
MINUTES

THURSDAY 24 APRIL 2008

**9.20AM – 9.36AM
10.44AM – 2.25PM**

**Council Chamber
First Floor, Town Hall,
Wakefield Street
Wellington**

PRESENT:

Mayor Prendergast (Chair)
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer
Councillor Best
Councillor Cook
Councillor Coughlan
Councillor Foster (9.20 – 9.36am, 10.44am – 12.30pm, 1.30 – 2.25pm)
Councillor Gill
Councillor Goulden (9.20 – 9.36am, 10.44am – 12.30pm, 1.04 – 2.25pm)
Councillor McKinnon (9.20 – 9.36am, 10.44am – 12.30pm, 1.07 – 2.25pm)
Councillor Morrison
Councillor Pannett
Councillor Pepperell (9.20 – 9.36am, 10.47am – 2.25pm)
Councillor Ritchie (9.20 – 9.36am, 10.48am – 1.42pm)
Councillor Wade-Brown
Councillor Wain

098/08P **APOLOGIES**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There were no apologies.

099/08P **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

100/08P **MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION**
(1215/52/IM)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Approve the minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 6 March 2008, Tuesday 11 March 2008 and Thursday 27 March 2008 be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of those meetings.*

101/08P **ORDER OF BUSINESS**
(1215/52/IM)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Consider the agenda as follows:*
Deputation
Resolution to Exclude the Public
Public Participation
Report 6 – Review of Infill Housing
Report 5 – Proposed Land Exchange
Report 1 – Draft Centres Policy
Report 2 – Submission on the Proposed Greater Wellington Regional Council Pest Management Strategy
Report 3 - Submission on the Proposed New Zealand Coastal Policy
Report 4 - Crossways

102/08P **DEPUTATION**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

Bill Southworth representing the Crossways Trust addressed the meeting regarding Report 4 “Crossways”.

103/08P **RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC**
(1215/52/IM)

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:*

Public Participation

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(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.

2. *Permit Warwick Greenwood a Public Participant and Bill Southworth of the Crossways Trust to remain at this meeting, after the public has been excluded because of their knowledge of Report 4 - Crossways in particular the situation around the Donor to the Crossways Trust, as this knowledge, may be of assistance in relation to the matter being discussed.*

The meeting went into public excluded session at 9.27am.

For item 104/08P, please see the public excluded minutes.

(The meeting returned to open session at 9.35am.)

105/08P **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**
(1215/52/IM)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Adjourn until the conclusion of the Council Meeting.*

(The meeting adjourned at 9.36am.)

(The meeting reconvened at 10.44am.)

(Mayor Prendergast, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Coughlan, Foster, Goulden, Gill, McKinnon, Morrison, Pannett, Wade-Brown and Wain were present when the meeting reconvened.)

106/08P **RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC**
(1215/52/IM)

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 5 - Proposed Land Exchange

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(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.

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

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

Report 6 – Review of Infill Housing

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(j) Prevent disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage.

(The meeting went into public excluded session at 10.45am.)

For items 107/08P and 108/08P, please see the public excluded minutes.

(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 10.47am.)

(Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 10.48am.)

(The meeting returned to open 11.21am.)

109/08P **DRAFT CENTRES POLICY**
Report of Luke Troy – Manager, City Planning.
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 1)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Coughlan the substantive motion with amendments to appendix 1.

The substantive motion with amendments to appendix was put and was declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to release the draft Centres Policy as amended (attached as Appendix 1 to these minutes) for public consultation.*
3. *Delegate to the Portfolio Leader for Urban Development and Transport the authority to approve minor editorial changes to the draft Centres Policy prior to publication.*
4. *Note that the results of consultation and a final Centres Policy will be reported back to the Committee before the end of 2008 for further consideration.*
5. *Note that the Council's Retail Strategy will be withdrawn once a final Centres Policy is approved.*

110/08P **SUBMISSION ON THE PROPOSED GREATER WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL PEST MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**
Report of Justin McCarthy, Pest Officer, Parks and Gardens and Amber Bill, Acting Manager, Community Engagement and Reserves, Parks and Gardens.
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 2)

Moved Councillor Wade-Brown, seconded Councillor Foster, the substantive motion with amendments to the submission.

The substantive motion was put and was declared **CARRIED**.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to the submission as amended, attached as Appendix 2 to these minutes, on the proposed Greater Wellington Regional Council Pest Management Strategy subject to any amendments recommended by the Committee.*
3. *Agree to delegate to the Portfolio Leader, Environment the authority to make any minor drafting changes before forwarding the submission to the Greater Wellington Regional Council.*

111/08P **SUBMISSION ON THE PROPOSED NEW ZEALAND COASTAL POLICY STATEMENT 2008**
Report of Brett McKay – Chief Planner.
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 3)

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

Moved Councillor Ritchie, seconded Councillor Pannett, the following amendment to the submission.

“Replace text re Policy 16

Council generally supports Policy 16 in the statement.”

(The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.30pm and reconvened at 1.03pm.)

(When the meeting reconvened, Mayor Prendergast, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Coughlan, Gill, Morrison, Pannett, Pepperell, Ritchie, Wade-Brown and Wain were present when the meeting reconvened.)

(Councillor Goulden returned to the meeting at 1.04pm.)

(Councillor McKinnon returned to the meeting at 1.07pm.)

The amendment was put and a DIVISION called.

Voting for Councillors Pannett, Pepperell and Ritchie.

Voting against: Mayor Prendergast, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Coughlan, Gill, Goulden, McKinnon, Morrison, Wade-Brown and Wain.

Majority vote: 3:10

The amendment was declared LOST.

The substantive motion was put and a DIVISION called.

Voting for: Mayor Prendergast, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Coughlan, Gill, Goulden, McKinnon, Morrison, Pannett, Wade-Brown and Wain.

Voting against: Councillors Pepperell and Ritchie.

Majority vote: 12:2

The substantive motion was declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree that the submission (attached as Appendix 1 of the officers report) be forwarded to the Department of Conservation's Board of Inquiry on the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement for their consideration.*

112/08P

CROSSWAYS

Report of Wendy Walker – Director, Citizen Engagement.
(1215/52/IM)

(REPORT 4)

Moved Councillor Best, seconded Councillor Wain, the substantive motion as amended as follows:

“It is recommended that the Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Agree that the terms of the milestone funding target required of the Crossways Community Trust have not been met, bringing the three-

way agreement to an end. This allows the Church and the Crossways Community Trust to negotiate a sale and purchase agreement.

3. Note that Crossways Community Trust have successfully raised around \$470,000 by way of direct fundraising (\$20,000) and loan (\$450,000) to purchase the Crossways building.
4. Note that the Crossways building is protected by the 1930s Demolition rule in the District Plan (Rule 5.3.11) and will be further protected by a heritage listing that is currently in progress.
5. Note that officers will work with Crossways user groups including the crèche to assist them to re-locate to alternative venues if negotiations are unsuccessful.”

Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Cook the motion that debate be adjourned on Crossways until 7 August 2008.

The motion was put and declared LOST on a show of hands. 6:8

(Councillor Foster returned to the meeting at 1.30pm.)

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 1.42pm.)

The substantive motion as amended recommendations 1, 3, 4 and 5 were put and declared CARRIED.

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

Voting for: Mayor Prendergast, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Coughlan, Foster, Gill, Goulden, McKinnon, Morrison and Wain.

Voting against: Councillors Cook, Pannett, Pepperell and Wade-Brown.

Majority vote: 10:4

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree that the terms of the milestone funding target required of the Crossways Community Trust have not been met, bringing the three-way agreement to an end. This allows the Church and the Crossways Community Trust to negotiate a sale and purchase agreement.*

3. *Note that Crossways Community Trust have successfully raised around \$470,000 by way of direct fundraising (\$20,000) and loan (\$450,000) to purchase the Crossways building.*
4. *Note that the Crossways building is protected by the 1930s Demolition rule in the District Plan (Rule 5.3.11) and will be further protected by a heritage listing that is currently in progress.*
5. *Note that officers will work with Crossways user groups including the crèche to assist them to re-locate to alternative venues if negotiations are unsuccessful.*

NOTED:

The resolution differs to the recommendations in the officer's report as follows:

The Committee amended the recommendations.

The meeting concluded at 2.25pm.

Confirmed: _____
Chair
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Centre Hierarchy

CENTRE TYPE	EXPECTED CHARACTERISTICS
Central City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - servicing the whole City/region - extensive retail offer (ie >100,000m² floorspace) - several department stores and full range of retail goods and specialist stores - civic centre and centre of government - range of centralised community facilities - major employment node (including large offices) - extensive residential uses (ie high-rise apartments) - extensive recreational and entertainment activities - major cultural institutions - visitor facilities - public transport hub - extensive on-street and off-street parking - enhanced pedestrian facilities
Town Centres <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Johnsonville ▪ Karori ▪ Kilbirnie ▪ Miramar ▪ Newtown ▪ Tawa 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - servicing one or more suburbs - significant retail offer (ie between 10,000 - 30,000m² floorspace) - anchored by mall or traditional high street, with at least one or more large supermarket and a range of retail activities - range of community facilities - residential uses (ie apartments) - recreational and entertainment activities - some civic or government services - employment node - medium-scale office uses - very good accessibility by public transport - significant on-street and off-street parking

<p>District Centres</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Brooklyn ▪ Crofton Downs ▪ Island Bay ▪ Khandallah ▪ Newlands 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - servicing surrounding suburb - moderate retail offer including convenience based retail (ie <10,000m² floorspace) servicing day-to-day needs and small/medium supermarket - residential uses (ie townhouses/units) - community facilities and services - recreational and entertainment activities - small-scale professional office uses - very good accessibility by public transport - on-street and limited off-street parking
<p>Neighbourhood Centres¹</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Aro St ▪ Berhampore ▪ <i>Churton Park²</i> ▪ Hataitai ▪ Kelburn ▪ Kingston ▪ <i>Lincolnshire Farm Neighbourhood Centre¹</i> ▪ Linden ▪ Northland ▪ Marsden Village ▪ Ngaio ▪ Seatoun ▪ Strathmore ▪ Tinakori Road ▪ Wadestown 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - servicing surrounding residential neighbourhood - small retail offer based on convenience based retail (ie <5,000m² floorspace) servicing day-to-day needs - community services - small-scale professional offices and specialist retail - good accessibility by public transport - on-street parking

¹ Several other potential neighbourhood centres have been identified through monitoring. These include: Roseneath, Onepu Road (Lyal Bay), Constable Street (Newtown) Rintoul Street (Berhampore), cnr of Mersey Street and The Parade (Island Bay), the terminus of The Parade (Island Bay), and Kilbirnie Crescent. The appropriate zoning of these areas will be determined as part of the review of the Suburban Centre chapter of the District Plan, and some or all of these areas may be added to the centre hierarchy at a later date.

² Proposed centre, not yet constructed

29 April 2008

Proposed RPMS
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Dear Sir/Madam

Wellington City Council Submission on the Proposed Regional Pest Management Strategy

Overall we support the Proposed Greater Wellington Regional Pest Management Strategy, including the proposed objectives. In particular, we support the emphasis on control of species that threaten biodiversity values which is consistent with our own Pest Management Plan and wider Environment Strategy.

As key stakeholders in the implementation of this proposed strategy we wish to comment on the proposed programmes that are most relevant to Wellington City Council. We also welcome the opportunity to speak to our submission and continue to engage with the Regional Council on pest control.

Proposed programmes

Regional surveillance programme – We support the species that are listed here, and support the principles behind regional surveillance species. We would like to emphasise the importance of prevention and early eradication. We recommend that where possible, eradication should be the aim and objective for all regional surveillance pest plant species, and that this would be carried out as direct control by service delivery.

Total control – We support the species included in this category, particularly the inclusion of rooks in this category.

Containment – We request that the Containment zone for boneseed be altered to exclude the South Coast to the closed Owhiro Quarry. Currently only the west coast from Otaki to Makara is excluded. We believe boneseed numbers are low enough to warrant the eradication of boneseed all the way to the Owhiro Quarry.

We support the total control by service delivery of evergreen buckthorn in the specific exclusion zones.

Suppression – We propose that feral pigeons are included in this category. Feral pigeons are widespread in the Wellington area and are a significant public nuisance and health hazard. A

suggested aim for this species could be to minimise the adverse impacts of feral pigeons. Means of achievement could include:

- Greater Wellington support with direct control by service delivery to control feral pigeons on public commons to ensure they do not exceed an agreed level of infestation.
- Provide information and publicity to enhance public awareness of the risks of feral pigeons and discourage public feeding at key sites.

Site-led Boundary Control – We propose that Darwin’s barberry and climbing asparagus be included in this category as well as in the Key Native Ecosystems management programme. While there are issues with the seeds of both these species being distributed by birds, this would minimise local spread. We also propose that evergreen buckthorn is included in this category as well as in the containment category.

We do not agree that old man’s beard fits in this category. The 10m boundary clearance rule is inappropriate for a species with wind dispersed seeds such as old man’s beard, and will not meet the proposed objective to: “prevent its spread onto properties that are clear, or being cleared, of old man’s beard in the region.” We suggest the aim and objective for old man’s beard would better sit with the biodiversity site-led programmes. This would recognise the potential impact of old man’s beard on indigenous biodiversity and enable a more specific approach to better protect our native flora and fauna.

We support the reduced boundary clearance distance for gorse to 2m in a non-productive land situation. In addition, we request that the plan recognises the role of gorse for its ability to act as a nurse crop, enhancing the survival of native species.

Site-led programmes for biodiversity - This is consistent with our Pest Management Plan and Biodiversity Action Plan and we support the inclusion of the species listed. In addition, we request that cathedral bells, banana passionfruit, wild ginger and old man’s beard be included in this category, not just in the Boundary Control category. We also request that mustelids are considered for inclusion, in addition to the Key Native Ecosystem programme.

We also recommend that the plan acknowledges that for the effective management of special natural places it is often necessary to control pests beyond KNEs to prevent reinvasion. For example, we have been working with Greater Wellington and the Department of Conservation on a programme to eradicate goats from the Wellington south-west peninsula. This fits with the aim of the proposed RPMS to “minimise the adverse impacts of feral goats in the Wellington region”, and would effectively protect a number of KNEs. A suggested means of achievement for this, in addition to information and publicity, is to “contribute to direct control by service delivery of feral goats in areas buffering KNEs and in areas where sustained eradication is feasible.” We would also support the introduction of an exclusion zone for feral goats for the Wellington south-west peninsula.

We acknowledge your proposed approach with possum control and look forward to a continued positive relationship in possum management within Wellington in accordance with our Memorandum of Understanding. We do suggest that there is flexibility for direct control by service delivery for areas of ‘low ecological significance’ where these areas are adjacent to areas of high ecological significance. We would also like to see the plan include support for researching and promoting new and evolving trapping and poisoning techniques and materials.

Site-led programmes for human health – We support the species that are listed here.

Site-led programmes for Key native ecosystems – We support this approach and the on-going management in Key Native Ecosystems, but request clarification around the identification of Key Native Ecosystems.

We request that old man's beard, cathedral bells, banana passionfruit and wild ginger be included in the Key Native Ecosystem Management programme. In addition, we would like to see the inclusion of 'weedy natives'; those species that are native to different parts of New Zealand but are problematic in this region e.g. karo.

We would like mention of how GWRC plan to continue and improve relationships with landowners such as farmers who have KNEs on their land.

Reserves and forest health management – we support this in principle but request clarification around whether it refers primarily to GWRC reserves, or whether it also includes TLA reserves. If the latter are included, then we request guidelines around selection of reserve areas so that we can understand how and whether Wellington City Council will be affected.

Other issues

Section 4.3.3 Stakeholders

A timeframe or process for gaining agreement with 'Other Crown Agencies' bound to the RPMS should be provided. We would support this process and successful conclusions.

Section 16.1 Education and Information

We wish to emphasise the importance of education and information for effective weed management. We suggest that this section could be expanded and specific education programmes outlined which include the potential for collaboration between our organisations e.g. incentives to encourage the identification and control of species in eradication and surveillance programmes; information about the impact of the species of the site-led biodiversity programmes; and education programmes to promote sustainable ecological behaviour (e.g. not exacerbating weed issues) around KNE or high value ecological sites.

Yours sincerely

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