

**DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN HEARINGS
SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

MINUTES

MONDAY 28 MAY 2006

**(Reconvened Tuesday 29 May, Wednesday 30 May and
Thursday 31 May 2007))**

9.17AM

**Committee Room One
101 Wakefield Street
Wellington**

PRESENT:

Councillor Ahipene-Mercer

Councillor Cook

Councillor Morrison

Councillor Shaw (Chair)

Councillor Wade-Brown (9.17am – 2.05, 2.33 – 2.58pm, 3.26 – 4.52pm)

APOLOGIES:

Mayor Prendergast

IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Goulden (9.22am – 4.18pm, 4.26 – 4.52pm)

Councillor McKinnon (9.17 – 11.30am)

Councillor Pepperell (9.17 – 9.55am)

001/07AP **ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHAIR**
(1215/52/08/IM)

NOTED:

Councillor Shaw advised that Councillor Foster had resigned from the Subcommittee.

002/07DP **APOLOGIES**
(1215/52/08/IM)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Draft Annual Plan Hearings Subcommittee:

1. *Accept apologies for absence from Mayor Prendergast for the meeting, including days on which it is planned to reconvene.*

003/07DP **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**
(1215/52/08/IM)

NOTED:

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

004/07DP **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
(1215/52/08/IM)

NOTED:

There was no public participation.

005/07DP **ORAL SUBMISSIONS TO DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2007/08**
(1215/52/08/IM) (REPORT 1)

NOTED:

(Councillor Goulden joined the meeting at 9.22am)

1. Frances Lee and Peter Reimann representing Trelissick Park Group spoke about issues affecting the park. They noted the effect that infill housing, global warming and subdivision has on vegetation and water quality in the park due to the large catchment area. The group also highlighted the effect that stormwater was having in eroding the gully

and requested that a survey be undertaken as well as discussing the problems of sewerage leaks, silt accumulation and tracks. The group noted their concern in the drop in funding for weed eradication in this year's annual plan.

2. Linda Hobman and Chris Clark, representing the Newton Union Health Service commended the Council's commitment to social housing – especially the collaboration with government agencies, and also applauded the initiative to build a 'wet hostel', proposed in this year's Annual Plan. They requested that user charges be kept to a minimum, especially regarding transport and swimming pools and noted the difficulties low income earners have in accessing some of the city's events due to cost. They asked that the Council be aware of this and try and engage these people so that they too can feel a sense of pride and ownership in Wellington City.
3. John Warren addressed the Subcommittee on its 'flying graffiti-squad' initiative. With some experience in the area Mr Warren discussed the reasons why people (especially young people) create graffiti and proposed that for a graffiti initiative to be truly successful, these people's talents needed to be channelled in a constructive way. He proposed creating a WCC sponsored event in which young people could display their graffiti art and receive recognition for their work. Mr Warren indicated his willingness to volunteer in such an initiative.
4. Juliet Scoble supported the social housing upgrade proposal but was concerned about rent increases once units were upgraded. As a large part of the funding was a 'gift' from the government Ms Scoble thought it unnecessary to increase rental prices and referred to the increasing costs of power, transport, food etc for people on fixed incomes.

(The meeting adjourned at 9.55am for morning tea and reconvened at 10.39am. When the meeting reconvened Councillor Pepperell was not present.)

5. Anthony Coard addressed the Subcommittee regarding proposed cost increase at the Evans Bay marina. Mr Coard supports the marinas being self-funding but did not wish to pay for what he sees as unnecessary facilities being installed in a basic marina. He also highlighted some of his concerns regarding depreciation on the marina, as it was gifted to the Wellington City Council.
6. Frank Cook noted his frustration at not being able to access the community facilities review given its relevance to the draft Annual Plan. Mr Cook also addressed the Subcommittee on the sale of Crossways, 'please wash your hands' signs in the train station and his concerns about the crèche no longer being able to be housed in the

City Gallery which he saw as pushing childcare completely to the private sector.

7. Sir Michael Hardie Boyes, David Langman and Avenal McKinnon on behalf of the Shed 11 Ltd. urged the Council to continue working with them to develop the New Zealand Centre for Photography and New Zealand Portrait Gallery. They hoped to maintain their funding in the 2007/08 Annual Plan to develop the project. They proposed that the galleries occupy Shed 11 for six months of every year, allowing it to be leased out for the remaining six months noting that by limiting its season, this would allow the Shed 11 project to establish itself properly.
8. William Peet addressed the Subcommittee on the proposed price increases at the Evans Bay marina. An occupant of the marina Mr Peet noted that he was happy for a 'user-pays' system at the marina but maintained that he wanted a low maintenance marina. He disagreed with the proposed fee variance for different sized berths at the marina.

(Councillor McKinnon left the meeting at 11.30am)

9. Kendell Akhurst , Kaeti Rigarlsford, Rosie MacLeod and Nick Luger, representing the Disability Reference Group (DRG) noted that 20 percent of Wellington Residents live with some kind of disability. The DRG reinforced the importance of accessibility and inclusion for the disabled community and noted that equal access to transport and the built environment were imperative in achieving this. It was requested that the WCC ensure all new bus stops were accessible and proposed that the Council could look at sponsoring GPS on buses as has been done in other cities, not only for the benefit of the disabled but also tourists. The DRG supported the social housing initiative but requested that any upgrades be fully accessible to the disabled community.
10. Lissette Wesselling, Ann Bain and Roger Pooley, on behalf of the Association of Blind Citizens, reinforced the request of the DRG for WCC to assist in having GPS, with audio output installed on public buses. They also requested that WCC ensure all library computers have screen reading technology so that blind people are able to access the Braille catalogue and that WCC grants given for artistic events are conditional on audio-descriptive technology being used.
11. Dick Graham addressed the Subcommittee on his concerns regarding the proposed increase of charges at the Evans Bay marina. Mr Graham noted that many sheds had in recent times not been filled which affected the marina's income and proposed that the tenants take over the running of the marina in partnership with WCC.

12. Warren Rankin addressed the Subcommittee on his concerns regarding the proposed increase of charges at Evans Bay marina. Mr Rankin showed a DVD of some of the facilities at the marina and their state of disrepair. He noted that the Coastguard berth, toilets and the car park were used by the public at large but the cost of upkeep was paid for solely by Evan's Bay marina tenants. He disagreed with the proposal to increase rent based on berth size as many smaller boats were using large berths as this was all that was available. Mr Rankin requested that the WCC look at creating some commercial opportunities at the marina to offset some of its costs.
13. Laurence O'Reilly, Theo Gommans, Tai Smith, Clive Puna, Peter Cowan and Laurence Jujnovich representing Consultancy Advocacy Research Trust (CART) discussed the initiative to introduce a 'flying graffiti squad'. They noted that he was already doing similar work with the offenders in the Eastern Ward and requested funding be allocated to them so that they can extend their existing programme.

(The meeting adjourned at 12.32pm for lunch and reconvened at 1.31pm. When the meeting reconvened Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Cook, Goulden, Morrison, Shaw and Wade-Brown were present.)

14. Mike Rumble and Erina Papp representing the Wellington 2020 Trust explained to the Subcommittee what the Trust does and what it has achieved. They requested that the Subcommittee note the strategic importance of community Information Communications Technology (ICT), note the ongoing role of Wellington 2020 in community ICT and note Wellington community Net's ongoing positions as a core WCC Community ICT initiative.
15. Ross Davis of the Boys and Girls Institute (BGI) noted his overall support for the draft Annual Plan and the ongoing commitment to youth in Wellington. He updated the Subcommittee on the Spinks Cottage project which has gone to the Environment Court and will have its case heard in a year's time. He asked that the WCC ensure they build partnerships with Maori organisations when undertaking projects. He requested a roll-over of WCC funding for this.
16. Iona Pannett addressed the Subcommittee on the sale of Crossways Community House in Mount Victoria by the Presbyterian church and proposed that the draft Annual Plan be amended to include a \$350,000 grant to the 'Save Crossways' community group to service a commercial loan while the group fundraised to purchase the house. She noted that the group wishing to purchase Crossways were not requesting that Council buy the house and argued that the house provided a 'heart' for the Mount Victoria community.

17. Patrick McCombs spoke about the sale of the Crossways Community House. He noted that the house had been 'lent' to the WCC for years as a community facility as at the time it was established, the Mount Victoria community was pressing Council for a community centre in the area. Mr McCombs noted the three-fold importance of the Crossways building as a historic building, as green space (with its outside area) and as the 'heart' of the Mount Victoria community providing a community crèche, meeting space, notice boards and function centre.

(The meeting adjourned at 2.05pm and reconvened at 2.31pm. When the meeting reconvened Councillor Wade-Brown was not present.)

(Councillor Wade-Brown returned to the meeting at 2.33pm)

18. Michael Taylor of the Tararua Tramping Club strongly supported the increase in spending proposed in the draft Annual Plan on the main track proposals. He noted the importance of people being able to surround themselves with nature in green open space and asked that the Council be careful to protect natural areas from inappropriate development.
19. Doug Catley, Chairman of the Basin Reserve Trust addressed the Subcommittee on its submission to include funding in the draft Annual Plan for the upgrading of the irrigation system and media facilities at the Basin Reserve. It was noted that reserve was increasingly diversifying the sports it hosted and was currently looking at providing training grounds for the Phoenix Soccer group as well as potentially hosting the FIFA under 17 Women's World Cup tournament and would need the upgraded media facilities especially to meet international expectations.
20. John Moriarty discussed the proposed increase in fees at the Evans Bay marina. He noted that these facilities were at the lower end of marina facilities available in the region and that they would be hard to upgrade. He argued that different fees should not be charged based on boat/berth size as this could not be reasonably justified.

(The meeting adjourned at 2.58pm and reconvened at 3.24pm. When the meeting reconvened Councillor Wade-Brown was not present)

21. Robyn Smith, on behalf of the Queen Elizabeth the Second Trust (QEII Trust) spoke about the Trust's desire to protect indigenous biodiversity on private land. She asked for a co-ordinated programme between the Council and private landowners including for a fund to be established by Council to protect biodiversity on covenanted land that private landowners can access.

(Councillor Wade-Brown returned to the meeting at 3.26pm)

22. Paul Cameron from Sport Wellington thanked the WCC for their partnership in the Vector 'Round the Bays' and outreach 'Push Play' programme. He spoke about the state of sport in Wellington and commended the reopening of Karori park and the Kilbirnie Aquatic centre upgrade. Mr Cameron also noted the importance of the Basin Reserve as an iconic venue.
23. Pauline Swann on behalf of Waterfront Watch addressed the Subcommittee regarding the Frank Kitts park redevelopment and the placement of the Chinese Garden. Waterfront Watch opposes the redevelopment of Frank Kitts Park as it is not listed in the Waterfront Framework as a priority. The group also has concerns regarding the relocation of the Chinese Garden from the north end of Waitangi Park to a redeveloped Frank Kitts Park.
24. Lloyd Pallesen addressed the Subcommittee on parks and walking tracks available to horse riders. Mr Pallesen requested that parks and tracks which are able to be used for horse riding be clarified as there was very little information available on this. He drew the Subcommittee's attention to reference in the Northern Growth Framework to provide facilities for walking, cycling and horse riding and compared the recreation needs of horse riders to mountain bikers who are readily supplied with information about trails open to them.
25. Russell Third, speaking on behalf of the Evan's Bay Marina Tenants group spoke to his submission regarding the proposed fee increases at the Evan's Bay marina. Mr Third stated that while he agreed with a 'user pays' system at the marina, many of the facilities being paid for by tenants were not solely for their use such as the breastwork, car park and toilet facilities. He noted that it was a lower end marina with much maintenance still outstanding and requested that any price increase be completely transparent so that berth-holders knew what they were paying for.
26. Lawson Robertson on behalf of the Seton Nossiter Park Working Group encouraged the Subcommittee to have a local focus when it came to developing environmental facilities and biodiversity protection issues rather than developing 'world class facilities'. Mr Robertson requested that money invested in taking facilities from 'local' to 'world class' just be invested straight back into the environment. He also questioned development and Stebbings Valley/Mark Avenue with regard to the Northern Growth Management Plan.

(The meeting adjourned at 4.18 and reconvened at 4.20pm. when the meeting reconvened Councillor Goulden was not present.)

27. Charles Finney and John Lundsden from the Wellington Chamber of Commerce praised this year's draft Annual Plan and noted that the rates increase was one of the lowest in the country. They noted that the Chamber agreed with much of what was in the Annual Plan although this deviated over the issues of Transmission Gully and the rating differential. Mr Finney commended the Council's efforts in respect of Broadband.

(Councillor Goulden returned to the meeting at 4.26pm.)

28. Joy Sipeli representing the Capital PHO Interim Pacific Health Committee addressed the Subcommittee recommending that the WCC develop an interagency infrastructure to support Pacific outcomes, to be the lead agency in establishing a Wellington Pasefika Interagency Steering Group and to establish a Wellington Pasefika non-governmental organisation network.
29. Tommy Honey from the New Zealand Film and Television school requested that the Council look into providing funding to support the school moving to the Te Whaea building. Mr Honey noted that the film industry made up an essential part of Wellington's economy and that the Film and Television school has been able to train the crew to staff much of this industry and is moving into training Directors, Producers and Scriptwriters.

(The meeting adjourned at 4.52pm on Monday, 28 May 2007. The meeting reconvened at 9.19am on Tuesday, 29 May 2007.)

PRESENT:

Councillor Ahipene-Mercer
 Councillor Cook
 Councillor Morrison
 Councillor Shaw (Chair)
 Councillor Wade-Brown (9.19am – 2.59pm)

APOLOGIES:

Mayor Prendergast

IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Armstrong (10.48 – 11.00am, 11.26 – 11.29am, 11.52 – 12.10pm, 3.42 – 4.10pm)
 Councillor Foster (9.45 – 4.10pm)
 Councillor Goulden (9.19 – 11.20am, 12.05 – 2.12pm, 2.25 – 2.59pm)
 Councillor McKinnon (9.19 – 11.02am, 3.30pm – 4.08)

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Councillor Pepperell (9.19 – 10.26am)
Councillor Ritchie (11.52 – 2.39pm)
Councillor Ruben (10.48 – 11.00am, 3.46 – 4.10pm)

006/07DP **APOLOGIES**
(1215/52/08/IM)

See 002/07DP above.

007/07DP **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**
(1215/52/08/IM)

NOTED:

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

008/07DP **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
(1215/52/08/IM)

NOTED:

There was no public participation.

009/07DP **ORAL SUBMISSIONS TO DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2007/08**
CONTINUED
(1215/52/08/IM) (REPORT 1)

NOTED:

1. Rosamund Averton speaking on behalf of the Mt Victoria Residents Association addressed the Subcommittee. She noted the Association's support for the Engagement Policy and the planting of more deciduous trees. But expressed concern over the demolition protocol in the district plan and the sale of Crossways house.
2. Stephen Wilson spoke to his submission regarding the increase of entry fees to pools. He noted he is involved in the Tawa Swimming Club and felt the increased fees will make the Swimming Club too expensive for families. He felt that parents should not be charged for watching their children swim. Tawa Pool is not a recreational facility, rather it is a swimming school pool and the entry cost should not increase.

3. Celia Derby expressed concern over the maintenance of the Mitchell Court flats. She noted that these flats and letter boxes need to be renovated immediately.

(Councillor Foster joined the meeting at 9.45am)

4. Don McDonald showed a video of his interview on Close Up. He noted that the Council's response to complaints is slow. He asked that the Constable Street public toilets be checked randomly. He feels that 55 percent satisfaction with public toilets is not high enough and the aim should be 95 percent.
5. Tony Burton speaking on behalf of the Thorndon Society addressed the Subcommittee in support of heritage protection in Thorndon. The Society requests \$30,000 for an architectural survey of Thorndon for heritage purposes. Mr Burton noted that original heritage buildings are better than new buildings that mimic heritage buildings.
6. Dante Christensen spoke in support of the proposed Wet Hostel. Mr Christensen is Chairperson of the Catacombs drop in centre, which offers a laundry service, tea and coffee and soup and toast to many homeless people. He noted there is a safety issue for volunteer staff when clients are intoxicated. A wet hostel will give people who are not able to go to the drop in centre somewhere safe to go.
7. Barry Halberg speaking on behalf of the NZ Retailers Association addressed the Subcommittee. He noted the Association supports the Graffiti Flying Squad initiative and feel the 3.8 percent rate increase seems reasonable. Mr Halberg urged the Council not to revisit free weekend parking. He noted that small retailers may find the user charges increases difficult and requested a benefit analysis of these increases.

(The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.26am. When the meeting reconvened at 10.48am Councillor Pepperell was not present.)

(Councillors Armstrong and Ruben joined the meeting at 10.48am.)

8. Ngaire Best and Robert Tredger speaking on behalf of the Tawa Community Board addressed the Subcommittee. They expressed concern that Tawa was in development contributions catchment area for the upgrade of the Johnsonville Pool as Tawa families generally use Porirua Pool over Johnsonville for recreational swimming. They also expressed concern that renewal of suburban upgrades will result in tatty suburban centres and asked that Council maintain the current standard.

(Councillors Armstrong and Ruben left the meeting at 11.00am.)

(Councillor McKinnon left the meeting at 11.02am.)

9. Jocelyn O’Kane speaking on behalf of the Wellington People’s Centre expressed support for the Housing initiative. Ms O’Kane asked that Council consider a wider roll in social housing by providing a housing advocacy and brokerage service linking social housing services with the public.
10. Jim Norling spoke to his submission on the proposed housing initiative. He expressed concern that the Council will not be able to sell housing stock for 30 years if this is approved. He believes the Council should sell its housing stock and reduce rates and that the role of social housing belongs with Central Government.
11. Phil Shepherd spoke in support of the Crossways Community Centre. He noted Crossways offers families in the area a place to get together which is close to the school and kindergarten. Mr Shepherd noted that the Community Centre provides a number family and community based activities for Mount Victoria residents.

(Councillor Goulden left the meeting at 11.20am.)

12. Tom Law spoke to his submission. He expressed support for the proposed graffiti flying squad and continued investment in social housing. Mr Law noted concern at the Broadband initiative, he feels that this is something for private companies rather than local government. He also noted there should be pay equality for staff at Community Centres.

(Councillor Armstrong returned to the meeting at 11.26am.)

(The meeting adjourned at 11.29am. When it reconvened at 11.37am, Councillor Armstrong was not present.)

13. Mark Waters and Peter Ballenger speaking on behalf of the Clyde Quay Tenants Association expressed concern at the increased fees at the Clyde Quay Boat Harbour. They noted that the Boat Harbour is an iconic and scenic part of Wellington which has been in use for 100 years. They believe the Council should not make current tenants pay for historical maintenance to the Boat Harbour. They would like the Council to review its custodian role and pricing structure.

(Councillors Armstrong and Ritchie joined the meeting at 11.52am.)

14. Simon Louisson addressed the Subcommittee and requested the Council cover the walkway through the Mt Victoria tunnel. He feels this would make the tunnel more pedestrian and cyclist friendly. Mr Louisson also noted that so little is spent on cycling and pedestrian

initiatives and would like to see more spent to encourage walking and cycling in the city.

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

(The meeting adjourned at 12.10pm for lunch. When the meeting reconvened at 2.05pm Councillor Armstrong was not present.)

15. Avenal McKinnon and Paul Thompson speaking on behalf of the NZ Portrait Gallery addressed the Subcommittee in support of the NZ Portrait Gallery in Shed 11. They feel if this were to go ahead it would consolidate the vision of the Waterfront, making it a world class cultural destination. They noted they have received an email in support of the Portrait Gallery in Shed 11 by John Gilberthorpe, Chief Executive of the Museums Trust.

(The meeting adjourned at 2.12pm. When the meeting reconvened at 2.18pm Councillor Goulden was not present.)

16. Michael Taylor spoke to his submission and expressed concern that rates increases are not explained to the public and is hard to understand in the Draft Annual Plan. He also noted his support for residential water metres, which he sees as a fair system and allows the public to pay for their water consumption.

(Councillor Goulden returned to the meeting at 2.25pm.)

17. Sheena Bennett expressed concern over the increase in entry to swimming pools. She noted these increases could put swimming beyond the reach of many young families and the elderly. She encouraged the Council to use local engineers when designing the Tsunami warning system. Although she noted perhaps the money would be better spent on an education programme. Ms Bennett also expressed concern that the Council is becoming involved in Broadband and that magazines will only be issued from libraries for a week.

(The meeting adjourned at 2.39pm. When the meeting reconvened at 2.51pm Councillors Ritchie and Wade-Brown were not present.)

18. Paula Warren spoke to her submission and encouraged the Council to conduct a marine bio-blitz on the south coast. She noted there is a strong marine community in Wellington who supported the proposed marine bio-blitz. She requested that the Council provide 1\$0,000 for a co-ordinator to pull resources together.

(The meeting adjourned at 2.59pm for afternoon tea. When it reconvened at 3.21pm Councillor Goulden was not present.)

19. Kent Duston speaking on behalf of the Save Crossways Committee addressed the Subcommittee. He noted that Crossways has been used by the Community since 1978 and is used widely and is fully integrated to the local community. Mr Duston asked that Council give the Community a loan which would help create a Community Trust and pay the commercial mortgage for three years. This would give the community time to raise funds to buy Crossways.

(Councillor McKinnon returned to the meeting at 3.30pm.)

20. Graham Howell spoke in support of Crossways and noted he had been involved with the Community Centre in some way since 1982. He asked that the Council give an interest only loan of \$120,000 for a year to enable the community time to fund raise enough money to buy Crossways.

(Councillor Armstrong returned to the meeting at 3.42pm.)

(Councillor Ruben returned to the meeting at 3.46pm)

21. Ian Cassels speaking on behalf of the Wellington Company addressed the Subcommittee. He expressed support for a five cent regional petrol tax for Transmission Gully. He also noted his support for fixing rates for inner city commercial property at a percentage of capital value which would be assessed every three years.
22. Conel Townsend speaking on behalf of the NZ Property Council addressed the Subcommittee. The NZ Property Council believe that minimal rates are important so the city can generate wealth for the Council. He also noted that the Council should explain the rating differential to the business community as the Draft Annual Plan poses more questions than it answers. Mr Townsend expressed support for the broadband proposal.

(Councillor McKinnon left the meeting at 4.08pm.)

(Councillors Armstrong, Foster and Ruben left the meeting at 4.10pm.)

23. Dame Laurie Salas spoke in support of the Crossways Community House and asked that Council help the community by providing a loan to buy the building. She believes this would allow the community to raise the necessary funds to buy the building and create a trust to run the community centre. She feels that a loss of the community centre will be a loss to the community.
24. Judi Keith-Brown spoke to her submission in support of the Crossways Community House. She feels that the inner city needs a community centre and Crossways is in an ideal location to meet this

need. The community house gives a sense of community to Mt Victoria and provides a breathing space in a crowded suburb.

25. Therese Quinlivan speaking on behalf of Community Housing Aotearoa addressed the Subcommittee. She expressed support for the improvement of the Council's housing stock and feels it is important to have a strong social housing base in Wellington. However she believes the Council should develop a relationship with placement agencies to ensure the number of people housed does not drop.

(The Subcommittee adjourned at 4.34pm and reconvened at 4.47pm.)

26. Jane Benefield and associates expressed their support for the Crossways Community House. They noted that there is an early bird AA meeting held every Saturday morning at Crossways, which is the only one of its kind in Wellington. The group has met there for 13 years and has a regular attendance of 30 – 40 people each week. They noted that many people come to this meeting from the bridge programme run by the Salvation Army.

(The meeting adjourned at 4.58pm on Tuesday, 29 May 2007. The meeting reconvened at 2.01pm on Wednesday, 30 May 2007.)

PRESENT:

Councillor Ahipene-Mercer

Councillor Cook

Councillor Morrison (2.01 – 2.58pm, 3.17 – 3.41pm, 3.59 – 4.53pm)

Councillor Shaw (Chair)

Councillor Wade-Brown

APOLOGIES:

Mayor Prendergast

IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Armstrong (2.34 – 3.12pm)

Councillor Goulden (2.01 – 3.12pm, 3.27 – 3.58pm, 4.38 – 4.53pm)

Councillor McKinnon (2.01 – 2.58pm)

Councillor Pepperell (2.52 – 2.58pm)

0010/07DP APOLOGIES

(1215/52/08/IM)

See 002/07DP above.

011/07DP **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**
(1215/52/08/IM)

NOTED:

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

012/07DP **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
(1215/52/08/IM)

NOTED:

There was no public participation.

013/07DP **ORAL SUBMISSIONS TO DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2007/08**
CONTINUED
(1215/52/08/IM) (REPORT 1)

NOTED:

1. Naomi Tocher, Flora Toma, Tadesse Tugba and Michael Jebrehiwek from the Change Makers Refugee Forum spoke about the different requirements of housing for specific communities/ethnic groups in Wellington. They requested that issues such as size of houses and safety be considered in the context of these requirements when housing stock was upgraded. The group urged the Council to consult the community regarding its needs before upgrading.
2. Robin Boldarin on behalf of the Miramar/Maupuia Residents' Association discussed the District Plan and a specific resource consent given in her neighbourhood which affected sunlight to her property. She noted that the loss of sunlight or daylight to houses by neighbouring building alterations could significantly alter the natural heating of properties and that this had then to be met through the artificial heating of homes and the cost borne by the occupant.
3. John Bishop on behalf of the Friends of the Wellington Town Belt thanked the Subcommittee for the Council's continued commitment to the Town Belt. He requested that the Council examine the use of some tracks as he believed some of these were becoming unsafe as too much emphasis had been placed on the needs of mountain bikers. Mr Bishop also requested that some of the streams flowing out of the Town Belt be attended to and noted that the proposed new track for mountain

bikers on Mount Victoria may have a negative effect on some users of the Town Belt.

4. Tracy Hurst-Porter highlighted her concerns that the process for consultation on the draft Annual Plan was not appropriate as she believed oral submitters should address all Elected Members making a decision on the Annual Plan. She linked this to low voter turn out in local body elections. Ms Hurst-Porter also queried what changes had been made to the previous three year's Annual Plans as a result of public consultation.
5. Ralph and Margaret Pannett spoke to the Subcommittee about assisting the Mount Victoria community in their efforts to purchase the Crossways Community Centre building. They noted that in an area of high-medium density housing Crossways was a well used and well-managed facility that served not only Mount Victoria residents but the wider community.

(Councillor Armstrong joined the meeting at 2.34pm)

(Councillor Pepperell joined the meeting at 2.52pm)

6. Ronald Palmer representing the Tenants Associations of Evans Bay marina addressed the Subcommittee about the proposed fee increases. He noted that while he agreed with self-funding of the marina by tenants that some of the services that tenants thought they were paying for were no longer done (such as regular cleaning of the toilets, painting, small fix-it jobs etc.). Mr Palmer observed with respect to this that it appeared costs were rising while service levels were going down. With respect to the car park, toilets and other 'public use' facilities Mr Palmer stated that these were in effect Council operations that should not be funded by marina tenants.

(Councillors Mckinnon, Morrison and Pepperell left the meeting at 2.58pm)

7. Bernie Harris spoke about his frustration regarding some of the information contained in the draft Annual Plan. Mr Harris raised his concerns regarding some accounting practices including depreciation and rating and noted the difficulty that people could have in interpreting and understanding all the numbers in the draft Annual Plan.

(The meeting adjourned at 3.12 pm and reconvened at 3.17pm. When the meeting reconvened Councillor Morrison had returned and Councillors Armstrong and Goulden were not present)

8. David Butler on behalf of the Wellington Labour Local Body Committee spoke about several issues including proposed increases in

user fees at libraries, city safety officers, parking in Newtown and creating an air service to Wellington directly from Canberra. Mr Butler noted that there were new models of planes coming into service that would be able to fly the Canberra-Wellington route and that such a service was well overdue.

(Councillor Goulden returned to the meeting at 3.27pm)

9. Rex Nairn noted his concerns about the level of Council spending in defence of the 'leaky homes' alongside what individuals are able to spend. Mr Nairn also discussed what he saw as an unsatisfactory level of scrutiny and coverage of Council activities by the Dominion Post newspaper and criticised the level of advertising by the WCC in it. He urged the Subcommittee to ensure that more money was spent advertising in local media.

(The meeting adjourned at 3.41pm and reconvened at 3.45pm. When the meeting reconvened Councillor Morrison was not present)

10. Suzie Stevens, Marje Jackson and Leo McIntyre representing Kites Trust spoke in relation to the social housing proposal in the draft Annual Plan. The group wished to ensure that people who have experienced mental illness have equal access to housing and noted the importance of single room units for people who needed time alone to recover from their illness. The Kites Trust emphasised the need for the Council to ensure that tenants were well-informed of its plans to upgrade housing stock and reassured that they would still have somewhere to live. They suggested that some City Housing liaison officers be trained in mental health issues to ensure this groups needs were met.

(Councillor Goulden left the meeting at 3.58pm)

(Councillor Morrison returned to the meeting at 3.59pm)

11. Alana Bowman addressed the Subcommittee on many issues including the development of Centreport, monitoring of food safety standards, public consultation, e-democracy and her opposition to the proposed Hilton hotel and the Marine Education Centre. Ms Bowman urged the the Subcommittee to look at reducing, rather than increasing, library fees.
12. Carrick Lewis representing Action for the Environment Inc noted his concern over the sale of Crossways Community Centre in Mount Victoria and introduced Craig Palmer. Mr Palmer is a member of the Mount Victoria Residents Association and covered some of the history of the Crossways Community Centre. He noted the change in the Mount Victoria resident population with a large number of young families moving into the area and highlighted the aging 'baby-boomer'

population who would benefit from having a community centre in years to come. Mr Palmer also emphasised that Kent and Cambridge Terraces were likely to get more apartment blocks, bringing more people to the suburb.

(The meeting adjourned at 4.15pm and reconvened at 4.25pm)

13. Clive Litt representing the residents of Oban Street highlighted problems with the proposed Oban St-Trelissick Park walkway. While the walkway was not on the work plan at present, Mt Litt wished to highlight the privacy issues that would ensue if the planned walkway went ahead. He noted that the walkway would be grossly intrusive as it passed only metres away from one house and would compromise the safety provided by living in a the cul-de-sac. Mr Litt felt that the needs of the public were already served by the Hanover Street walkway nearby.

(The meeting adjourned ay 4.32pm and reconvened at 4.35pm)
(Councillor Goulden returned to the meeting at 4.38pm)

14. Susan Esterrmin addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of Susan Wright who was unable to attend. Ms Wright noted in her submission via Ms Estermin the importance of magazines for the elderly and the unwell as well as people for whom English was a second language. Unique elements of magazines include their light weight, their highly visual content, their ability to deliver up-to-date information which Ms Wright believes cannot be replicated in books. She asked that Council reconsider the proposal to charge for borrowing magazines from city libraries.

(Councillor Goulden returned to the meeting at 4.38pm)

15. John Seggie addressed the Subcommittee regarding the proposed fee increases at Evan's Bay marina. Mr Seggie noted that the marina was a gift and therefore should not be depreciated. He also highlighted that the cost of amenities and carpark at the marina were fully funded by tenants but used by the wider public.

NOTED:

Emma Walker, from EnergySmart was unable to attend to make an oral submission, due to illness. A copy of her presentation was circulated and is attached at Appendix One of these minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 4.53pm on Wednesday 30 May 2007. The meeting reconvened at 9.17am on Thursday 31 May 2007.

PRESENT:

Councillor Ahipene-Mercer
Councillor Cook
Councillor Morrison
Councillor Shaw (Chair)
Councillor Wade-Brown (9.19 – 11.44am)

APOLOGIES:

Mayor Prendergast

IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Goulden (9.18 – 11.44am)
Councillor Foster (9.47 – 10.18am)
Councillor McKinnon (9.17 – 9.49am, 10.04 – 11.00am, 11.09 – 11.44am)

014/07DP **APOLOGIES**
(1215/52/08/IM)

See 002/07DP above.

015/07DP **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**
(1215/52/08/IM)

NOTED:

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

016/07DP **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
(1215/52/08/IM)

NOTED:

There was no public participation.

017/07DP **ORAL SUBMISSIONS TO DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2007/08**
CONTINUED
(1215/52/08/IM)

(REPORT 1)

NOTED:

(Councillor Wade-Brown joined the meeting at 9.19am.)

1. David Rattenbury spoke to his submission regarding proposed fees and charges increases at the Evans Bay marina. Mr Rattenbury suggested the Council allow management of the marina to pass to a committee of tenants elected by tenants of the marina. He feels that this will improve management of the marina and will help pay for repairs.
2. Tony Cowdry expressed concern at the increase in fees for the Clyde Quay Boat Harbour. He feels this is a loved and iconic feature of Wellington's landscape and the diversity of boats in the harbour makes it so iconic. He is concerned that the fee increase could price small boat owners out of the harbour and as bigger boats can not fit, the harbour could be left empty. Mr Cowdry suggests Council only increase the fee by the rate of inflation.
3. Roland Sapsford speaking on behalf of the Aro Valley Community Council addressed the Subcommittee. He requested funding to help upgrade the community centre as the current facility is not adequate for the activities which take place there. He noted that the community has been working with Council for a number of years to upgrade the community centre but have yet to receive a firm commitment. The community are prepared to fund raise for half the costs of the upgrade.

(Councillor Foster joined the meeting at 9.47am.)

(Councillor McKinnon left the meeting at 4.49am.)

4. Steve Thompson from Westpac Stadium Trust addressed the Subcommittee in support of the move to increase event funding. He believes it is critical to secure events for the city and it is important to host a wide range of events. Mr Thompson believes the proposed increased event funding will be important to the continued success of the Westpac Stadium.
5. Mark Oldershaw speaking on behalf of the NZ Hotel Council addressed the Subcommittee. He noted that members of the NZ Hotel Council expressed support for the proposed indoor community sports centre and increased events funding. Mr Oldershaw believes it is important for Wellington to cultivate pocket events between April and October, which is the down season.

(Councillor McKinnon joined the meeting at 10.04am.)

6. Steve Dunn from the Newtown Residents Association addressed the Subcommittee. He expressed the Association's support for the graffiti proposal and asked to be involved in the programme. Mr Dunn also expressed concern over delays to improvement at the intersection of

Riddiford and John Streets. He feels this is a pedestrian black spot and would like an assurance that this work will proceed. The Association would like to see consultation in October or November for the next Draft Annual Plan.

(The Subcommittee adjourned at 10.18am for morning tea. When the meeting reconvened at 10.43am Councillor Foster was not present.)

7. Tim Cossar and Michael Grace from Positively Wellington Tourism (PWT) addressed the Subcommittee. They expressed support for the proposed increased event funding and noted that this will be vital to presentation of Wellington as a visitor destination. He noted that the convention market is important to the city and will need to be monitored. He feels that convention facilities need to be continuously monitored so Wellington does not fall behind.
8. Mike Mellor speaking on behalf of Living Streets Aotearoa addressed the Subcommittee. He noted the importance of walking as a means of transport and suggested a hierarchy of road use with cars at the bottom of the list. Mr Mellor believes careful planning of pedestrian walkways should be included in transport strategies.

(Councillor McKinnon left the meeting at 11.00am.)

9. Mike Usher spoke to his submission regarding the proposed fee increase at the Evans Bay Marina. He expressed concern at the poor maintenance of the marina and believes it is the responsibility of the landlord to provide a steady mooring. Mr Usher believes that with the lack of maintenance, the increase of fees can not be justified.

(Councillor McKinnon returned to the meeting at 11.09am.)

10. Ryan Prasad speaking on behalf of the Boys and Girls Institute addressed the Subcommittee in support of funding for the Spinks Youth Café. He feels the roll over of funding for this project is important to the youth of Wellington. Mr Prasad feels that youth are often forgotten and Spinks Café will provide somewhere safe for youth to socialise. He stated that the café will be purpose a built facility and will be run by youth for youth.
11. Jocelyn Brooks speaking on behalf of the Wellington Residents Coalition addressed the Subcommittee in support of the proposed housing initiatives. The Coalition support an upgrade of the housing portfolio but not a reduction in the number of people housed. They believe rent should be changed so it is charged on a percentage of household income. Ms Brooks also noted her support for Crossways Community House.

Appendix One