
MINUTES

THURSDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2008

9.16AM

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

PRESENT:

Mayor Prendergast (Chair)
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer (9.16 – 10.09am, 10.28 – 11.29am)
Councillor Best
Councillor Cook
Councillor Coughlan
Councillor Foster
Councillor Gill
Councillor Goulden (9.16 – 10.09am, 10.31 -11.29am)
Councillor McKinnon
Councillor Morrison
Councillor Pannett
Councillor Pepperell
Councillor Wade-Brown
Councillor Wain

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Ritchie

001/08P **APOLOGIES**
(1215/52/IM)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- 1. Receive apologies for absence from Councillor Ritchie.*

002/08P **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

003/08P **MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION**
(1215/52/IM)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Approve the minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 29 November 2007 and Wednesday 5 December 2007 be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of those meetings.*

004/08P **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

1. Tom Law - Secretary of the Federation of Wellington Progressive and Residents Associations addressed the meeting and formally presented the presentation to the Committee which was made to the Councillors following the Pre Meeting Session on Tuesday 5 February 2008.
2. Maggie Kennedy addressed the meeting regarding the recycling of non recyclable plastics.

005/08P **DEPUTATIONS**
(1215/52/IM)

1. Julian Hulls of Good Gear Bikes addressed the Committee about GoodGear Bikes. He advised that Good Gear Bikes are bikes which will be available for rent across New Zealand and will be ready to ride from 1 March 2008. The bikes are locked and released by making a call from your mobile phone. It is intended that these bikes will be located at rental stations at busy public sites and backpacker hostels in major towns. The bikes will be available for a two minute trip to a nearby shop or the whole day for a ride to a distant beach.

- 006/08P **LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH BYLAW REPORT BACK AFTER CONSULTATION**
 Report of Mathew Powell – Senior Policy Adviser, Policy Team.
 (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 1)

NOTED:

The report was withdrawn to enable further advice to be provided to the Committee from the New Zealand Water Safety Council.

- 007/08P **INQUIRY INTO THE 2007 LOCAL AUTHORITY ELECTIONS**
 Report of Ross Bly – Special Projects and Electoral Officer.
 (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 2)

Moved Councillor McKinnon, seconded Councillor Pepperell the substantive motion.

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Pannett the following amendments to the submission:

- (i) Special Votes
 Section 2.4.2
 Include request that if voting is restricted to a two week period, allowance is made for papers to be sent out early for those wanting to cast a special vote (eg will be overseas)
- (ii) Candidate Information
 Section 4.5.4
 Don't agree with the suggestion that candidates have to provide any given information in their 150 words (other than name/ward).
- (iii) Campaign Spending Limits
 Section 6.2.3 (box) - Amend 1 to read
 "That Section 109 of the Local Electoral Act 2001 is amended so that candidates or any party (including individual/trust etc) who has received donations on behalf of a candidate(s) is required to declare all electoral donations made to them including the full name and address of any person or organisation who made a (public) donation."
- (iv) Encouraging elector turnout is a possibility.
 Section 4.4 - Add
 "That individual local authorities be required to ensure that people with disabilities are able to fully participate in the electoral system"

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Best the following amendment to the submission:

School Holidays

Section 2.5.1

That the date of the elections be changed to the fourth Saturday in October. Amendment is to include commentary that it is desirable for the whole (two week) election period to be clear of the holidays to encourage participation both in voting and in election meetings.

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Gill the following amendment to the submission:

Voting systems

Section 4.6.6 (box below)

I'd like to vote against inclusion of the box, but to say words to the effect that the options listed exist, but that the cures may be more costly than the outcomes being achieved (ie constraining the right to choose a voting system, the financial cost of separate voting documents, and worst the financial cost (and one would expect complete apathy) if District Health Board elections were held separately.

Moved Councillor Wade-Brown seconded Councillor Cook the following amendment to the submission:

Section 6.1 Ratepayer roll

(3) That the Ratepayer Roll entitlement be removed.

The amendment parts (i) and (ii) were accepted by the meeting.

Councillor Foster moved the following amendments to the submission and then was unable to get a seconder. As a result the amendments were declared LOST due to the want of a seconder.

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3.1.4 Page 57 – delete the section from ‘provided that they have...’

Electoral Term

Add that the committee give active consideration to four year electoral terms for local (and central) government as a means of encouraging a greater degree of strategic thinking at all levels of Government. This would require considerable community discussion and debate, but should be encouraged with a view to implementation for elections beyond the 2010 local body elections.

(The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.09am and reconvened at 10.36am.)

(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer returned to the meeting at 10.28am.)

(Councillor Goulden returned to the meeting at 10.31am.)

Moved Councillor Goulden, seconded Mayor Prendergast, the following amendment to the submission.

“That the submission includes comment that voting in the Local Authority Elections be compulsory.”

Councillor Fosters amendment part (iv) was amended with the leave of the meeting to read as follows:

- (iv) Encouraging elector turnout is a possibility.
Section 4.4 - Add
“That individual local authorities and relevant Government Agencies be required to facilitate people with disabilities being able to fully participate in the electoral system”

The amendment as amended by the leave of the meeting was then accepted by the meeting.

The amendment part (iii) was put and a DIVISION called:

Voting for: Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Cook, Foster, Gill, Pannett, Pepperell and Wade-Brown.

Voting against: Mayor Prendergast, Councillors Best, Coughlan, Goulden, McKinnon, Morrison and Wain.

Majority vote: 7:7

The amendment part (iii) was declared LOST on the Chairs casting vote.

The amendment moved by Councillor Foster seconded by Councillor Best was put and declared LOST.

The amendment moved by Councillor Foster seconded by Councillor Gill was put and declared LOST.

The amendment moved by Councillor Wade-Brown was put and declared LOST.

The amendment moved by Councillor Goulden was put and a DIVISION called.

Voting for: Mayor Prendergast, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Coughlan, Goulden, Morrison and Pepperell.

Voting against: Councillors Best, Cook, Foster, McKinnon, Pannett, Wade-Brown and Wain.

Majority vote: 7:7

The amendment was declared CARRIED on the Chairs casting vote

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to the draft submission as amended to the Justice and Electoral Committee's Inquiry into the 2007 Local Authority Elections attached as Appendix 1 of the officer's report, subject to any amendments recommended by the Committee.*
3. *Agree to delegate to the Portfolio Leader-Governance and Chief Executive the authority to make any drafting changes necessary before forwarding the submission to the Justice and Electoral Committee.*

008/08P **APPROVAL FOR RENAMING OF PART OF VIVIAN STREET TO BULLER STREET**
Report of Michael Brownie – Team Leader, Enterprise Data Management.
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 3)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Cook, the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to give approval for Buller Street to be extended and the name be allocated to the western part of Vivian Street (the part of road from Willis Street to The Terrace) as shown on Plan F 3027 (Appendix A of the officers report).*

009/08P **APPROVAL FOR NAME FOR A NEW ROAD – CROMWELL POINT**
Report of Michael Brownie – Team Leader, Enterprise Data Management.
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 4)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Best, the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to give approval for the name Cromwell Point to be allocated to a new road built as a result of Bellevue - Dress Circle residential development off Tamworth Crescent as shown on Plan F 3028 (Appendix A of the officer's report).*

010/08P **FORWARD PROGRAMME**
Report of Svea Cunliffe-Steel – Manager, Committee and Councillor Services.
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 5)

Moved Mayor Prendergast, seconded Councillor Goulden, the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to the Forward Programme for the Strategy and Policy Committee, attached as Appendix 1 of the officer's report.*

The meeting concluded at 11.29am.

Confirmed: _____
Chair
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