
MINUTES

**WEDNESDAY 1 JUNE 2005
(Reconvened Thursday 2 June,
Friday 3 June and Tuesday 7 June 2005).**

9.20AM

**Committee Room One
101 Wakefield Street
Wellington**

PRESENT:

Mayor Prendergast (1.00pm – 1.50pm, 2.00pm – 3.00pm)
Councillor Armstrong (Chair)
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer
Councillor Cook (9.20am – 9.40am, 9.44am – 10.12am, 10.17am – 4.30pm)
Councillor Foster (10.52am – 4.27pm)
Councillor Gill (9.20am – 1.30pm, 2.20pm – 3.23pm)
Councillor Goulden (9.20am – 9.56am, 10.05am – 1.20pm)
Councillor Morrison
Councillor Pepperell (9.20am – 12.00pm, 12.05pm – 1.25pm, 1.41pm – 4.30pm)
Councillor Ruben (11.09am – 4.30pm)
Councillor Shaw (9.58am – 11.19am, 1.00pm – 4.00pm, 4.21 – 4.30pm).
Councillor Wade-Brown (9.20am – 2.50pm, 3.05pm – 4.30pm)
Councillor Wain

APOLOGIES:

Mayor Prendergast (For lateness)
Councillor Foster (For lateness)
Councillor McKinnon
Councillor Ritchie
Councillor Shaw (For lateness)

118/05P **APOLOGIES**
(1215/52/IM)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Accept apologies for absence from Councillors McKinnon and Ritchie for Wednesday 1 June 2005.*
2. *Accept apologies for lateness from Mayor Prendergast, Councillors Foster and Shaw for Wednesday 1 June 2005.*

119/05P **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

120/05P **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There was no public participation.

121/05P **ORAL SUBMISSIONS TO 2005/06 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN, ESTABLISHMENT OF INDOOR STADIUM TRUST, ESTABLISHMENT OF ARTS CENTRE TRUST, LIQUID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN AND ASSESSMENT OF WATER AND SANITARY SERVICES.**

(1215/52/IM)

(REPORT 1)

NOTED:

1. Warwick Taylor, Robyn Brooks and Ron Oliver spoke to their submission on behalf of the Wellington Residents' Coalition about the rating differential, income related rents, Wellington City Council trusts and loans to trusts, pay increases for workers and the process for consulting on the Draft Annual Plan (Submission 739).
2. Jim Candiliotis, spoke on behalf of the Newlands Paparangi Progressive Association and their consideration of the Draft Annual Plan. Mr Candiliotis commented about local issues that the

association believe need attending to by the Council in the Newlands Paparangi area (Submission 650).

(Councillor Cook left the meeting at 9.40am and returned at 9.44am.)

3. Alan Chambers spoke on behalf of the Harbour City Waterpolo Club about the redevelopment of the Rongotai College swimming pool into a deep water pool for water polo and underwater hockey and a shallow pool for swimming lessons. Mr Chambers also discussed how the club would welcome funding for their proposal from Wellington City Council (Submission 380).

(Councillor Goulden left the meeting at 9.56am.)

(Councillor Shaw joined the meeting 9.58am.)

4. Iona Pannet (Individual) spoke to her submission and stated that she supported the proposed increased funds for community workers and the Festival of the Arts and the Draft Development Contributions Policy. Ms Pannet stated that while she supports the proposal of a youth café, she cannot agree with the choice of building due to its heritage status and felt that an alternative site was necessary. Ms Pannet also spoke against the establishment of a pocket park on the Courtney Place/Taranaki Street intersection and the proposed development of buildings on Kumutoto (Submission 507).

(Councillor Goulden returned to the meeting at 10.05am.)

5. Lydia Handscomb from Strathmore Park Community Base Inc., Jan Pike from Johnsonville Community Centre and Louise Davies, from Wadestown Community Centre spoke in support of the proposed increase in funding for community workers. They stated that community centres are a vital resource to the communities that they serve and that it is important that the Council continue to support these facilities and the people who put their own time and effort in (Submission 357).
6. Alison Pharaoh (Individual) spoke to her submission and spoke about rates increase, rates differential, council housing and the about the format of the Draft Annual Plan (Submission 275).

(Councillor Cook left the meeting at 10.12am and returned at 10.17am.)

7. Pepe Robertson spoke on behalf of the Pacific Island Network Centre Inc. about the Smart Newtown PINC programme that provides access for people in the community to computers and related services (Submission 442).

(The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.30am and reconvened at 10.50am).

(Councillor Foster joined the meeting at 10.52am.)

8. Kevin Wilson from Wellington Tennis Inc. spoke to their submission about the proposed new structure to cover two existing courts at the Wellington Renouf Tennis Centre (Submission 558).
9. Peter Graham (Individual) spoke to the committee about many items in the Draft Annual Plan, for example the Karori Wildlife Sanctuary, transport issues and the proposed Aquarium of New Zealand (Submission 191).

(Councillor Ruben joined the meeting at 11.09am.)

10. Garry McGivney (Individual) spoke against the proposed Aquarium of New Zealand (Submission 597).
11. Roger Styles spoke on behalf of the Hutt Mana Charitable Trust asking the Council to make a budget provision for participation in a project that would see up to 50% of Wellington homes fitted with energy saving light bulbs (Submission 345).

(Councillor Shaw left the meeting at 11.19am.)

12. Bernard Harris (Individual) spoke to the committee about his submission including comments on the Annual Plan process and the support of sporting bodies by the Council (Submission 439).
13. Sandy Coulthart (Individual) spoke to the committee about the walkways around Lyall Bay and asked if there was any support from the Council regarding receiving plants and information to care for them (Submission 33).
14. Hugh Barr (Individual) submitted to the committee about many items in the Draft Annual Plan including the Kaori Wildlife Sanctuary and the proposed Marine Education Centre (Submission 549).

(The meeting adjourned at 12.00pm and reconvened at 12.03pm.)

(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 12.05pm.)

15. David Butler spoke on behalf of the Wellington Labour Local Body Committee about their submission (Submission 735).
16. Tommy Honey from The Film School spoke to the committee about their request for support to assist with the development of a specialised

film centre and the provision of trained people for the film industry in Wellington (Submission 599).

(The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.30pm and reconvened at 1.00pm.)
(When the meeting reconvened, Mayor Prendergast and Councillor Shaw were present.)

17. Mary Hobbs (Individual) spoke to the committee about her concerns regarding the maintenance of Council housing (Submission 675).
18. Michael Taylor spoke on behalf of Tararua Tramping Club about their submission and commented on many items in the Draft Annual Plan, including the natural environment and recreational sections and their support for the proposed funding for weed and pest management (Submission 783).

122/05P **ORDER OF BUSINESS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

Mayor Prendergast made a statement to the Committee advising that on legal advice she would be declaring a conflict on some items during deliberations due to a perceived conflict of interest and that she would stand aside from voting on those specific items.

123/05P **DISORDER**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

Under Standing Order 141 Councillor Goulden was directed by the Chair of the Strategy and Policy Committee to withdraw immediately from the meeting due to continuing to cause disorder.

(Councillor Goulden left the meeting at 1.20pm.)
(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 1.25pm and returned at 1.41pm.)

124/05P **ORAL SUBMISSIONS TO 2005/06 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN,
ESTABLISHMENT OF INDOOR STADIUM TRUST,
ESTABLISHMENT OF ARTS CENTRE TRUST, LIQUID WASTE
MANAGEMENT PLAN AND ASSESSMENT OF WATER AND
SANITARY SERVICES (CONTINUED).**
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 1)

NOTED:

19. Robin Boldarin spoke on behalf of the Miramar/Maupuia Progressive Assoc. and commented on many items from their submission in the Draft Annual Plan (Submission 662).
20. Ian Rogers spoke on behalf Team Wellington, Wellington United Association Football Club (WUAFC) and Newtown Park Carols in support of the proposed Newtown Part Redevelopment plan (Submissions 653, 652, 651).

(Councillor Gill left the meeting at 1.30pm.)

21. Nic Artemiev (Individual) spoke to the committee about his submission on the Draft Annual Plan in particular his concerns over graffiti on the city's streets and buildings (Submission 350).
22. Allan Jenkins (Individual) spoke to the committee regarding his submission and expressed his support for the proposed Marine Education Centre (Submission 340).

(Mayor Prendergast left the meeting at 1.50pm.)

23. Coralie Leyland (Individual) addressed the committee about her submission and commented on the town belt, housing and city safety, rent levels for city housing and community participation (Submission 722).

(Mayor Prendergast returned to the meeting at 2.00pm.)

24. John Robinson (Individual) addressed the committee about his submission on the Draft Annual Plan and in particular his opposition to the proposed Marine Education Centre (Submission 697 and 526).

(The meeting adjourned for afternoon tea at 2.20pm and reconvened at 2.50pm.)

(When the meeting reconvened Councillor Gill was present and Councillor Wade-Brown was absent.)

25. Sue Ryall spoke on behalf of the Netball Wellington Centre and commented on how they supported the proposal for an indoor stadium

development trust be established to help progress the indoor stadium project (Submission 788).

(Mayor Prendergast left the meeting at 3.00pm.)

(Councillor Wade-Brown returned to the meeting at 3.05pm.)

26. Dinah Priestley (Individual) spoke to the committee about her submission and highlighted by way of providing samples, the different types of weeds that Ms Priestley found on the Tinakori northern walkway. Ms Priestly supported the proposed increased funding for weed and pest management and requested that more native plants to be planted on these walkways (Submission 334).
27. Tony Burton spoke on behalf of The Thorndon Society Inc. regarding heritage buildings and the District Plan process (Submission 373).
28. Lawson Robertson (Individual) addressed the committee regarding the Draft Annual Plan and commented particularly on the natural environment in the Northern Ward (Submission 370).

(Councillor Gill left the meeting at 3.23pm.)

29. Nick Dryden (Individual) addressed the committee about his submission on the Draft Annual Plan and in particular his opposition to the proposed Marine Education Centre (Submission 485).
30. Carrick Lewis spoke on behalf of Action for the Environment about their submission on the Draft Annual Plan and how they support the protection of Wellington's Town Belt and the waterfront from over development (Submission 592).
31. Thomas Zink (Individual) spoke to the committee about many items in the Draft Annual Plan, for example the Karori Wildlife Sanctuary, council spending and the proposed Marine Education centre (Submission 768).

(Councillor Shaw left the meeting at 4.00pm.)

(The meeting adjourned at 4.10pm and reconvened at 4.21pm.)

(Councillor Shaw was present when the meeting reconvened.)

32. David Edmonds (Individual) addressed the committee about his submission including commenting on how to deal with overhead wires and options for clearing pines trees from Tinakori Hill (Submission 419).

(Councillor Foster left the meeting at 4.27pm.)

(The meeting adjourned at 4.30pm Wednesday 1 June 2005 and reconvened at 9.18am on Thursday 2 June 2005.)

PRESENT:

Mayor Prendergast (9.18am – 10.10am, 10.18am – 4.40pm)

Councillor Armstrong (Chair)

Councillor Ahipene-Mercer

Councillor Cook (9.55am – 10.35am, 11.07am – 3.44pm)

Councillor Foster (2.05pm – 2.18pm, 4.25pm – 4.40pm)

Councillor Gill

Councillor Goulden (11.19am – 2.18pm)

Councillor Morrison (9.18am – 1.44pm)

Councillor Pepperell (9.18am – 10.17am, 11.00am – 1.34am)

Councillor Ritchie (9.24am – 10.18am, 11.18am – 1.25pm, 2.40pm – 3.19pm)

Councillor Ruben

Councillor Shaw (9.18am – 2.18pm)

Councillor Wade-Brown (9.18am – 2.18pm, 3.50pm – 4.40pm)

Councillor Wain

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Cook (For lateness)

Councillor Foster (For lateness)

Councillor Goulden (For lateness)

125/05P **APOLOGIES**
(1215/52/IM)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- 1. Accept apologies for lateness from Councillors Cook, Foster and Goulden for Thursday 2 June 2005.*

126/05P **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There were no conflicts of interest declared for Thursday 2 June 2005.

127/05P **ORAL SUBMISSIONS TO 2005/06 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN,
ESTABLISHMENT OF INDOOR STADIUM TRUST,
ESTABLISHMENT OF ARTS CENTRE TRUST, LIQUID WASTE
MANAGEMENT PLAN AND ASSESSMENT OF WATER AND
SANITARY SERVICES (CONTINUED THURSDAY 2 JUNE 2005).**
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 1)

NOTED:

33. Haidee Hemsley on behalf of the Onslow Netball Club expressed the Club's support for the proposed Indoor Stadium trust, which could be shared with other codes. Lack of courts meant that Wellington was losing the big events and making it difficult for netball to grow at centre level in Wellington. Lack of proper facilities meant that women who had families could not bring them to games and hence lost touch with the sport (Submission 267).
34. Chris Ross and Mike Rumble on behalf of the Wellington 2020 Communications Trust addressed the Committee regarding the funding for a Community ICT (Information and Communications Technologies) Co-ordinator. Council had approved the funding in 2004, approved the Job Description for the position then dropped the funding out of the 2005/2006 Annual Plan. The Trust wants the funding reinstated (Submission 824).
35. Roger Conway (Individual) addressed the Committee on the Karori Wildlife Sanctuary (KWS) and supported the funding provisions. He said that funding may need to be increased later for KWS to achieve its goals and eventually be self-sustaining. He suggested that utilising the land for attractions such as mountain-biking might assist in this regard (Submission 781).

(Councillor Cook joined the meeting at 9.55am)

36. Martin Jenkins from NZ Sleep Safety Ltd supports the provision of funding for a Co-ordinator to implement an older persons' policy. NZ Sleep Safety is developing "Akilla"; a sleep safety educational campaign on "drowsy driving" which is particularly relevant to older drivers. Mr Jenkins requested an additional \$100,000 funding to educate the elderly and the young against the dangers of drowsy driving and to produce a publication to distribute to organisations that cater for the elderly (Submission 691).
37. Rosamund Averton on behalf of the Mount Victoria Residents Association Incorporated addressed the Committee on her Associations' desire to see various operational, capital and maintenance projects initiated and in some cases continued. Ms

Averton commended the additional information contained in the Draft Annual Plan and welcomed to opportunity to speak with officers on ways that it could be editorially improved.(Submission 428).

(Mayor Prendergast left the meeting at 10.10am)

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 10.17am)

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 10.18am).

(Mayor Prendergast returned to the meeting at 10.18am)

38. Jill Ford (Individual) addressed the Committee and voiced her support for the proposed funding to build a Marine Education Centre and Karori Wildlife Centre. She urged the Committee to consider the provision of a beginner's/families with children mountain biking track (Submission 387).

39. Ruth Paul representing the Makara/Ohariu Community Board addressed the Committee with regard to the Liquid Waste Management Plan, the Assessment of Water and Sanitary Services and the Development Contributions Policy. Ms Paul said that the Board wished to ensure that it was consulted on any proposal to regulate Wellington's non-reticulated water supplies and wastewater (Submission 517).

(The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.35am and reconvened at 11.00am.)

(When the meeting resumed Councillor Pepperell was present.)

40. Bernard Harris presented to the Committee on behalf of the President of the Vogelhorn Kingston Residents Association. The Association's submission opposed some funding initiatives but supports hazardous tree removal, revamping Newtown Park, the National hockey Stadium and the funding for Community Centre Co-ordinators (Submission 461).

(Councillor Cook returned to the meeting at 11.07am.)

41. Betty Weeber (Individual) made a submission on the Draft Annual Plan and the Draft Liquid Wastewater Management Plan. She expressed her opinion that Council needed to do more in the conservation of water. Mrs Weeber also said she felt that Council needed to upgrade the sewer and stormwater infrastructure. Mrs Weeber also impressed upon the Committee a list of projects that she did not support Council putting funding into, e.g. Karori Wildlife Sanctuary and the Marine Education Centre (Submission 569).

(Councillor Ritchie returned the meeting at 11.18am)

(Councillor Goulden joined the meeting at 11.19am)

128/05P **ORDER OF BUSINESS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

Councillor Armstrong advised the Committee that yesterday he had requested that Councillor Goulden leave the meeting under Standing Order 141 (due to continuing to cause disorder) and that despite the fact that the present proceedings were technically the same meeting he was prepared to allow Councillor Goulden to stay if there were no objections from Committee. No objections were voiced and Councillor Goulden was permitted to stay.

129/05P **ORAL SUBMISSIONS TO 2005/06 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN, ESTABLISHMENT OF INDOOR STADIUM TRUST, ESTABLISHMENT OF ARTS CENTRE TRUST, LIQUID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN AND ASSESSMENT OF WATER AND SANITARY SERVICES (CONTINUED).**
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 1)

NOTED:

42. Mr Con Anastasiou addressed the Committee on behalf of Capital Properties NZ Ltd. The Company's business is long term investment property. Mr Anastasiou feels that while the rating differential between commercial and residential properties is being reduced it could be done more quickly. While rates are a tax issue and it could be argued that there is no need to consider the benefits to the city of commercial property, the new local government legislation required councils to give such consideration of benefits when making decisions (Submission 360).
43. Rosamund Averton on behalf of the Federation of Wellington Progressive and Residents Associations told the Committee that the Association believed that the proposed expenditure did not meet Council's obligation to improve the social, cultural, economic and environmental health of the City's inhabitants. Ms Averton also stated that she believe that most people did not understand the difference between Opex and Capex and the allocating of costs to different cost centres hid the true cost of any project.
44. Hamish Allardice of the YHA Hostels fully supports the proposed funding for the Karori Wildlife Sanctuary and the Marine Education Centre (Submission 197).

45. Maureen Boyd of Kwovadis Kennels expressed disbelief at the increases in dog registration fees. She suggested capping the fee for Responsible Dog Owners (RDOs) with 5 or more dogs to \$200 (Submission 532).
46. Ian Cassels of the What's New group of companies supported the continued shift in the rating differential between commercial and residential property, and urged Council to drop them completely (Submissions 774, 776, 794-820).

(The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.25pm and reconvened at 1.11pm)

47. Michael Taylor (Individual) stated that the pursuit of never-ending 'growth' was unsustainable. Mr Taylor supported the Karori Wildlife Centre (but not the proposed name-change) and the Marine Education Centre for their conservation purposes, not the tourism (Submission 786).

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 1.25pm)

48. Glen Kingston of the Strathmore Park Progressive and Beautifying Association told the Committee that the projected 7% rates increase was not supported by an increase in the level of service. The Association says that too many new major initiatives are being funded, that they should be cut back or funded over a longer time frame. The Association is concerned that no solid waste funding is evident, that more work is needed on the sewer and stormwater infrastructure, and requested consideration of some minor capital works (Submission 374).
49. Craig Rickit (Individual) made a submission that he did not support the funding for the Karori Wildlife Sanctuary or the Marine Education Centre. He stated that the city is not a tourism developer and that ratepayer funds should not be used in this way. Mr Rickit felt that the Council should stick to its 'core' functions (Submission 384).

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 1.34pm)

50. Jack Fleming of the Otari-Wilton's Bush Trust requested that Council separate out that money spent on the bush out of 'botanic gardens' funds so that it is transparent and accountable for the fieldwork done (Submission 661).

(Councillor Morrison left the meeting at 1.44pm.)

(The meeting adjourned at 1.48pm and reconvened at 1.53pm)

(Councillor Foster joined the meeting at 2.05pm)

51. Dr Margot McLean and Dr Rob Beaglehole on behalf of Regional Public Health (RPH) addressed the Committee on the Council's Assessment of Water and Sanitary services and emphasised that such effective services were vital to public health (Submission 390). Dr Beaglehole spoke of RPH's goals and how working with Council through its Key Achievement Areas could mean mutual success (Submission 793).

(The meeting adjourned for afternoon tea at 2.18pm and reconvened at 2.40pm.)

52. Peter Frater and Tom Law from the Newtown Progressive Residents Association addressed the Committee on various community, health & safety projects they wish to see supported. The Association supports the National Hockey Stadium and Newtown Park redeveloped (Submission 416).
53. Tom Law on behalf of Smart Newtown told the Committee that it supports Council's intention to continue funding for computer access and computers at the same level (Submission 418).
54. Tom Law on behalf of the Newtown Community & Cultural Centre supports the additional funding for Community Centres and community centre supervisors, and supports the upgrade of Newtown Park (Submission 262).
55. Tom Law (Individual) made a submission supporting funding for community events, be they city, waterfront or suburban. He asked that the salaries of community centre supervisors be increased. Mr Law supports the funding proposals for the Karori Wildlife Centre and the Marine Education Centre and the upgrade of Newtown Park. Mr Law complained that the Draft Annual Plan process did not, in his opinion, represent true consultation (Submission 262).

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 3.19pm.)

56. John Bishop for Friends of the Wellington Town Belt expressed its concern that the position of Town Belt Curator is to be merged with another position and that commercial ventures appear to be encroaching onto public land. The Friends support the proposed funding for hazardous tree removal and pest and weed management, and state that it should be increased in subsequent years. The Friends support the proposed funding for a National Hockey Stadium, proposed redeveloped the Newtown Park and the Renouf Tennis Centre but questions Council's support for the Ice Skating Rink (Submission 561).

57. Frances Lee on behalf of the Trelissick Park/Ngaio Gorge Working Group spoke to both the Draft Annual Plan and Draft Liquid Waste Management Plan. The Group supports the funding for pest and weed management, and suggests that Council employ an ecologist. The Group suggests that Council should delay funding to the Karori Wildlife Sanctuary given the projected high level of debt (Submission 699).
58. Frances Lee (Individual) made a submission opposing the waterfront development at Kumutoto, and the proposed funding for the Marine Education Centre, and its proposed re-naming to “Aquarium of New Zealand”. Mrs Lee opposes the funding for the Indoor Stadium Trust. Mrs Lee requests improved bus services to Ngaio and more bus shelters (Submission 665).

(Councillor Cook left the meeting at 3.44pm.)

59. Linda Hobman (Individual) addressed the Committee and expressed her support for the Marine Education Centre. Ms Hobman advised the Council that a fundamental change of thinking was required for Council to meet the challenge of community participation in decision-making under the Local Government Act 2002. She believed there is now a “whole of government” approach and Council should seriously commit to this (Submission 741).

(Councillor Wade-Brown returned to the meeting at 3.50pm.)

60. Peter Frater on behalf of the South Coast Progressive Association (SCPA) advised the Committee that it supported the funding for South Coast projects but wished to see sufficient funds to support several additional projects (detailed in the SCPA submission) and also funds to cover “unforeseen circumstances” such as storms (Submission 39).
61. Ian Frater of Brooklyn (Individual) addressed the Committee on his support for the proposals for the Karori Wildlife Centre and the Marine Education Centre, provided that a rigorous business plan is first approved. Mr Frater opposes the plans for an Indoor Stadium Trust on the grounds that it is too timid a proposal and should be expanded (Submission 737).
62. Peter Frater of Berhampore (Individual) congratulated the Council on several of its proposed funding provisions including the South Coast and Newtown Park, and requested that Community Centres continue to be well supported and that the salaries for Community Centre Supervisors be increased to be on par with a Council officer doing similar work (Submission 285).

(Councillor Foster returned to the meeting at 4.25pm.)

63. Colin Flinkenberg and Terence O'Brien on behalf of the Katherine Mansfield Birthplace Society advised the Committee that the Society's financial position was tenuous and requested an increase in Annual funding by \$20,000 (Submission 789).

(The meeting adjourned at 4.40 pm and re-convened at 9.20am on Friday 3 June 2005.)

PRESENT:

Mayor Prendergast (9.20 – 10.22am, 11.19am – 12.29pm, 1.05 – 1.40pm, 2.20 – 3.46pm)
Councillor Armstrong (Chair)
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer
Councillor Cook
Councillor Gill (9.49am – 3.46pm)
Councillor Goulden (9.20 – 9.50am, 11.09 – 11.55am, 3.37 – 3.46pm)
Councillor Morrison (9.20am – 12.35pm, 1.10 – 2.31pm)
Councillor McKinnon (9.20am – 3.37pm)
Councillor Pepperell (10.02am – 12.08pm, 12.15 – 12.35pm, 1.11 – 1.30pm) 1.39 – 3.25pm)
Councillor Ritchie (9.20 – 10.05am, 11.19 – 11.53am, 2.07 – 2.31pm, 3.09 – 3.46pm)
Councillor Ruben (9.20am – 12.35pm, 1.11 – 2.31pm, 3.04 – 3.46pm)
Councillor Shaw (9.20am – 2.01pm, 2.10 – 3.46pm)
Councillor Wade-Brown
Councillor Wain (9.20 – 10.22am, 11.19am – 3.40pm)

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Cook (For lateness)
Councillor Foster
Councillor Gill (For lateness)
Councillor Pepperell (For lateness)

130/05P **APOLOGIES**
(1215/52/IM)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Accept apologies for absence from Councillor Foster for Friday 3 June 2005.*
2. *Accept apologies for lateness from Councillors Cook, Gill and Pepperell for lateness for Friday 3 June 2005.*

131/05P **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

1. Councillor Wade-Brown noted that she was a member of Living Streets Aotearoa Incorporated and would be seeking further legal advice about the extent to which she would be able to participate in the areas covered in their submission.

132/05P **ORAL SUBMISSIONS TO 2005/06 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN, ESTABLISHMENT OF INDOOR STADIUM TRUST, ESTABLISHMENT OF ARTS CENTRE TRUST, LIQUID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN AND ASSESSMENT OF WATER AND SANITARY SERVICES (CONTINUED FRIDAY 3 JUNE 2005).**
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 1)

NOTED:

64. Tony Lines on behalf of the Lyall Bay Reef Charitable Trust spoke about the Trusts desire to develop an artificial reef at Lyall Bay. It was noted that the Council had, in previous years committed \$265,000 to this project subject to additional funding being secured from elsewhere. He highlighted that the trust had secured the funding required and needed the Council's assistance to proceed as there was a tight timeframe in which they could use the sand being dredged from the harbour and donated for the surf reef. The Trust sought a loan of \$500,000 from Council so as to proceed with their project (Submission 30).
65. Neil Ranger on behalf of the Roy Street Residents commended the proposed upgrade of Newton Park but wished to draw the Council's

attention to the parking problems that already existed in the area, and how these would be exacerbated with an upgrade. He referred to the Mt Albert Hockey stadium proposal which he felt highlighted the problems that occur when you create a first class facility and neglect the parking. Rather than deal with parking in year two of the upgrade, he urged that parking be dealt with now (Submission 559)

66. Thomas Brian from the Disability Reference group spoke about positive changes he saw in the WCC liaising with the disabled community but noted there was only one reference in the Draft Annual Plan to the elderly. He wanted the Council to ensure that when they gave grants and assistance for projects in the community that these projects were accessible to everyone. He requested that Council access the new technologies that are now available to assist disabled people (Submission 825)

(Councillor Gill joined the meeting at 9.49am)

(Councillor Goulden left the meeting at 9.50am)

67. Jenny Jorgenson (Individual) highlighted concerns in her oral submission that the community were not being listened to. She advocated community consultation before the Annual Plan was even drafted to garner local issues. She asked that Council remember that their most important task was to think of everyone who lived there and to make it an attractive and nice place to live. She also requested that funds be utilised for preserving Quartz Hill in the Annual Plan (Submission 544).

(Councillor Pepperell joined the meeting at 10.02am)

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 10.05am)

68. Barry Hellberg spoke on behalf of the New Zealand Retailers Association - Wellington Branch. He posed questions as to where retailing fit within the Draft Annual Plan budget. He also highlighted the importance of a clean Central Business District and Iconic events in Wellington to local retailing. Mr Hellberg noted the good feedback that the Association had received from the Council over parking issues in the central city and the good rapport that was developing between the two organisations (Submission 346).

69. Ivor Owen (Individual) presented an oral submission in which he strongly objected to the proposed Council spending on the Marine Education Centre project. He saw the project as a commercial venture which was being inappropriately subsidised by the ratepayers at a \$350,000 loss per annum to the WCC. He questioned the projected visitor numbers of 195,000 visitors to the Aquarium a year. He highlighted that he did not object to an Aquarium itself being built (Submission 657).

(The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.22am and reconvened at 11.09am.)

(Mayor Prendergast, Councillors Ritchie and Wain returned to the meeting at 11.19am)

NOTED:

Councillor Wade-Brown challenged the extended length of time allocated for the next submitter (Local Government Forum).

133/05P **ORAL SUBMISSIONS TO 2005/06 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN, ESTABLISHMENT OF INDOOR STADIUM TRUST, ESTABLISHMENT OF ARTS CENTRE TRUST, LIQUID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN AND ASSESSMENT OF WATER AND SANITARY SERVICES (CONTINUED).**
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 1)

70. Rodger Kerr, John Hast and Susan Begg spoke on behalf of the Local Government Forum. They asked that the Council ensure it be guided by sound democratic and economic principles when making decisions. They presented their concerns about the local economy, water and roading infrastructure, the Resource Management Act 1991 and the rating differential in Wellington. The core of their submission was that the focus of the WCC should be on providing public goods and that to be effective in delivering these the Council would need to prioritise them over time (Submission 409).

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 11.53am)

(Councillor Goulden left the meeting at 11.55am)

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 12.08pm and returned to the meeting at 12.15pm)

71. Ralph Chapman from Living Streets Aotearoa noted to the Council that it was their job to promote the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of the city. Following from this he highlighted the strong connection between walking and health and lamented the lack of a Council walking strategy (Submission 522).

72. Trevor Anders spoke on behalf of the Lions Club Karori. He reminded the Council of the club's contribution to the establishment of the Karori Wildlife sanctuary, and wished to highlight the 'unique gift' that Wellington had in the sanctuary. Their submission strongly supported the proposal to rename the sanctuary in the belief that the return would be very substantial (Submissions 281, 286).

(Mayor Prendergast left the meeting at 12.29pm)

73. Christopher Renwick (Individual) made an oral submission urging the Council to give more due to the Treaty of Waitangi and *tikanga* protocol. He urged the Council to cover the shortfall of central government in areas of social responsibility with a rates increase (Submission 583).

(The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.35pm and reconvened at 1.05pm.)

(Councillor Morrison returned to the meeting at 1.10pm)

74. Judy Hunt, Victor Anderlini and Stuart Macaskill made an oral submission on behalf of the Marine Education Centre. They highlighted that they had sought public opinion on their project and had the support of the Tenth Trust and felt that the proposed new Marine Education Centre had a 'natural home' on the south coast. They acknowledged that there had been some negative reaction to the project but warned against the opinion of the majority not being heard (Submissions 711,729).

(Councillors Pepperell and Ruben returned to the meeting at 1.11pm)

75. Kevin Almy (Individual) spoke about how he had supported the idea of a marine education as far back as 1999 but was opposed to the proposed site, believing that a site like the Owhiro quarry would be more appropriate. He also opposed the 'considerable amount' of ratepayers' money being spent on the project as he viewed it as a commercial venture and not council's Core business (Submission 593).

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 1.30pm)

76. Rex Manning and Keith Wood made an oral submission on behalf of the National Hockey Stadium. They spoke in favour of the proposal to create additional car parking facilities at the stadium. Mr Wood described to the meeting how the proposed terraced parking would look and function (Submission 403).

(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 1.39pm)

(Mayor Prendergast left the meeting at 1.40pm)

77. W.J.P. McDonald (Individual) requested that Council look at creating some provision which would protect a building's view when neighbouring buildings were altered or constructed. He felt that the rateable value of a residential property was largely based on its view and thus it would be in Council's best interests to protect it (Submission 594).

78. Paul Cameron, as the Chief Executive Officer of Sport Wellington Region spoke in favour of the proposed Newtown Park upgrade and car parking at the National Hockey Stadium, as well as the Lyall Bay surf reef and he praised the Queen's Wharf Event centre facility. While in support of the creation of an Indoor Sports Stadium Trust, Mr Cameron was concerned about the time it would take before such a stadium was operational and thus urged the Council to maintain the upkeep of its other sporting facilities (Submission 527).

(Councillor Shaw left the meeting at 2.01pm)

(Councillor Ritchie joined the meeting at 2.07pm)

79. Donald McDonald (Individual) drew the Council's attention to several maintenance issues in Council flats and public toilets. He also spoke about dangerous pedestrian crossings and street litter bins (Submission 779).

(Councillor Shaw returned to the meeting at 2.10pm)

80. Thomas Bryan and Dianne Armstrong made an oral submission on behalf of the Royal New Zealand Foundation for the Blind. The RNZFB teach visually impaired people how to live with their disabilities and wished to work more closely with the WCC. They challenged the dog registration fees for guide dogs under s49 of the Dog Control Act 1996. They also asked that the organisation be more aware of the needs of visually impaired people in the WCC website development and in implementing the 'Safer Streets' policy (Submission 821).

(Mayor Prendergast returned to the meeting at 2.20pm)

81. Anne Mitcalfe (Individual) spoke to her submission and asked the Council to take 'a step back and take stock' of the Draft Annual Plan so as not to 'automatically' approve it. She asked the Council to review the general principles and reasoning behind what they do and spoke against the proposed 'inner city pocket parks', waterfront development, Karori Sanctuary and Aquarium as they would escalate Council's borrowing (Submission 784).

(Councillors Morrison, Ritchie and Ruben left the meeting at 2.31pm)

82. John Callinan (Individual) spoke against the proposed Marine Education Centre being built on the south coast. He asked that other sites be considered and believed that the building of the aquarium on the proposed site would contravene the WCC's coastal plan (Submission 782).

(The meeting adjourned at 2.39pm for afternoon tea and reconvened at 3.04pm.)

(Councillor Ritchie joined the meeting at 3.09pm)

83. Shirley Hampton (Individual) spoke about her strong disapproval of the \$7 million interest free loan that was being given to the Marine Education Centre and questioned the Council's mandate to loan to such an extent (Submission 469).
84. Scott Wilson and Bernard Barnton spoke on behalf of Libertarians of their desire to ideally "shrink Council" and see most of the services currently provided by the WCC delivered through the market and voluntary/community participation in a user-pays system (Submission 523).

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 3.25pm)

85. Ngaire Best and Robert Tredger made a submission on behalf of the Tawa Community Board (those members elected, not appointed). They expressed their disappointment that this year's Draft Annual Plan did not allocate a discretionary fund of \$10,000 for the board to administer for community projects as had been done in previous years. They advocated for this fund being re-established as they felt it was useful in creating a 'sense of place' in Tawa and cementing the Tawa Community Board's role in encouraging local initiatives. The Community board also wished to reiterate their continued support for the Northern Growth Framework, Kenepuru walkway and the northern Pest Control boundary as well as their support for upgrades of sporting facilities in the city. They raised some concerns about the impending closure of the Northern landfill and problems that might arise regarding green waste at this time (Submission 782).

(Councillor Goulden returned to the meeting at 3.37pm)

(Councillor McKinnon left the meeting at 3.37pm)

(Councillor Wain left the meeting at 3.40pm)

(The meeting adjourned at 3.46pm on Friday 3 June 2005 and reconvened at 2.05pm on Tuesday 7 June 2005.)

PRESENT:

Mayor Prendergast
Councillor Armstrong (Chair)
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer
Councillor Foster (2.05pm – 2.10pm, 2.19pm – 2.28pm, 3.36pm – 5.00pm)
Councillor Gill
Councillor McKinnon
Councillor Morrison (2.44pm – 4.24pm)
Councillor Pepperell (2.05pm – 2.30pm, 3.36pm – 5.00pm)
Councillor Ritchie (2.25pm – 3.36pm)
Councillor Ruben
Councillor Wade-Brown
Councillor Wain (4.24pm – 5.00pm)

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Cook
Councillor Morrison
Councillor Shaw
Councillor Wain

134/05P **APOLOGIES**
(1215/52/IM)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Accept apologies for absence from Councillors Cook, Morrison, Shaw and Wain for Tuesday 7 June 2005.*

135/05P **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There were no conflicts of interest declared for Tuesday 7 June 2005.

136/05P **ORAL SUBMISSIONS TO 2005/06 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN,
ESTABLISHMENT OF INDOOR STADIUM TRUST,
ESTABLISHMENT OF ARTS CENTRE TRUST, LIQUID WASTE
MANAGEMENT PLAN AND ASSESSMENT OF WATER AND
SANITARY SERVICES (CONTINUED TUESDAY 7 JUNE 2005).**
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 1)

NOTED:

86. Pauline Wheatley (Individual) spoke about her concern that Council was accumulating too much debt and she did not wish to see assets sold off where they did not have to be. She noted that as a mother however she did support the proposed Marine Education Centre and investment in the Karori Wildlife Sanctuary (Submission 656).

(Councillor Foster left the meeting at 2.10pm)

87. Phillip Stratford (Individual) made an oral submission in which he challenged the Council proposal to financially assist the development of the Marine Education Centre. As a property developer Mr Stratford highlighted to Councillors that he had attempted a similar project several times and would be willing to do so again at no risk or cost to the WCC (Submission 223).

(Councillor Foster returned to the meeting at 2.19pm)

88. Mark Dunajtschik (Individual) addressed two issues concerning rates. Firstly, he encouraged council to reduce the rates differential to 2.8:1 as he believed the current commercial rate was excessive. Secondly he noted that rates inequities existed within the commercial sector as recently purchased buildings were subject to higher rates than similar buildings which had not been sold (Submission 566).

(Councillor Ritchie joined the meeting at 2.25pm)

(Councillor Foster left the meeting at 2.28pm)

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 2.30pm)

89. Barbara Mitcalfe on behalf of the Wellington Botanical Society commended Council for its restoration of the ecosystem in the open space it controls but warned that it is always under threat so the Council must be vigilant. She asked that Council ensure money was allocated for weed-control on Tinakori Hill while trees mature and that Otari-Wilton bush receive more recognition. Ms Mitcalfe advocated the appointment of an appropriately qualified ecologist to the organisation to give scientific input to Council decisions (Submission 595).

(Councillor Morrison joined the meeting at 2.44pm.)

90. Chris Horne (Individual) urged changes to project c510 'Animal Pest Management' as he felt that the funds allocate to complete this project would not be sufficient. Mr Horne also opposed the sinking of the HMNZS Wellington (F69), and asked the Council to construct cycle ways wherever possible and create more priority bus phasing at traffic lights (Submission 792).

91. Chris Parkin spoke on behalf of the New Zealand Hotel Council (NZHC) – Wellington region. Mr Parkin noted that Tourism was the world's fastest growing industry and the NZHC believed that Wellington is not receiving enough of its benefits. He expressed the organisation's disappointment that the V8 Supercar race would not go ahead and asked that the WCC tag its funding to both the International Arts festival and Te Papa so that both drew more tourists to the city. NZHC supported Wellington Waterfront, the proposed Marine Education Centre and Karori Wildlife Sanctuary but are concerned about the extent of commercial rates increases (Submission 545).
92. Sylvia Maunder made an oral submission as the Chairperson of Athletics Wellington. She noted that the lack of facilities at Newtown Park had cost Wellington national and international events which not only disadvantaged athletes in the region but also track and field officials. She noted that soccer and athletics both shared Newtown Park but that currently there was little room for either as they tried to share the minimal facilities available to them (Submission 351).

(The meeting adjourned at 3.14pm for afternoon tea and reconvened at 3.36pm.)

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 3.36pm)

93. Nick Jennings spoke on behalf of the Quartz Hill Charitable Trust and asked that Council go into partnership with the Trust to secure that land. Mr Jennings did not believe that creating a wind farm was a suitable use of this land and asked that funds be set aside in the next Annual Plan to help the trust achieve this (Submission 543).
94. Ted Linney spoke to the Public Service Association's submission. He highlighted that employees in local government were important stakeholders in the organisation as both employees and citizens. He was concerned that the Draft Annual Plan was unclear as to how the proposals would impact on staff and asked that there be a greater degree of transparency. He highlighted that quality workers are linked to quality management and noted the tentative memorandum of understanding that the PSA had with WCC Chief Executive Garry Poole (Submission 601).
95. Caitlin Carew and Susan Freeman presented a submission as representatives of Heartbeat Wellington. They complimented the city's pedestrian crossings and rails alongside steep footpaths but asked that the Council remain focussed on providing a strong public transport facility for those (especially older) citizens who do not drive (Submission 791).
96. Casey James (Individual) spoke in favour of the proposed Spinks youth café project. As a member of Wellington's youth he noted that

criticisms about the project being yet to gain resource consent were unfounded as the Council's contribution to the project was linked to this consent being obtained. Mr James felt that the café would be well utilised by Wellington's youth and did not see that the café being on church grounds would present a problem (Submission 580).

97. Barry Chalmers spoke to the Wellington Basketball Association's submission asking the Council to assist the upgrade the Southwest Stadium to include another full sized basketball court and better facilities. While the Association supported the development of an Indoor Sports Stadium they noted that this was unlikely to be operational until 2011 and he believed that in the meantime Wellington basketball would suffer. Mr Chalmers noted that alternative facilities available to the basketball association were either undersized (suitable for mini ball only) or were too costly with unreliable access (Submission late 08).

(Councillor Wain joined the meeting at 4.24pm)

(Councillor Morrison left the meeting at 4.24pm)

98. Jim Mikoz made an oral submission on behalf of the Wellington Recreational Marine Fishers Association. Mr Mikoz drew the Councillors' attention to chemicals and leachate that were draining into the ocean from landfill and the outfall pipes that are too close to shore and the negative effects that these were having on the marine ecosystem. He asked that the Council consult more with marine experts and have more regard to marine ecosystems with projects such as grooming beaches and even the pine removal on Tinakori hill which has seen land erosion into waterways (Submission 706).
99. Andrew McLellan spoke on behalf of the Makara Peak Supporters and asked that more public conveniences be installed at the Mountain bike park. He also gave the Council the supporters' continuing support in re-vegetation initiatives and saw a productive partnership between the volunteers, the regional and city councils. He drew the Committee's attention to concerns that he had about the pest management plan in that neighbouring farmers may not be so proactive in the eradication of pests and asked that this be addressed (Submission 503).
100. Tony Randle (Individual) spoke about Wellington's public transport system. Mr Randle saw buses as a key area of public transport and believed that not enough attention was being paid to the bus corridors. He asked that Council invest in more technology to make buses more effective and efficient to give buses priority over car transport. He requested that the public receive some feedback over the Central Business District (CBD) corridor study. He also asked the Committee to note that bus shelters had been overlooked in the Draft Annual Plan (Submission 689).

