
MINUTES

THURSDAY 17 APRIL 2008

9.18AM

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

PRESENT:

Mayor Prendergast (Chair) (9.18am – 9.57am, 10.28am – 12.29pm)
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer
Councillor Best
Councillor Cook (9.18am – 9.57am, 10.43am – 12.29pm)
Councillor Coughlan
Councillor Foster (9.26am – 12.29pm)
Councillor Gill
Councillor McKinnon
Councillor Pannett
Councillor Pepperell (9.18am – 9.57am, 10.23am - 11.00am, 11.05am – 12.26pm)
Councillor Ritchie (11.27am – 12.26pm)
Councillor Wade-Brown
Councillor Wain

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Goulden
Councillor Morrison
Councillor Ritchie (for lateness)

084/08P **APOLOGIES**
(1215/52/IM)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive apologies for absence from Councillors Morrison and Goulden.*
2. *Receive apologies for lateness from Councillor Ritchie.*

085/08P **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

086/08P **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

1. Jono Baddliey presented a petition regarding a Dual Slalom Mountain Bike Track. The petition is looking for permanent resource consent for a mountain bike track on 1 Mount Albert Road. They feel this would be a beneficial resource for Wellington city.

087/08P **PETITION**
(1215/52/IM)

Jono Baddliey presented a petition to Committee requesting a permanent Dual Slalom Mountain Bike Track on behalf of Hadley Boyce.

Moved Mayor Prendergast, seconded Celia Wade-Brown the following motion:

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the petition and refer it to Officers to inform their work.*

088/08P **SOUTH COAST CLASSIFICATION OF LAND: HEARING OF ORAL SUBMISSIONS**

(1215/52/IM)

(REPORT 1)

1. Peter Frater addressed the meeting on behalf of the Newtown Residents Association. Mr Frater noted the association's support of the Council's plan. Mr Frater highlighted the fact that the proposal was clear as to what was and what was not reserve land. He felt this was an important step.

(Councillor Foster joined the meeting at 9.26am.)

2. Hugh Barr addressed the Committee as an individual. Mr Barr was pleased to see the Council protect the land in a secure way, whilst still ensuring it can be used recreationally. He expressed disappointment with the amount of land to be put into reserve and felt it was better to zone the Quarry as recreation rather than historical.

089/08P **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

(1215/52/IM)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Consider the agenda as follows:*
 - Report One – South Coast Classification of Land: Hearing of Oral Submissions, to continue as submitters arrive.*
 - Report Five – Report on Attendance at the 'Local Actions – Local Solutions' Climate Change Sessions – in Denpasar, Indonesia December 2007.*
 - Report Six – Report Back on Ministerial Forum – Youth Councils.*
 - Report 4 – Approval for the Granting of an Easement through the Hataitai Bus Tunnel.*
 - Report Three – Carbon Credit Opportunities and Liabilities on Council Land.*
 - Report One – Continuation of Oral Submissions.*
 - Report Two – Bus Priority Plan Update and Trialling Taxi Use in Bus Lanes.*
 - Report Seven – Public Works Act Issues with Te Kopahou Station and Tawatawa Reserve – to be taken in public excluded session.*

090/08P **REPORT BACK ON ATTENDANCE AT THE ‘LOCAL ACTIONS – LOCAL SOLUTIONS’ CLIMATE CHANGE SESSIONS – IN DENPASAR, INDONESIA IN DECEMBER 2007**
Report of Councillor Ray Ahipene-Mercer, Portfolio Leader – Climate Change
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 5)

Moved Councillor Ahipene-Mercer, seconded Councillor Wade-Brown the substantive motion.

The substantive motion with was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Note that officers of the newly created Climate Change Office are currently preparing the details of a comprehensive climate change work programme which will shortly be presented to Strategy and Policy Committee.*

091/08P **REPORT BACK ON THE MINISTERIAL FORUM – YOUTH COUNCILS**
Report of Councillor Hayley Wain
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 6)

Moved Councillor Wain, seconded Councillor Pannett the substantive motion.

The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*

092/08P **APPROVAL FOR THE GRANTING OF AN EASEMENT THROUGH THE HATAITAI BUS TUNNEL**
Report of Lucy Ross, Property Advisor, Property Services Business Unit.
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 4)

Moved Mayor Prendergast, seconded Councillor Foster the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Approve the granting of an easement (as identified in the plan attached as Appendix A of the officer's report) for a fibre optic cable to be laid through Hataitai Bus Tunnel pursuant to the Town Belt Management Plan 1995 and section 48 of the Reserves Act 1977.*
3. *Note that:*
 - a) *Minister of Conservation consent is not required as the granting of easements over Town Belt land is provided for in the Town Belt Management Plan;*
 - b) *The requirement for public advertising under Section 48(2) of the Reserves Act 1977 can be waived in accordance with Section 48(3) of the Reserves Act 1977, as the Town Belt is not likely to be materially altered or permanently damaged and the rights of the public will not be affected by the granting of the easement;*
 - c) *All costs associated with the preparation and registering of this easement will be borne by CityLink.*

093/08P

CARBON CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES AND LIABILITIES ON COUNCIL LAND

Report of Zach Rissel, Strategic Advisor, Climate Change and Kevin Reardon, Urban Forest Manager.

(1215/52/IM)

(REPORT 3)

Moved Councillor Ahipene-Mercer, seconded Councillor Wade-Brown the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED AND RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*

2. *Note that the Council will have obligations and potential liabilities on approximately (190ha) of land that meets pre-1990 forest criteria.*
3. *Recommend that the Council apply to put the properties listed in Appendix 1 of the officer's report into the Permanent Forest Sink Initiative (PFSI), subject to confirmation that there is no land-use overlap arising from Ngati Toa's Treaty Claims.*
4. *Note that officers will continue to investigate land that meets the PFSI criteria and present options to this Committee as they arise.*
5. *Recommend that the Council apply to place Clelland Forest into the Forestry Emissions Trading Scheme.*
6. *Recommend that the Council seek opportunities to encourage and assist other large land owners in the city to develop forest carbon sinks.*
7. *Recommend that the Council develop a policy for managing carbon credits and liabilities that arise consequent to recommendations two through five.*
8. *Note that officers have received feedback on this document from Wellington Tenth Trust and Ngati Toa.*

(The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 9.57am.and reconvened at 10.20am. Mayor Prendergast and Councillors Pepperell and Cook were not present when the meeting reconvened.)

094/08P

SOUTH COAST CLASSIFICATION OF LAND: HEARING OF ORAL SUBMISSIONS (CONTINUED)

(1215/52/IM)

(REPORT 1)

1. Yvonne Weeber addressed the Committee as an individual. Ms Weeber raised questions regarding the classification of land. Whilst she was in support of the classification of some areas, she felt that others were not appropriately classified.

(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 10.23am.)

(Mayor Prendergast returned to the meeting at 10.28am.)

2. Robert Logan addressed the Committee on behalf of the Southern Environmental Association and represented Anne Brunt on behalf of the Island Bay Residents Association. Both submissions emphasise that the coastal area should have the highest amount of protection possible. Mr Logan said this would be achieved by classifying the land as Scenic B Reserve. This, he said, would not compromise the current recreational activities that take place.

(Councillor Cook returned to the meeting at 10.43am.)

3. Ifor Owen addressed the Committee as an individual. Mr Owen expressed concern at the piecemeal approach taken to land classifications. He would like to see a review of the whole process and have one good job done. Mr Owen recommended including the Department of Conservation in the process.
4. Chris Horne addressed the Committee on behalf of the Wellington Botanic Society. Mr Horne is worried about the degradation of the coastline and the implications of this for New Zealand's native plants. He seeks full protection of sites that are of ecological importance. To achieve this he considers that much of the land warrants Scenic B Reserve status.
5. Barbara Fill addressed the Committee as an individual with four years experience in reserve plans. Ms Fill was unhappy with the piecemeal approach taken to classifications and recommends that all land be Scenic B Reserve land. She highlighted the fact that Recreational Reserves were usually used for land that is a sports field or playground. Ms Fill drew parallels with other areas of land in New Zealand where Scenic B Reserve status has been applied as a whole, and says there is no reason why this cannot be the case for the South Coast.
6. Kevin Almy addressed the Committee as an individual. Mr Almy would like to see Scenic B Reserve status given to all the land in question.

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 11.00am.)

095/08P **BUS PRIORITY PLAN UPDATE AND TRIALLING TAXI USE OF BUS LANES**
 Report of Stephen Harte, Programme Manager, Capacity, Urban Development and Transport Directorate..
 (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 2)

(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 11.05am.)

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

Moved Councillor McKinnon and seconded Councillor Coughlan the following amendment:

Re-establish the original No.2:

2. Agree to the trial of “in service” taxis using the existing bus lanes in Adelaide Rd, Glenmore St, Chaytor St, Kaiwharawhara Rd for one year. The trial will be monitored and results reported to the Strategy and Policy Committee.

(Councillor Ritchie joined the meeting at 11.27am.)

The amendment was put and a DIVISION called.

Voting For: Mayor Prendergast, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Coughlan, Gill, McKinnon, Pepperell and Wain.

Voting Against: Councillors Best, Cook, Foster, Pannett, Ritchie and Wade-Brown.

Majority Vote: 7:6

The amendment was declared CARRIED.

The amended substantive motion recommendations 1 and 3 were put and declared CARRIED.

The substantive motion recommendation 2 as amended was put and a DIVISION called.

Voting For: Mayor Prendergast, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Coughlan, Gill, McKinnon, Pepperell and Wain.

Voting Against: Councillors Best, Cook, Foster, Pannett, Ritchie and Wade-Brown.

Majority Vote: 7:6

The substantive motion recommendation 2 as amended was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to the trial of “in service” taxis using existing bus lanes in Adelaide Rd, Glenmore St, Chaytor St, Kaiwharawhara Rd for one year. The trial will be monitored and results reported to the Strategy*

and Policy Committee.

3. *Note that detailed bus priority schemes are being developed, firstly for Courtenay Place, Kent/Cambridge Tce and Taranaki Street, followed by the central city. The first of which will be brought back to committee for approval in June 2008.*

096/08P **RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC**
(1215/52/1M)

Moved Mayor Prendergast, seconded Councillor McKinnon the resolution to exclude the public.

The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

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 7: Public Works Issues with Te Kopahou Station and Tawatawa Reserve.

Grounds: Section 48(1)(a) That public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7

Reason: Section 7(2)(i) To enable the Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations of a commercial nature.

Section 7.2(h) Enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.

The meeting went in to public excluded session at 12.27pm.

For item 097/08P, please see the public excluded minutes.

The meeting concluded at 12.29pm.

Confirmed: _____
Chair