded status of item 4.1 Proposed Land Acquisition for release to public once the transaction has been settled.

A division was required under standing order 27.6, voting on which was as follows:

For:

Councillor Calvert, Councillor Condie, Councillor Day, Councillor Fitzsimons, Councillor Foon, Deputy Mayor Free, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Paul, Councillor Rush, Councillor Sparrow, Councillor Woolf, Councillor Young

Against:

Councillor Pannett

Absent:

Mayor Foster

Majority Vote: 13:1

Carried

The meeting went into public-excluded session at 11:38am.

The meeting returned from public-excluded session and concluded at 11:41am with the reading of the following karakia:

Unuhia, unuhia, unuhia ki te uru tapu nui	Draw on, draw on
Kia wātea, kia māmā, te ngākau, te tinana, te wairua	Draw on the supreme sacredness To clear, to free the heart, the body and the spirit of mankind
I te ara takatū	
Koia rā e Rongo, whakairia ake ki runga	Oh Rongo, above (symbol of peace)
Kia wātea, kia wātea	Let this all be done in unity
Āe rā, kua wātea!	

Authenticated: _____
Chair