

**MINUTES**

**TUESDAY 27 MAY 2008**

**9.18AM**

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

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**PRESENT:**

Mayor Prendergast (9.18 – 10.19am, 1.12 – 2.08pm)  
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer  
Councillor Best  
Councillor Cook  
Councillor Foster  
Councillor McKinnon (Chair)  
Councillor Morrison  
Councillor Wade-Brown

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Councillor Coughlan  
Councillor Pannett  
Councillor Pepperell (9.18 – 10.19am)  
Councillor Ritchie (9.18 – 10.19am)

**APOLOGIES:**

Councillor Goulden  
Councillor Ritchie (for early departure for Tuesday and for remainder of the meeting)

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

**NOTED:**

Apologies were received from non members of the Subcommittee.

**RESOLVED:**

*THAT the Draft Annual Plan Hearings Subcommittee:*

1. *Accept apologies for an early departure from the meeting on Tuesday 27 May 2008 from Councillor Ritchie and for absence for the remainder of the meeting.*
2. *Accept apologies for absence from Councillor Goulden.*

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

**NOTED:**

There were no conflicts of interest.

003/08DP **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**  
(1215/52/08/IM)

**NOTED:**

There was no public participation.

004/08DP **ORAL SUBMISSIONS TO THE 2008/09 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN**  
(1215/52/08/IM) (REPORT 1)

**NOTED:**

1. Jarrod Coburn submitting as an individual (submission 18) addressed the meeting in support of his submission. He wants Council to consider how long it would take for the local economy to recover should the “big one” happen and how the Council relates to communities when it deals with Civil Defence and Emergency Management. He also emphasized the inadequacy of training for Civil Defence volunteers

2. Ken Wilson submitting as an individual (submission 23) addressed the meeting regarding the Greenfields Multi-Sport Project at Ian Galloway Park. He has approached bowling clubs and will be approaching other sporting codes seeking their buy in.
  
3. Tim Cossar Chief Executive of Positively Wellington Tourism (PWT) and Board Chair Glenys Coughlan (submission 435) addressed the meeting in support of their submission. Council was thanked for its ongoing support of PWT.  
The following areas were supported by PWT:
  - Online Marketing
  - Events – the proposal to retain Wellington’s position as events capital
  - Air connectivity
  - High speed broadband
  - Installation of better connectivity between the Wharf and Bunny Street for passengers off cruise liners
  - Waste reduction and energy conservation
  - Environmental conservation attractions
  - Extension of the City Gallery
  - Arts partnerships
  - Projects outlined in the Social and Recreation section of the plan
  - Investigation into the feasibility of a inner city campervan park
  - Concept of undertaking further analysis into the costs, feasibility and funding of more competitive conference and convention facilities in Wellington
  - Council’s consideration of the proposal to upgrade the historic Shipwrights building and slipway at Shelley Bay

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 9.54am.)

4. Mike Rumble on behalf of Wellington 20/20 Communications Trust (submission 31) addressed the meeting in support of their submission. They recommended that Council:
  - affirm the strategic importance via activity 6.4.7 (Community I.C.T) which includes funding for Wellington 2020 and Wellington Community Net (WCN) and the key role that WCN plays as a core Community ICT initiative in the e-Community component of the ICT Policy approved by Council in 2006
  - Note Wellington 2020 role as a key partner with WCC on the provision of numerous initiatives
  - Note the need to maintain the 2007/08 level of funding for the next two years
  - Note the strong interest in carrying out the forecast requirement for four Community ICT “hubs” which have been previously identified

- Note the strong interest in having some of its potential new projects conducted under the auspices of a new and strengthened WCC/Wellington 2020 partnership

(The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.19am.)

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 10.19am.)

(Mayor Prendergast left the meeting at 10.19am.)

(The meeting reconvened at 10.46am.)

5. Tom Law and Anna Porter on behalf of Newtown Community and Cultural Centre (submission 367) addressed the meeting in support of their submission. Numerous issues including and improvement in facilities were raised in the submission which the Centre are likely to approach Council about. They thanked the Council for the support in the operation of the centre.
6. Martin Stern, Wally Simmers and Anne Dunlop on behalf of Karori Community Centre (submission 60) addressed the meeting in support of their submission. The Community Centre is seeking additional funding from the Council to enable them to pay their Coordinator at a higher rate.
7. Mark Berge on behalf of Swimming Wellington (submission 63) addressed the meeting in support of their submission. He used a PowerPoint presentation to highlight to the Subcommittee the need for a further 25metre pool at the Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre.
8. Bill Southward and Patrick McCombs on behalf of Crossways Community Trust (submission 284) addressed the meeting in support of their submission. They advised that they are in negotiations with the Church over the site and hoped to have a decision in the next week or so.
9. Nancy McIntosh-Ward on behalf of the Karori Wildlife Sanctuary (submission 324) addressed the meeting in support of their submission. She advised of the geotechnical issues that have arisen over the sustainability of the bank behind the visitor and education centre. She thanked the Council for support it has provided. The Sanctuary supports the inclusion of the funding in which is included in the Annual Plans for 2008/09 and 2009/10.

(The meeting adjourned at 11.59am as the oral hearings were running ahead of time.)

(The meeting reconvened at 12.14pm.)

10. Kendal Akhurst and Sarah Pivac-Alexander with Rosie Henley (as the sign language interpreter) on behalf of Disability Reference Group

(submission 432) addressed the meeting in support of their submission. They highlighted some issues that they would like Council to implement being the provision of a sign language interpreter and captioning at Council sponsored events and an important one was the installation of flashing lights as fire alarms in Council housing because a deaf person cannot hear a fire alarm.

(The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.36pm.)

(The meeting reconvened at 1.12pm.)

(Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 1.12pm.)

(Mayor Prendergast returned to the meeting at 1.12pm.)

11. Ralph Highnam on behalf of Save our Sport (submission 319) addressed the meeting in support of their submission. He would like to see the preservation of the sport facility at Queens Wharf and that Council should be striving in increase recreation activities on the Wharf.
12. Tommy Honey on behalf of NZ Film School (submission 286) addressed the meeting in support of their submission. He thanked the Council for the funding which it had already received. The NZ Film School would like an additional \$40,000 and that the remaining \$80,000 committed funding and the new \$40,000 be bought forward to the 2008/09 financial year.
13. Tom Law and Anna Porter on behalf of Smart Newtown (submission 366) addressed the meeting in support of their submission. They thanked Council for the support and looked forward to continued support.
14. Gerald Tait as an individual (submission 45) addressed the meeting in support of his submission. Mr Tait spoke to the meeting Council going back to 3 yearly valuations. He provided further information on the matter.
15. Rosamund Averton submitting as an individual (submission 250) addressed the meeting in support of her submission. She highlighted aspects of her submission which she felt needed to be further reinforced.

(The meeting adjourned at 2.08pm to reconvene at 9.15am on Wednesday 28 May 2008.)

**(The meeting reconvened at 9.18am on Wednesday 28 May 2008.)**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Prendergast (9.25am – 2.45pm)  
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer  
Councillor Best (9.59am – 3.38pm)  
Councillor Cook (9.18am – 11.33am, 11.39am – 3.38pm)  
Councillor Foster (10.49am – 3.38pm)  
Councillor McKinnon (Chair)  
Councillor Morrison (9.18am – 11.47am, 11.53am – 12.38pm)  
Councillor Wade-Brown (9.59am – 3.38pm)

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Councillor Coughlan (9.18am – 9.49am, 1.32pm – 3.38pm)  
Councillor Pepperell (9.18am – 12.38pm)  
Councillor Pannett

**APOLOGIES:**

Councillor Foster (for lateness)

005/08DP **APOLOGIES**  
(1215/52/08/IM)

**RESOLVED:**

*THAT the Draft Annual Plan Hearings Subcommittee:*

*1 Accept apologies for lateness from Councillor Foster.*

006/08DP **ORAL SUBMISSIONS TO THE 2008/09 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN**  
**(CONTINUED)**  
(1215/52/08/IM) (REPORT 1)

**NOTED:**

16. Patrick McCombs submitted on behalf of the Mount Victoria Residents Association (submission 408). The Association approve of planning controls for pre-1930s buildings but want sufficient resources to ensure they happen. They view the Waterfront as a great success for residents and feel it could be enhanced by enlarging the grass area and requested funds to extend the grass area. Mr McCombs thanked the Council for the work they have done in addressing the problem of graffiti. However he asked that a review of the programme include looking at other options, and was disappointed that Council did not review the work of other councils in this area. It was argued that there is no justification for charging for residents' Coupon Exemption stickers for parking and this should be removed.

The Association supports continuing involvement in communities and community centres but would like the Council to target area based communities. Finally they strongly endorse the request from Crossways for a grant and urge the Council to make provision for this in the Annual Plan.

(Mayor Prendergast joined the meeting at 9.25am.)

17. Victor Anderlini submitted on behalf of the Wellington Marine Conservation Trust (submission 377). He thanked the Council for their continuing support and encouragement since 1996. Dr Anderlini stressed that conservation begins with education and a Marine Education Centre would be a great asset for Wellington. Dr Anderlini was not asking for funding but wanted the Council to know how highly valued the Council's support was, and wanted this support to continue.

(The meeting adjourned at 9.49am and reconvened at 9.56am.)

18. Ted Woodfield submitted on behalf of the Friends of the Botanic Gardens (submission 34). He expressed concern at the expenditure for the Botanic Gardens being reduced by one million dollars and asked the deferral of funds be removed from the Annual Plan. He was also concerned about governance issues and public policy decision-making.

**NOTED:**

Councillors requested an update from Directors on issues raised in Mr Woodfield's submission

(Councillors Best and Wade-Brown joined the meeting at 9.59am.)

19. Ross Martindale and Geoff Murphy submitted on a project to restore the M L *Koura*, and the 'Shipwright's Shed' and slipway at Shelly Bay (submission 264). The intention is to restore the M L *Koura* and make it available to the people of Wellington. It would be housed at Shelly Bay. The request is for Council to fund the material costs of the restoration project. Major hardware suppliers have already offered support. The discounts from this will be handed back to the Council. Working in this proposed partnership means the building will be renovated at a substantially lower price than if the Council were to do it alone. It was noted that there are no objections from the Tenth Trust and the Museum of City and Sea are aware of the project.

(The meeting adjourned at 10.19am for morning tea. When the meeting reconvened at 10.45am Mayor Prendergast and Councillors McKinnon,

Pannett, Cook, Wade-Brown, Morrison, Ahipene-Mercer, Best and Pepperell were present.)

20. Bernie Harris and Jim Candiliotis submitted on behalf of the Federation of Progressive and Residents Associations (submission 417). They want the Council to delay some of the new initiatives due to economic stress. They noted this is in line with Central Government and would give people a chance to “live”. They see the development of the Long Term Council Community Plan as essential. They request that Council set aside more money for consultation with the community. Infrastructure maintenance is also seen as essential and should not be at the expense of new initiatives.
21. Michael Taylor submitted on behalf of the Tararua Tramping Club (submission 341). He asked for clarity over pie charts so that people could clearly see where money was going. The environment is the most important aspect of the Annual Plan for the Club. The Council needs to get stuck into carbon neutrality as soon as possible. He also noted that although it was good to see achievements and performance measures, services cannot be measured and this is a problem.
22. Stephen Dunn submitted on behalf of the Newtown Residents Association (submission 362). They fully support graffiti removal programmes. Mr Dunn highlighted the John Street intersection as an ongoing problem that will need addressing. The key aspect of the submission was the Newtown Festival. This is an important event in the Council’s programme and they want additional support for running the event. The festival is growing every year but fundraising is not. The Association request either an increase in funding or access to a fundraising mentor to help cope with the rising costs.
23. Mary Collie-Holmes submitted on behalf of MCLaSS (submission 274). MCLaSS provides English language classes for refugees. The Crossways Trust have indicated that they will be able to offer space for MCLaSS to use for morning classes. This is convenient as it allows parents to learn upstairs while the children can play downstairs in the crèche.

**NOTED:**

Councillors recommended Ms Collie-Holmes talk to Council officers regarding other possible options for space.

24. Leigh Halstead and Neil Quigley submitted on behalf of Victoria University of Wellington (submission 342). They began by thanking the Council for support in Cobblestone Park and improvements on Kelburn Parade. However, they recognised a need for Victoria University to receive funds from the Council. They highlighted the

fact the universities all over the world receive funding from all forms of government. Development contributions from the Council would be a way to recognise the importance of Victoria University and the way it benefits Wellington City. It would also allow for further development.

(Councillor Cook left the meeting at 11.33am.)

(Councillor Cook returned to the meeting at 11.39.)

(Councillor Morrison left the meeting at 11.47am)

25. Alice Capper-Star submitted on behalf of the Wellington Circus Trust (submission 389). They require space to continue to run operations and requested the Council be a back-up plan if current talks fall through. The circus is a growing area of entertainment and addresses a gap in Wellington's arts and culture centre. Because of this, the Trust feels they fit within the Annual Plan. However the ability to develop and foster the circus as a form of entertainment, art and sport will be severely hampered without a safe and long term space.

(Councillor Morrison returned to the meeting at 11.53am.)

26. Laurence Zwimpfer submitted on behalf of Wellington Loop Trust (submission 410). They are very supportive of the Broadband plan and happy with the partnership with the Council. The only suggestion was that the Council recognise their own role in providing support to the Wellington Loop Trust.
27. Laurence Zwimpfer submitted on behalf of National 20/20 Trust (submission 411). He acknowledged the focus of the Council taking the lead on carbon neutrality. Key to this is making the most of existing broadband facilities in the city. The National 20/20 Trust requested support for a scheme to increase interest in high definition videoconferencing. This would replace the need to travel and therefore contribute the Council's goal of becoming carbon neutral.
28. Warren Rankin, Ron Palmer, William Peet and Dave Rattenbury submitted on behalf of the Marina Tenants Association (submission 404). They noted firstly that they have had grievances with the Council in the past and have found the consultation process unhelpful. The Association want to have a good relationship with Council but do not like being told as opposed to consulted. The main issue for the Tenants Association is the charge attached to the Evans Bay Marina. The Association is happy with one hundred percent user pay charges. However, they feel they are paying for more than they use. They do not want the fee increase proposed in the Draft Annual Plan. They also ask for commitment from officers and an agreement by Christmas 2008. In addition, clarity is sought over how figures are reached for charges.

(The meeting adjourned at 12.38pm for lunch. When the meeting reconvened at 1.33pm Mayor Prendergast and Councillors McKinnon, Wade-Brown, Pannett, Ahipene-Mercer, Cook, Foster, Best and Coughlan were present.)

29. Keith Palmer submitted on behalf of Capital Football (submission 402). He noted that there has been considerable growth in both men's and women's football teams. However, the number of playing grounds has remained the same. Senior and junior fields are under pressure. Grounds are key to developing potential quality of players. There is also a fear that growth will be hampered by the lack of grounds. Artificial pitches are an essential part of the solution but they want more than suggested in the Draft Annual Plan, and sooner. Mr Palmer also asked for more investment in drainage, irrigation and maintenance for grounds.
30. Grant Stephen submitted on behalf of the North Wellington Junior Football Club (submission 295). The Club is highly supportive of the proposal for Astroturf in the Draft Annual Plan. Astroturf will ensure practice can take place and addresses problems encountered every week with weather and too few grounds. Mr Stephen said the Club really appreciates what the Council is doing and should definitely proceed with the initiative.
31. Don McDonald addressed the subcommittee as an individual (submission 50). Mr McDonald spoke in support of his written submission. He especially emphasised the need for the Council to have sufficient toilet paper, soap and hand dryers in public toilets.
32. Marlene Sayers submitted on behalf of Kilbirnie Branch, New Zealand Society of Genealogists (submission 311). The Society is in support of the Council plan to continue to add to the Archives, as well as maintain public access to the Archives. However, Ms Sayers expressed concern over the proposed cut in spending to Libraries.
33. Faye Bishop addressed the Subcommittee as an individual (submission 251). Ms Bishop objected to the proposed increase in charges for the users of the Evans Bay Marina. All tenants she had spoken to opposed the increase, but were happy to pay for their own use. Ms Bishop argued that users should not have to pay for public services and that facilities were not exclusive to marina users.
34. Dick Graham addressed the Subcommittee as an individual (submission 29). He expressed disappointment over the way the Council had managed the Evans Bay Marina. Dr Graham noted that the Marina does not have anyone supervising it. He also pointed out that there are vacant sheds and marina berths despite a long waiting

list. Therefore maximum rental has not been utilised. Dr Graham feels as though he has had no success through discussions with the Council.

35. Tony Coard addressed the Subcommittee as an individual (submission 327). Mr Coard spoke to the issue of increased charges for users of the Evans Bay Marina. He emphasised the fact that users totally accept the one hundred percent user pays policy but thinks they are funding more than they use.

(The meeting adjourned at 2.45pm for afternoon tea. When the meeting reconvened at 3.00pm Councillors McKinnon, Wade-Brown, Pannett, Ahipene-Mercer, Cook, Wain, Coughlan, Foster and Best were present.)

36. Phil Parnell submitted on behalf of the Otari Wilton Bush Trust (submission 308). The Trust welcomes the commitment of the Council to pest management. However, concerns were expressed over the continued deferral of funds. Mr Parnell highlighted the fact that this is the second time funds have been deferred by Council. The Gardens are of national significance and visitor numbers are growing significantly. It is also an increasing tourist attraction. In light of this he asks that the deferral be reconsidered.

37. Julian Boorman addressed the Subcommittee as an individual (submission 266). He is very supportive of grants being given to offset building consents for installing solar water heating. However he notes that the target of a seven percent increase of residents cycling into central Wellington is unchanged from last year and is not ambitious enough. Mr Boorman suggests replacing car parks with places to lock bicycles is a good way to encourage more cyclists.

38. Ron England submitted on behalf of Action for the Environment (submission 365). Mr England stated that there is a lot the Council can do to make themselves internationally competitive rather than simply use the phrase. In order to be internationally competitive the Council must be aware of what other nations are doing. At present the Council has a lot of catching up to do to be internationally competitive. Mr England emphasised the importance of compliance monitoring and the need for the Council to have newer and better assessments. He also noted that wind farms are only one possibility for energy and the Council should be using a range of sources.

(The meeting adjourned at 3.38pm to reconvene at 9.15am on Thursday 29 May 2008.)

**(The meeting reconvened at 9.18am on Thursday 29 May 2008.)**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Prendergast (9.21am – 4.33pm)  
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer  
Councillor Best (9.18am – 2.53pm, 3.32 – 5.02pm)  
Councillor Cook  
Councillor Foster (4.33 – 5.02pm)  
Councillor McKinnon (Chair)  
Councillor Morrison (9.18 – 10.26am, 12.11 – 12.47pm, 3.13 – 4.12pm,  
4.24 – 5.02pm)  
Councillor Wade-Brown (9.18am – 4.41pm, 4.43 – 5.02pm)

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Councillor Coughlan (9.18am – 12.47pm, 3.13 – 4.08pm)  
Councillor Pepperell (9.20 – 10.26am)  
Councillor Pannett  
Councillor Wain (11.33am – 2.53pm, 3.32 – 4.33pm)

**APOLOGIES:**

Councillor Foster (for lateness)

007/08DP **APOLOGIES**  
(1215/52/08/IM)

**RESOLVED:**

*THAT the Draft Annual Plan Hearings Subcommittee:*

*1. Accept apologies for lateness from Councillor Foster.*

008/08DP **ORAL SUBMISSIONS TO THE 2008/09 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN**  
**(CONTINUED)**  
(1215/52/08/IM) (REPORT 1)

**NOTED:**

(Councillor Pepperell joined the meeting at 9.20am.)  
(Mayor Prendergast joined the meeting at 9.21am.)

39. Jeremy Harding and Charles Finney (submission 397) speaking on behalf of the Wellington Regional Chamber of Commerce spoke in support of their submission. They expressed their support for lowering the rates differential, the Councils carbon neutrality policy and the return to three yearly valuations. Mr Harding noted the majority of members feel the proposed rate increase of 4.8 percent is too high and would like to see this below the rate of inflation. He

noted the Chamber would support increasing Council debt if this is used for quality infrastructure which would have a good return for the city.

40. James Feary speaking on behalf of United Water (submission 413) addressed the Subcommittee regarding the proposed Tradewaste Policy. He noted there are a number of variables from tradewaste which affect the plant infrastructure and an increase odour. He feels the Tradewaste charges need to take these factors into account. Mr Feary also requested increased monitoring.
41. Stan Andis and representatives of the Moa Point Wastewater Liaison Group (submission 358) addressed the Subcommittee regarding odour at Carey's Gully treatment plant. Mr Andis noted odour from the plant is continuous despite a number of efforts over the years to fix the problem. He notes that as long as there is odour from the plant, the plant is not compliant. Mr Andis requested that funds be made available to fix the odour problems without being bogged down by bureaucracy. Mr Andis also noted his support for proposed road safety initiatives, excluding proposed work on the Goa Street intersection.
42. Robin Clearwater speaking on behalf of Evans Bay Marina Tenants Group (submission 431) spoke to his submission. He noted he would like to see increased communication between the marina tenants and the Council. Ideally this engagement would be through monthly meetings with appropriate staff and senior managers.

(The Subcommittee adjourned at 10.26am for morning tea. When the meeting reconvened at 10.49am Mayor Prendergast and Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Coughlan, McKinnon, Pannett and Wade-Brown were present.)

43. Alison White speaking on behalf of the Safe Food Campaign (submission 343) addressed the Subcommittee. She showed a DVD on the risks of fluoride in the water supply. She noted babies on formula made from fluoridated tap water are at particular risk. She noted New Zealand is one of the few countries in the world that has over 50 percent fluoride in drinking water. Food Safe Campaign would like to see Council stop adding fluoride to drinking water.
44. Phil Hancock speaking on behalf of EnergySmart (submission 407) addressed the Subcommittee. He spoke in support of funding for the Wellington Healthy Homes Project and Householder Water Efficiency Initiative. He noted these two initiatives complement the Council's commitment to increasing energy and water efficiency and housing sustainability.

45. Paul Cameron speaking on behalf of Sport Wellington Region (submission 420) spoke to his submission. He spoke in support of the proposed initiatives for artificial surfaces at Nairnville Park, practice wickets at the Basin Reserve and the Indoor Community Sports Centre. He noted there has been a growth of informal sports such as skateboarding and sports organisations are struggling to cope with the number of people who wishing to participate. Mr Cameron also spoke in support of the At the Heart regional strategy.

(Councillor Wain joined the meeting at 11.33am.)

46. Ben Ogilvie and Amy Bennett from the Youth Council (submission 430) and Thomas Goss from the School of Rock addressed the Subcommittee in support of their submission. Mr Ogilvie expressed support for a permanent home for the School of Rock to create a youth centre for Wellington youth. He noted Zeal and Capital E do not provide enough space and there is not one place for youth. Mr Goss noted the School of Rock youth centre would provide youth counsellors, mentors as well as rehearsal space.
47. Peter Huggins speaking on behalf of Mike Mellor and Living Streets Aotearoa (submission 415) addressed the Subcommittee. He noted that Living Streets Aotearoa advocate for pedestrians and other pavement users and expressed support for the Councils proposed Walking Plan. Mr Huggins noted Living Streets support a walkable city which is integrated with cycling and public transport. He requested funding for walking maps for the suburbs. He also spoke in support of greater enforcement for cars parking on footpaths and performance measures for encouraging walking to school and work.

(Councillor Morrison returned to the meeting at 12.11pm.)

48. Rodney Moore and David Feehan speaking on behalf of Wellington Rugby League (submissions 325 and 371 ) spoke to their submission and requested support from Council. They spoke in support for proposed extensions at Rugby League Park and artificial surfaces. Wellington Rugby League would like more playing facilities as the sport has grown in Wellington but the number of fields available has decreased. Noted the sport is in need of club rooms and indoor training facilities. They noted there are no facilities for senior level matches and international games.
49. Daniel Newman speaking on behalf of the Property Council (submission 414) addressed the Subcommittee. He noted the Property Council support waiving resource consent fees for heritage buildings and would like to work with Council regarding the criteria for this. Mr Newman also spoke in support of retro-fitting heritage houses,

which helps to reduce carbon emissions and increase efficiency. He expressed support for lowering the rates differential.

50. Robin Boldarin speaking on behalf of the Miramar/Maupuia Progressive Association (submission 406) spoke to her submission. She requested a park to replace Cobham Park where the Indoor Community Sports Centre is proposed to be built. She also requested the proposed traffic lights at Ruahine Street be weight and pedestrian activated. Ms Boldarin asked that more work be done on bus shelters.
51. David Butler speaking on behalf of the Wellington Labour Local Body Committee (submission 359) spoke to his submission. He noted the Wellington Labour Body Committees opposition to the shift in the rates differential. He suggested the differential be frozen and a referendum on the issue. Mr Butler suggested the Passport to Leisure complement the Government's Gold Card.

(The Subcommittee adjourned at 12.47pm. When the Subcommittee reconvened at 2.02pm Mayor Prendergast and Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, McKinnon, Pannett, Wade-Brown and Wain were present.)

52. Chris Horne spoke on behalf the Wellington Botanical Society (submissions 418 and 419) and as an individual. He noted the Society's wish to see a greenhouse used to grow endangered native trees to be re-planted through the Botanical Gardens. He also noted support for Otari-Wilton's Bush as the only public native garden in New Zealand. He requested Council exit the contract with Adshel bus shelters.

(The meeting adjourned at 2.15pm and reconvened at 2.16pm.)

53. Dr John Robinson and Ricky McLeod speaking on behalf of Island Bay World Service (submission 337) spoke to his submission. He noted carbon neutrality is not achievable as long as fossil fuels are in use. Mr Robinson noted the Council's aim to increase tourism will only increase the cities dependency on fossil fuel. He noted population growth is not sustainable at the current rate. He noted a drop in population is beneficial to lifestyle. Dr Robinson noted the city should be planning for survival not growth.
54. Zayne Boon speaking on behalf of New Zealand Hotel Council (submission 428) spoke to his submission. He noted the New Zealand Hotel Council represent 22 hotels in Wellington. Mr Boon expressed support for continued support for Positively Wellington Tourism and events funding. He feels Council should continue to invest in the Arts Festival and other events. Mr Boon feels Wellington lacks large convention facilities and it would be useful to set funds aside for a

feasibility study. He noted the Hotel Council's support for the Indoor Community Sports Centre.

(The Subcommittee adjourned at 2.53pm for afternoon tea. When the meeting reconvened at 3.13pm Mayor Prendergast and Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Cook, Coughlan, McKinnon, Morrison, Pannett and Wade-Brown were present.)

55. Barbara Fill addressed the Subcommittee and spoke to her submission (submission 388). She asked that Council provide funds to re-vegetate dunes on the South Coast. She suggested building small rock pools from drains to feed water down the beach, which will help reduce erosion. Ms Fill noted with the creation of the Marine Reserve on the south coast, there is an opportunity to begin restoration of the coast.

(Councillors Best and Wain returned to the meeting at 3.32pm.)

56. Dean Stanley speaking on behalf of the Worsler Bay Boating Club (submission 372) spoke to their submission. He noted the plans for the new storage shed for the Boating Club are almost finalised. He noted the new shed will also be used by the Life Saving Club and Sea Scouts. Mr Stanley requested funding from Council for the public walkway component of the project.
57. Will Caccia-Birch and William Strang from Wellington Rugby Union (submission 403) addressed the Subcommittee in support of their submission. They expressed their support for the proposed artificial surfaces at Nairnville Park. Mr Strang noted Wellington Rugby Union would like to see a network of grounds with artificial surfaces across the city. He also noted there is pressure on grounds as a number of clubs train and play on the same ground. They support the proposed initiatives at Hataitai Park. Mr Caccia-Birch also spoke in support of multi-sport hubs.

(Councillor Coughlan left the meeting at 4.08pm.)

58. Peter Buxton addressed the Subcommittee (submission 403). He noted rather than building the education centre at Karori Sanctuary it should be built at Ian Galloway Park. Mr Buxton suggested building a network of trolley buses linking the sanctuary, Otari-Wilton's Bush and other visitor attractions. He also suggested creating a visitor pass marketed to tourists to visit a number of different attractions.

(Councillor Morrison left the meeting at 4.12pm)

59. Jan Rivers spoke to her submission (submission 398) and expressed concern that the proposed initiatives for climate change are too broad. She noted she would like to see Wellington be a leader in climate

change, not a follower. Ms Rivers also noted she would like to see more support for walking and cycling in the city, incorporating lessons learned from other cities. She also spoke in support of inorganic rubbish collections and video conferencing facilities.

(Councillor Morrison returned to the meeting at 4.24pm.)

(Councillor Foster joined the meeting at 4.33pm.)

(Mayor Prendergast and Councillor Wain left the meeting at 4.33pm.)

(The meeting adjourned at 4.34pm. When the meeting reconvened at 4.41pm Councillors Best, Cook, Foster, McKinnon, Morrison and Pannett were present.)

(Councillor Wade-Brown returned to the meeting at 4.43pm.)

60. Roger Ellis speaking on behalf of the Churton Park Community Association (submission 346) addressed the Subcommittee. He noted that Churton Park has experienced a lot of growth over the last 10 years and there are still no community facilities or shopping centre for the suburb. The Association noted their support for spending on people rather than things. Mr Ellis requested spending to make Middleton Road safer for pedestrians and cyclists. He also requested more rubbish bins in parks.

61. Robert Tredger speaking on behalf of the Tawa Community Board (submission 427) addressed the Committee. He expressed concern that the infill policy does not recognise the individual character of different suburbs. Mr Tredger also noted there are a number of young children in the Woodman Drive and Bing Lucas Drive area and there is no playground. He expressed a need to have the Tawa main street upgrade completed by installing the final part of the Kereru sculpture. Mr Tredger noted there is a need for a safe path for pedestrians and cyclists on Middleton Road.

(The meeting adjourned at 5.02pm.)

**(The meeting reconvened at 9.20am on Tuesday 3 June 2008.)**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Prendergast

Councillor McKinnon (Chair)

Councillor Ahipene-Mercer

Councillor Best

Councillor Cook

Councillor Foster (9.24 – 10.05am)

Councillor Morrison

Councillor Wade-Brown (9.23 – 10.05am)

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Councillor Coughlan  
Councillor Goulden  
Councillor Pepperell  
Councillor Pannett  
Councillor Wain

**APOLOGIES:**

Councillor Wade-Brown (for lateness)

009/08DP **APOLOGIES**  
(1215/52/08/IM)

**RESOLVED:**

*THAT the Draft Annual Plan Hearings Subcommittee:*

*1 Accept apologies for lateness from Councillor Wade-Brown.*

010/08DP **ORAL SUBMISSIONS TO THE 2008/09 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN  
(CONTINUED)**  
(1215/52/08/IM) (REPORT 1)

**NOTED:**

62. Glenn Kingston representing the Strathmore Park Progressive and Beautifying Association (submission 308) addressed the meeting in support of the Association's submission. He advised that he was concerned that there were no ward by ward Annual Plan presentations as there had been in years gone by. The Association supported the Anti Graffiti Flying squad initiative as it has had a positive effect in the Eastern suburbs.

(Councillor Wade-Brown joined the meeting at 9.23am.)

(Councillor Foster joined the meeting at 9.24am.)

63. Michael Taylor an individual (submission 341) addressed the meeting in support of this submission. He supports the move for more public transport and better provision for cyclist and pedestrians. He opposes the idea of taxis being able to use the bus only lanes. Mr Taylor is supportive of Council's ongoing contribution to the Wildlife Sanctuary.

64. Anne Bain and Lisette Wesseling representing the Association of Blind Citizens of New Zealand (submission 345) addressed the meeting in support of their submission. They stressed the point for

making their independence about Wellington safer by the enforcing the sandwich board and café street furniture policies and that resources are supplied for enforcement and to create footpaths with tactile kerbings at all crossings, both traffic light controlled and pedestrian.

65. Craig Palmer an individual (submission 387) addressed the meeting in support of his submission and he also concurred with the previous submitters on the points they raised.
66. Brenda Cottingham the Niue Representative on the Pacific Advisory Group (submission 387) addressed the meeting in support of their submission. Their Submission thanked Council for its funding for the 2008 Pasifika Festival which was held in February. As a result of the success of the 2008 Festival they wish to hold another one in 2009. She highlighted how much the Pacific Community and the rest of Wellington had enjoyed the festival.

The meeting concluded at 10.05am on Tuesday 3 June 2008.

Confirmed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair  
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