
MINUTES

THURSDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2007

9.18AM

**Committee Room 1
Ground Floor, Council Offices
101 Wakefield Street
Wellington**

PRESENT:

Mayor Prendergast (Chair)
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer
Councillor Foster (9.30 – 11.00am)
Councillor Goulden (9.18 – 10.30am)
Councillor McKinnon
Councillor Morrison
Councillor Pepperell (9.18 – 10.30am, 10.48 – 11.00am)
Councillor Ritchie (10.01 – 11.00am)
Councillor Ruben
Councillor Shaw (9.18 – 9.56am, 10.01 – 10.30am, 10.48 – 11.00am)
Councillor Wade-Brown
Councillor Wain (9.18 – 9.56am, 10.01 – 11.00am)

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Armstrong (for lateness)
Councillor Cook
Councillor Gill
Councillor Ritchie (for lateness)

231/07P **APOLOGIES**
(1215/52/IM)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- 1. Accept apologies for lateness from Councillors Armstrong and Ritchie.*

2. *Accept apologies for absence from Councillors Cook and Gill.*

232/07P **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

233/07P **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**
(1215/52/IM)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Approve the minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 2 August 2007 (joint meeting with Regulatory Processes Committee) and Wednesday 29 August 2007 (ordinary meeting), be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of those meetings.*

234/07P **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There was no public participation.

235/07P **DEPUTATION**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

Alison Lash, representing the Kereru Discovery Project addressed the Committee about the work of the Discovery Project and its relevance to Report 6 – Biodiversity Action Plan. She spoke about what the Discovery Project was trying to achieve through individual action and suggested working in partnership with the Wellington City Council to achieve this.

(Councillor Foster joined the meeting at 9.30am.)

236/07P **DISABILITY REFERENCE GROUP – REPORT BACK**
(1215/52/IM) (ORAL REPORT)

NOTED:

Thomas Bryan and Kendall Akhurst, co-Chairs of the Disability Reference Group (DRG) reported back to the Committee on the work they had undertaken throughout the year, as allowed by their terms of reference. Mr Akhurst noted that the relationship between the Wellington City Council (WCC) and DRG was strong and they believed officers were developing a real understanding of accessibility issues in their work. Mr Bryan spoke about the future work of the DRG. The co-Chairs answered questions from the Committee.

237/07P **FEEDBACK ON DRAFT PARKING POLICY**
Report of Julie Alexander, Senior Policy Advisor.
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 2)

Moved Mayor Prendergast, seconded Councillor McKinnon the substantive motion with the following amendments to the Parking Policy and implementation plan:

Economic Development

~~5c. In supporting the city's economic base, a balance will need to be made regarding the possible removal of on-street car parking spaces to create space for other uses that could contribute to the city's vibrancy and vitality (e.g. bus only lanes, outdoor seating, community parks etc). These will need to be site specific decisions, balancing the needs of all users in that location. This will also be the approach taken for requests to remove parking outside certain buildings for security reasons.~~

5c. Other uses of the public road space (such as bus only lanes, outdoor seating, community parks etc.) contribute to the city's vibrancy and vitality and support the city's economic base. However, an assessment of any on-street parking spaces that are affected will need to be undertaken, to balance the needs of all users in that location. This will also be the approach taken for requests to remove parking outside certain buildings for security reasons.

Environmental

~~5k. The contribution that parking makes to climate change (i.e. through facilitating the use of private vehicles) is acknowledged. In~~

~~Wellington, transport accounts for 32% of the city's CO2 emissions and measures are needed to mitigate this risk, through the Council's work towards achieving its Climate Neutral vision.~~

- 5k. The contribution that **vehicles** make to climate change is acknowledged. In Wellington, transport accounts for 32% of the city's CO2 emissions (**with 78% of this figure being attributed to the private car**), and measures are needed to mitigate this risk through the Council's work towards achieving its Climate Neutral vision
- 5j. Parking should support the compact city approach and promote the efficient use of the road space resource to achieve sustainability objectives (**such as allocating road space for buses at peak times on appropriate routes, identifying spaces for the use of car sharing clubs and cycle parking**)

Cultural Wellbeing

- 5 n. Parking should support events, festivals, exhibitions and concerts in the city through the provision of adequate parking spaces at appropriate times and in appropriate locations. **This needs to be balanced with using public road space to encourage the use of sustainable transport to travel to and from these events**

6.2.1 Inner Residential Areas – On-street

- a. On-street parking is primarily to support residents' parking. However, this needs to be balanced with the needs of local retailers, community, educational institutions and recreational facilities, commuter parking and the need to allow the efficient movement of vehicles at peak times (**add footnote**).

Footnote - The Council's Road Encroachment Policy aims to provide a framework for consistent decision making to allow encroachments onto legal road in Wellington City. The Policy specifically facilitates safety for pedestrians and vehicles by allowing drive-on access to properties and off-street parking and aims to encourage less crime through environmental design. Individual property owners are able to apply for an encroachment licence and need to meet a set of criteria set out in the Policy. Off street parking for new dwellings is dealt with by the District Plan rules.

Activity 3.i - new issue / scope

- i. **Investigate the feasibility and viability of supporting car sharing clubs in the city**

The substantive motion, as amended was put and declared CARRIED on voices.

RESOLVED AND RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Note that consultation was undertaken during May and June 2007 and oral submissions were heard on 2 August 2007.*
- 3. Note that 100 submissions were received and are attached as Appendix 3 to the officer's report.*
- 4. Note that all submissions have been considered in the development of the Parking Policy and Implementation Plan and that the responses to key considerations are attached as Appendix 4 of the officer's report.*
- 5. Note that the draft Parking Policy aims to manage a limited and very important resource, the public road space, in an equitable and balanced manner to ensure that the best outcomes for the city are achieved.*
- 6. Note that further work to address issues and challenges in the parking system is required and a work programme is outlined in the Implementation Plan.*
- 7. Recommend to Council that it agree to the revised Draft Parking Policy as **amended** and associated Implementation Plan as **amended**, attached as Appendices 1 and 2 to the officers' report.*

NOTED:

The committee added the words in **bold**.

(Councillors Shaw and Wain left the meeting at 10.56am.)

238/07P

PROGRESS ON THE CLIMATE CHANGE WORK PROGRAMME

Report of Zach Rissel, Policy Advisor
(1215/52/IM)

(REPORT 3)

Moved Councillor Wade-Brown, seconded Mayor Prendergast the substantive motion.

(Councillors Shaw and Wain returned to the meeting at 10.01am.)

(Councillor Ritchie joined the meeting at 10.01am.)

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED on voices.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Note that Council agreed on 27 June 2007 to a vision of carbon neutrality for Wellington City Council operations and the city as a whole.*
3. *Note that Council agreed the terms of reference for a Working Party on Climate Change to provide input and guidance to officers on the development of the draft climate change targets and proposed work programme.*
4. *Note that officers will further develop the draft Climate Change Action Plan and will present recommendations by December 2007 to be incorporated in the 2008/09 Draft Annual Plan.*
5. *Recommend to the 2007/10 Council that a new elected members' climate change working party be formed to contribute to the continuing development of the draft Climate Change Action Plan.*
6. *Agree that Council officers apply for Government funding to develop public place recycling infrastructure in Wellington's central city area.*

239/07P **REVIEW OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AND LOCAL ELECTORAL ACT**
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 4)

NOTED:

This report was withdrawn from the agenda by officers.

240/07P **HERITAGE GRANTS**
Report of Alexandra Teague, Urban Designer - Heritage.
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 5)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Goulden the substantive motion as amended below:

2. Agree to the allocation of grants to applicants in the July round of the Built Heritage Incentive Fund, as ~~assessed by Council officers~~ **follows:**

| Project | Total Project Cost | Grant requested | Grant Proposed |
|--|---------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Sai Centre, 8 Daniell St, Newtown | \$592,779.00 | \$250,000.00 | \$40,000.00 |
| St Mary of the Angels Parish Church, 17 Boulcott St, Wellington | \$61,875.00 | \$61,875.00 | \$10,000.00 |
| Total | \$654,654.00 | \$311,875.00 | \$50,000.00 |

The substantive motion, as amended was put and declared **CARRIED** on voices.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to the allocation of grants to applicants in the July round of the Built Heritage Incentive Fund, as follows:*

| <i>Project</i> | <i>Amount granted</i> |
|--|------------------------------|
| <i>Sai Centre, 8 Daniell St, Newtown</i> | <i>\$40,000.00</i> |
| <i>St Mary of the Angels Parish Church, 17 Boulcott St, Wellington</i> | <i>\$10,000.00</i> |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>\$50,000.00</i> |

NOTED:

1. The committee added the words in **bold**.
2. Councillor Ruben asked for his dissenting vote to be recorded.

241/07P

BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN

Report of Myfanwy Emeny and Amber Bill, Planners – Ecology and Biodiversity, Open Space and Recreation Planning.

(1215/52/IM)

(REPORT 6)

Moved Councillor Wade-Brown, seconded Councillor Foster the substantive motion with the following addition to the biodiversity plan:

Introduced Species

Introduced species can be used to effectively convey conservation messages and used as examples for education purposes, such as at Wellington Zoo and Wellington Botanic Garden. The messages of conservation and sustainability can be shared regardless of the provenance of the species involved. These places also run breeding and propagation programmes, safeguarding global genetic biodiversity in a controlled environment.

The substantive motion, as amended was put and declared CARRIED on voices.

RESOLVED AND RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to the amendments of the Draft Biodiversity Action Plan, giving full consideration to submissions.*
3. ***Recommend to Council that it approve the final Biodiversity Action Plan as amended with any minor editorial amendments to be signed off by the Environment Portfolio leader.***
4. ***Recommend to Council that it approve the five year implementation plan.***
5. *Approve the preparation of an adjustment to the Open Spaces Asset Management Plan based on implementation of Action 2.1.3 (Control Pest Plants and Animals to acceptable levels at High Value Biodiversity Sites) for consideration during the 2008/2009 Annual Plan round.*
6. *Note that a separate funding bid for the implementation of Protection of Biodiversity on Private Land (2.1.6, 2.4.1, 3.2.2), Restoring sites of High Biodiversity value and important Linkages (3.1.1, 3.1.3), and Community Engagement (all action points under objective 2.5) will need to be considered for the 2009/2010 to 2012 financial years.*

NOTED:

The Committee added the word in **bold**.

242/07P **CLASSIFICATION OF LAND UNDER THE RESERVES ACT 1977**
 Report of Mike Oates – Acting Manager, Open Space and Recreation
 Planning.
 (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 7)

Moved Councillor Wade-Brown, seconded Councillor Foster the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED on voices.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Approve the attached sites in Table 2 to be declared and classified as reserve in accordance to Section 14 of the Reserves Act 1977, subject to the public notification process required by the Reserves Act 1977.*
3. *Authorise officers to undertake public notification in accordance with the Reserves Act 1977.*

The meeting adjourned for morning tea 10.30am and reconvened at 10.47am. When the meeting reconvened Councillors Goulden, Pepperell and Shaw were not present.

243/07P **LIQUOR CONTROL BYLAW – BANS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS 1 NOVEMBER 2007 - 30 MARCH 2008**
 Report of Joanne Burt, Liquor Licensing Inspector.
 (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 8)

Moved Mayor Prendergast, seconded Councillor Morrison the substantive motion.

The substantive motion, as amended was put and declared CARRIED on voices.

RESOLVED AND RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Recommend that Council resolves to invoke liquor control bans for the following specific events under the provisions of Clause 23.2.2 of the Consolidated Bylaw:*

Event 1 - Guy Fawkes

Monday 5 November 2007, 5pm until 8am the following day within the Wellington Central Area (as defined in the Bylaw).

In the event of unfavourable weather conditions the Guy Fawkes display will be postponed until the following night. In the event of a postponement the liquor ban shall apply: Tuesday 6 November 2007, 5pm until 8am the following day within the Wellington Central Area (as defined in the Bylaw).

Event 2 - Wellington Anniversary Weekend Waterfront Festival

Saturday 19 January 2008 from 8am until 5pm on that day. The general ban applies from 5pm Saturday 19 January until 8am on Sunday 20 January. Sunday 20 January 2008 from 8am until 8am the following day and Monday 21 January 2008 from 8am to 8am the following day, within the Wellington Central Area (as defined in the Bylaw).

Event 3 - Hula Laguna

Sunday 17 February 2008 from 8am until 8am the following day across the Wellington Central Area (as defined in the Bylaw).

Event 4 - Dragon Boat Festival

Saturday 15 March 2008 from 8am to 5pm when the general liquor ban begins. Sunday 16 March 2008 from 8am until 5pm that same day. The ban shall apply to that area within the Wellington Central Area bordered by the Aotea and Waterloo Quay junction. Waterloo Quay, Customhouse Quay to Willis St, along Willis St to Mercer St to Wakefield Street to Kent Terrace.

Event 5 - St Patrick's Day

Monday 17 March 2008 from 8am until 8am the following day across the Wellington Central Area (as defined in the Bylaw).

(Councillors Pepperell and Shaw returned to the meeting at 10.48am.)

244/07P

ASIA PACIFIC CITIES SUMMIT - REPORT BACK

Report of Mayor Prendergast.

(1215/52/IM)

(REPORT 9)

Moved Mayor Prendergast, seconded Councillor Shaw the substantive motion.

The substantive motion, as amended was put and declared CARRIED on voices.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*

245/07P **“TRANSPORT – THE NEXT 50 YEARS” CONFERENCE REPORT
BACK**
Report of Allan Prangnell – Manager, Council Controlled Organisations.
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 10)

Moved Councillor Wade-Brown, seconded Councillor Wain the substantive motion.

The substantive motion, as amended was put and declared CARRIED on voices.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*

246/07P **RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC**
(1215/52/IM)

Moved Mayor Prendergast, seconded Councillor Foster the substantive motion.

The substantive motion, as amended was put and declared CARRIED on voices.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee

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:*

Report 11: Transfer of Land for another Public Work

Grounds : Section 48(1) (d) – that public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for

which good reasons for withholding would exist under Section 7.

Reason: Section 7.2(b) (ii) – to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely to unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

Section 7.2(i) – to enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiation)

The meeting went into public excluded session at 10.54am.

For item 247/07P please see the public excluded minutes.

The meeting concluded at 11.00am.

Confirmed: _____
Chair
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