
MINUTES

TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2009

**11.00AM – 12.16PM
1.01PM – 3.06PM
3.18PM – 3.24PM**

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

PRESENT:

Councillor Ahipene-Mercer	(11.00am – 11.46am, 2.20pm – 3.06pm, 3.18pm – 3.24pm)
Councillor Best	(11.00am – 12.16pm, 1.01pm – 3.06pm, 3.18pm – 3.24pm)
Councillor Cook	(11.03am – 12.16pm, 1.10pm – 2.06pm, 2.08pm – 3.03pm, 3.04pm – 3.06pm, 3.18pm – 3.24pm)
Councillor Coughlan	(11.00am – 12.16pm, 2.06pm – 3.06pm)
Councillor Gill	(11.00am – 11.35am, 11.37am – 12.16pm, 1.01pm – 1.10pm, 1.14pm – 2.35pm, 2.42pm – 3.06pm, 3.18pm – 3.24pm)
Councillor Goulden	(11.00am – 12.16pm, 1.01pm – 1.27pm, 1.37pm – 2.26pm, 2.28pm – 3.06pm)
Councillor McKinnon (Chair)	(11.00am – 12.16pm, 1.01pm – 3.06pm, 3.18pm – 3.24pm)
Councillor Morrison	(11.00am – 11.30am, 11.36am – 12.16pm)
Councillor Pannett	(11.00am – 12.16pm, 1.01pm – 3.06pm, 3.18pm – 3.24pm)
Councillor Pepperell	(11.00am – 12.16pm, 1.01pm – 2.12pm, 2.16pm – 2.25pm, 2.26pm – 3.06pm, 3.18pm – 3.24pm)
Councillor Ritchie	(11.00am – 12.16pm, 1.20pm – 1.40pm, 1.46pm – 2.35pm, 2.43pm – 2.44pm, 2.47pm – 3.06pm, 3.18pm – 3.24pm)
Councillor Wade-Brown	(11.00am – 12.16pm, 1.01pm – 3.06pm, 3.21pm – 3.24pm)
Councillor Wain	(11.00am – 12.16pm, 1.01pm – 3.06pm, 3.18pm – 3.24pm)

APOLOGIES:

Mayor Prendergast
Councillor Foster

179/09P **APOLOGIES**
(1215/12/IM)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- 1. Accept apologies for absence from Mayor Prendergast and Councillor Foster.*

180/09P **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

181/09P **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There was no public participation.

182/09P **DEPUTATIONS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There were no deputations.

195/09P **ORAL SUBMISSIONS – DRAFT DOG POLICY AND
WELLINGTON CONSOLIDATED BYLAW – PART TWO –
ANIMALS** (11.02AM – 3.24PM)
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 1)

NOTED:

(Councillor Cook joined the meeting at 11.03am.)

1. Julia Maiden (submission D350) addressed the Committee regarding the Draft Dog Policy. Ms Maiden is a professional dog trainer and spends a huge amount of time with dogs. It was noted that dog exercise areas are very important, especially with “problem” dogs. Attitudes towards dogs have changed dramatically over time, and as a result, exercise areas have dramatically diminished. Ms Maiden has never understood the regulations on Island Bay beach. She often has to drive to exercise areas. The Council was asked to improve the dog exercise areas as most are unsatisfactory and unsafe. Ms Maiden would love to see dogs welcomed back into the community.
2. Joanne Jackson-Harding (submission D157) addressed the Committee regarding the Draft Dog Policy. Mrs Jackson-Harding has Responsible Dog Owner status, but feels that such dog owners probably do not require addressing. It was noted that there is a need for off leash exercise areas. Access to Waitangi Park should be banned as this is too small an area for the use of a lot of people. It would be ideal to use Karori Cemetery as an off leash area but Mrs Jackson-Harding acknowledged that there are potential problems with this. She was also very supportive of dog destination parks as it is very important for dogs to socialise. Funding should be spread through the proposed options. Parks need more fencing, bins and bag dispensers.
3. Celia Falchi (D247) addressed the Committee regarding the Draft Dog Policy. Mrs Falchi said she had no idea how severe the policies on owning dogs were until she became a dog owner. She said dogs form part of the family. However, dog owners are treated as second class citizens and have to leave Wellington if they wish to socialise with their dogs. Mrs Falchi felt this was not good enough as dog owners paid the same rates, yet do not use a lot of Council facilities. She also noted that fees were high compared to other areas, considering the lack of facilities. She asked that fairness be taken into account when setting fees. It was also said that the regulation dog tags are too big for little dogs. She would like to see the option given to owners to purchase smaller tags and put the details on them themselves.
4. Trevor Lloyd (submission D266) addressed the Committee on the Draft Dog Policy. Mr Lloyd expressed concern regarding the impact dogs have had on Cummings Park. A number of improvements have been made since Cummings Park became a dog exercise park and it is looking quite nice. However, the quality of the turf has deteriorated over that last four years. Because of this, there are a number of other users who can no longer enjoy the park.
5. Miraz Jordan (submission D345) addressed the Committee on the Draft Dog Policy. It was noted that Wellington has a problem with litter. This makes walking with dogs dangerous as they may cut their feet or eat something they should not. The suggestion was made that the Council do more to encourage people to clean up after their dogs.

Every off leash dog exercise area should have at least one rubbish bin for this purpose. It was also submitted that many off leash areas are unsafe because of the lack of adequate barriers between the park and busy roads. This problem could be remedied with more Dog Destination Parks around Wellington.

Tabled: Supplementary information (D345A).

(Councillor Morrison left the meeting at 11.30am.)

6. Frances Lee (submission D301) addressed the Committee regarding the Draft Dog Policy. The major request made was that the dog exercise area in Trelissick Park be extended to include the entire park.

(Councillor Gill left the meeting at 11.35am.)

(Councillor Morrison returned to the meeting at 11.36am.)

(Councillor Gill returned to the meeting at 11.37am.)

Most users of Trelissick Park are dog owners and they come from all over Wellington. She noted that dogs are less likely to be aggressive when they are off the leash. It is also easier to pass on narrow paths. There is a need for better signage as it is currently poor.

7. Jo Kettell (D84) addressed the Committee regarding the Draft Dog Policy. Ms Kettell felt Karori is a difficult place to exercise dogs. She saw no reason why dogs cannot be off the lead in Karori Cemetery before 8am and after 5pm.

(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer left the meeting at 11.46am.)

8. Douglas Wilkins (submission D23) addressed the Committee regarding the Draft Dog Policy on behalf of Canids in a Coal Mine. Mr Wilkins called Wellington a great city but said the current Dog Policy is not working well. It was suggested that people would be more likely to clean up after their dog in the city centre than in the suburbs, as public scrutiny is a major motivator. Mr Wilkins would also like to see dogs allowed on public transport. He acknowledged that this was not within the jurisdiction of the Council but encouraged the Council to use their influence where possible. San Francisco was used as an example of where dogs are allowed on public transport but only with a muzzle and at the discretion of the driver. Mr Wilkins believes that allowing dogs in the city centre and on public transport will make Wellington a truly great centre.

Tabled: Supplementary information (D23A).

9. Jenny Lynch (submission D357) addressed the Committee regarding the Draft Dog Policy on behalf of the Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand. Concern was expressed about the wildlife aspects of the draft policy and increasing off-leash areas around the coast, especially in relation to penguins. Owhiro Bay will be an area where dogs will come into conflict with wildlife. Ms Lynch would also like to see more signage as a lot of people are unaware of where prohibited areas are. She noted that land based exercise areas are preferable to coastal areas. If access is going to be allowed then, at the very least, dogs should have to be on the lead.
10. Peter Simpson (D379) addressed the Committee regarding the Draft Dog Policy on behalf of the Department of Conservation. He sought to have Miramar Peninsula included as an area of protection due to the amount of wildlife. This is an area of penguin activity. He was also in support of proposed protection to seals. This ensures protection to both seal and dog. He had no concerns with Island Bay becoming an off leash area.

(The meeting adjourned at 12.16pm for lunch.)

(The meeting reconvened at 1.01pm. Councillors Best, Gill, Goulden, McKinnon, Pannett, Pepperell, Wade-Brown and Wain were present.)

11. Philip Mansford (submission 84) addressed the Committee regarding the Animals Bylaw. Mr Mansford supported the amendments in the Bylaw. He had faced problems with chickens belonging to a neighbour in the past. Mr Mansford applauded the requirement for Council permission if someone wished to have more than six chickens. It was also suggested that the Council include requirements for adequate fencing, a minimum distance between a structure housing poultry and the boundary of the property, and standards for housing poultry.

Tabled: Supplementary information (**84A**).

(Councillor Cook returned to the meeting at 1.10pm.)

(Councillor Gill left the meeting at 1.10pm.)

12. Phil Lyth (submission D362) addressed the Committee regarding the Draft Dog Policy on behalf of NZ Kennel Club. NZ Kennel Club has been involved in domestic dog training for around 55 years. It was noted that dog control has been a problem in the past but this is an ideal opportunity to turn this around.

(Councillor Gill returned to the meeting at 1.14pm.)

NZ Kennel Club has a good framework for a “Canine Good Citizen” system. This requires dogs and their owners to achieve certain benchmarks in levels of status. A dog that has been through the “Canine Good Citizen” programme will not be a problem to control. This is also as much about training the owner as it is the dog.

(Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 1.20pm.)

Mr Lyth would like the recognition through Council support and acknowledgment of the programme, and recognition of the dogs that have gone through the system.

(Councillor Goulden left the meeting at 1.27pm.)

13. Malcolm Packer (submission D331) addressed the Committee regarding the Draft Dog Policy. Mr Packer spoke as a resident of Owhiro Bay. Owhiro Bay is like an amphitheatre so a lot of noise from dogs and their owners travels up from the beach to the houses. There are about 30 – 40 dogs at the beach in Owhiro Bay are off lead, and a lot of owners do not monitor them. Birds are important part of the ecological system, but they are being threatened by the dogs. Dog owners are generally good at picking up after their dogs but then either litter the bags, or leave them in a bin where they overflow and smell. Mr Packer offered a solution which is to make the beach by the new visitor centre a dog exercise area. This is a very long beach that has toilets and dog watering facilities, surveillance, no bird life or residents, and people do not generally go there.

(Councillor Goulden returned to the meeting at 1.37pm.)

14. Nelson Proctor (submission D371) addressed the Committee regarding the Draft Dog Policy. Mr Proctor noted that dogs offer a great level of companionship and protection.

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 1.40pm.)

Mr Proctor has become increasingly uneasy about the attention that has been given to dogs over the last 10 years. He suggests that this has perhaps been unnecessary. It is difficult to see what a dog owner gets in return for the high fees they have to pay. Mr Proctor supports all efforts for off leash areas and the requirement to carry bags. He asked that there be an element of pragmatism kept in the policy.

(Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 1.46pm.)

15. Vivien Reid (submission D368) addressed the Committee regarding the Draft Dog Policy. Ms Reid strongly opposed Owhiro Bay becoming an off leash area. She expressed concern that Owhiro Bay is a residential area that needs more care and is part of a marine reserve. Allowing dogs to be off the lead is scary for a lot of people.

The safety of the public should be the paramount concern. Ms Reid also asked for better signage as many dog owners already think Owhiro Bay is an off lead area. She also questioned the spending of a lot of money on Oriental Bay when Owhiro Bay has been largely ignored.

16. Sonia Calvert (submission D238 and A90) addressed the Committee regarding the Draft Dog Policy and Animals Bylaw. Miss Calvert is a volunteer dog trainer. She thanked the Council for the positive measures in the draft policy. However, she drew comparisons with the United Kingdom and noted the stark contrasts in attitudes towards dogs. People in New Zealand are a lot more fearful of dogs. Miss Calvert would like to see a shift from fear to understanding. Messages put forward from the Council will go a long way to achieving this. She would also like areas with better fencing and lighting, with better and specific bins for disposing of dog waste. It was noted that mountain bike parks have taken over some dog exercise areas. She asked that mountain bikes be restricted. Miss Calvert was also disappointed about the prospect of Waitangi Park being a prohibited area as there are a lot of people around, which is good for dog training.

(Councillor Coughlan returned to the meeting at 2.06pm.)

(Councillor Cook left the meeting at 2.06pm.)

17. Michael Taylor (submission D367) addressed the Committee regarding the Draft Dog Policy. Mr Taylor felt that the protection of the environment had been overlooked.

(Councillor Cook returned to the meeting at 2.08pm.)

Mr Taylor said it was ironic that dogs were going to be allowed in the Taputeranga Marine Reserve after so much work had gone into getting it looking so lovely. He would also like to see provision to make suburbs pest free. It was also suggested that cats should have to wear bells.

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 2.12pm.)

(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 2.16pm.)

18. Beverley Short (submission D348) addressed the Committee regarding the Draft Dog Policy. Ms Short noted that exercise is very important for dogs but that there is a lack of dog exercise areas in Karori. Most areas are dangerous, isolated and exposed. She would like to see Karori Cemetery as an off lead area for a few hours a day. Ms Short is disappointed at the criteria for Responsible Dog Owner status. She has recently lost her status and was fined \$600, for walking her two dogs in Karori Cemetery. Despite this, her dogs are well cared for, loved, exercised, and well fed. She feels the criteria for responsible dog owner status is grey and should be revised.

Tabled: Supplementary information (D348A).

(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer returned to the meeting at 2.20pm.)
 (Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 2.25pm.)
 (Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 2.26pm.)
 (Councillor Goulden left the meeting at 2.26pm.)
 (Councillor Goulden returned to the meeting at 2.28pm.)

19. Barbara McLaughlin (submission D7) addressed the Committee regarding the Draft Dog Policy. Ms McLaughlin noted a number of issues that she felt needed addressing in relation to dog exercise areas. She pointed out that lighting of these areas was not mentioned in the policy, yet this is a major issue as most areas are poorly lit. This is both dangerous and inconvenient. Containment is also a problem with inadequate fences on parks near busy roads. Ms McLaughlin was opposed to the deletion of McAlister Park. She asked that problems with current exercise areas be addressed before focusing on Dog Destination Parks.

Tabled: Supplementary information (D7A).

(Councillor Gill left the meeting at 2.35pm.)
 (Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 2.35pm.)

20. Karen Belt (submission D358 and A113) addressed the Committee regarding the Draft Dog Policy and Animals Bylaw. On the Draft Dog Policy, Ms Belt disagreed with mandatory micro-chipping of dogs. She does not see why walking dogs around the perimeter of a sports field should be a problem. It was also suggested that there is a false distinction between people with dogs and people with families. Dogs are in fact members of the families to which they belong. Ms Belt was also supportive of walking dogs in Karori Cemetery, as long as they are kept under control. It was also contended that, in pursuit of fairness, there should be a good swimming beach where people can go with their dogs. She also asked that the criteria for Responsible Dog Owner status be looked into.

(Councillor Gill returned to the meeting at 2.42pm.)
 (Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 2.43pm.)
 (Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 2.44pm.)

On the Animals Bylaw, Ms Belt questioned the broad definition of “animal” and whether this would be allowed by the Local Government Act 2002. She also questioned the definition of “confinement”, and pointed out that there may be differing opinions on which animals can be confined. It was also said that the Council should recognise the role of the SPCA in collecting animals that would have otherwise been a nuisance.

(Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 2.47pm.)

21. Alison and Jane Fanselow (submission D211) addressed the Committee regarding the Draft Dog Policy. Concern was expressed particularly around McAlister Park. Alison Fanselow is a resident at Village at the Park, which allows dogs. McAlister Park is easily accessible for Village at the Park residents and is flat. All other dog exercise areas in the area are driving distance away, and are hilly or dangerous. McAlister Park is a great exercise area for Village at the Park residents, especially those with dogs. This is critical to their quality of life.
22. Deidre Burk (submission D354) addressed the Committee regarding the Draft Dog Policy. Ms Burk spoke specifically on Trelissick Park. It was noted that the Trelissick Park Working Group had failed to reach consensus on whether the Park should be a dog exercise area or a controlled public place. Ms Burk felt that Trelissick Park already operates as a dog exercise area in practice and this has not caused any problem. She requested that Trelissick Park formally be made a dog exercise area.

Tabled: Supplementary information (D354A).

(Councillor Cook left the meeting at 3.03pm.)

(Councillor Cook returned to the meeting at 3.04pm.)

(The meeting adjourned at 3.06pm for afternoon tea.)

(The meeting reconvened at 3.18pm. Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Gill, McKinnon, Ritchie, Pannett, Pepperell and Wain were present.)

23. Nick Williams (submission D154) addressed the Committee regarding the Draft Dog Policy. Mr Williams was principally concerned with the area of Seatoun Beach from Hector Street to Breaker Bay, and the proposal to make this area off lead from midnight to 9am. Most other walkers in the area have dogs so such restrictions are not required. Mr Williams has not come across any problems in eight years.

(Councillor Wade-Brown joined the meeting at 3.21pm.)

Mr Williams accepts there are other beaches that are popular for families and swimming, and that people should not take their dogs there.

The meeting adjourned at 3.24pm and reconvened at 9.15am Thursday 10 September 2009.

9.15AM – 10.32AM
10.47AM – 11.56AM

PRESENT:

Mayor Prendergast	(9.15am – 9.59am, 10.47am – 11.04am, 11.07am – 11.52am)
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer	(9.15am – 10.32am, 10.47am – 11.56am)
Councillor Best	(9.18am – 10.32am, 10.48am – 11.56am)
Councillor Cook	(9.41am – 10.32am, 10.47am – 11.56am)
Councillor Coughlan	(9.15am – 10.32am, 10.50am – 11.06am, 11.09am – 11.56am)
Councillor Foster	(9.19am – 10.32am, 10.54am – 11.56am)
Councillor Gill	(9.15am – 9.40am, 9.43am – 10.32am, 10.47am – 11.24am, 11.33am – 11.56am)
Councillor Goulden	(9.41am – 10.32am, 10.59am – 11.56am)
Councillor McKinnon (Chair)	(9.15am – 10.32am, 10.47am – 11.56am)
Councillor Ritchie	(9.15am – 10.32am, 10.47am – 11.03am, 11.05am – 11.28am, 11.32am – 11.56am)
Councillor Pannett	(9.17am – 10.32am, 10.47am – 11.56am)
Councillor Pepperell	(9.15am – 10.32am, 10.48am – 11.24am, 11.27am – 11.34am, 11.39am – 11.56am)
Councillor Wade-Brown	(9.15am – 10.32am, 10.47am – 11.56am)
Councillor Wain	(10.47am – 11.56am)

APOLOGIES:

Mayor Prendergast (from 10.00am – 10.30am)
 Councillor Morrison
 Councillor Cook (lateness)
 Councillor Wain (lateness)

179/09P **APOLOGIES**
 (1215/12/IM)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Accept apologies for absence from Mayor Prendergast from 10.00am until 10.30am.*
2. *Accept apologies for absence from Councillor Morrison.*
3. *Accept apologies for lateness from Councillors Cook and Wain.*

195/09P **ORAL SUBMISSIONS – DRAFT DOG POLICY AND
WELLINGTON CONSOLIDATED BYLAW – PART TWO –
ANIMALS (CONTINUED...)** (9.16AM – 11.25AM)
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 1)

NOTED:

24. Robert Hill (submission A1) addressed the Committee regarding the Animals Bylaw.

(Councillor Pannett joined the meeting at 9.17am.)

(Councillor Best joined the meeting at 9.18am.)

(Councillor Foster joined the meeting at 9.19am.)

Mr Hill would like area from Hector Street to Port Dorset to be an all day walking area for dogs. The paths around this area are very popular for dog walkers. There are currently very few areas in Seatoun where people can walk their dogs. Mr Hill requested that the Council extend areas for dog walkers

25. Louise Dooley and Gina de Graaff (submission D374 and A110) addressed regarding the Draft Dog Policy and Animals Bylaw. In relation to the Draft Dog Policy, it was said that dogs should have to be on leads on beaches where there is the potential for coming across Little Blue Penguins or seals. Disappointment was expressed over the Animals Bylaw. It was felt that there was disproportionate treatment by Council of dog owners compared to owners of other animals. They were concerned that more time and effort was placed on the dogs than on poultry. This can create bad policy, which in turn becomes bad law. It was also suggested that the rule which requires a poultry owner to have permission if they have more than six chickens is far too bureaucratic.

(Councillor Gill left the meeting at 9.40am.)

(Councillor Cook joined the meeting at 9.41am.)

(Councillor Goulden joined the meeting at 9.41am.)

(Councillor Gill returned to the meeting at 9.43am.)

26. Karen McCarthy (submission D322 and D323) addressed the Committee regarding the Draft Dog Policy. Ms McCarthy spoke to her submission as an individual and on behalf of Central Allbreeds Dog Training School. Ms McCarthy has had a huge amount of dog training experience yet she cannot gain responsible dog owner status. It was suggested that the actual attributes of the owner should be taken into account, not simply paying a fee and having an adequate fence. She was disappointed that the draft policy was all about rules and regulations. Ms McCarthy suggested a “Dog Ownership Guide” instead of the policy. This could create a positive attitude towards dogs that starts with the Council and sees dogs incorporated further

into society. Central Allbreeds have recently completed a fence around the grounds, which can be used by the whole community. She felt that the Council continues to fall short in promoting public health in policy making. The Council should be looking to lead the way in New Zealand, and should look at other countries and how they deal with dogs for inspiration.

(Mayor Prendergast left the meeting at 9.59pm.)

27. Peter Reimann (submission D341) addressed the Committee regarding the Draft Dog Policy. Mr Reimann submitted on behalf of the Treliwick Park Group. Treliwick Park is perfect for dogs. The Treliwick Park Group are not aware of any serious problems that have been caused in the park. The Group could not agree on whether dogs should be allowed off the lead or not. Therefore, the submission was restricted to the need for signage and notification, and the need for dog excrement to be dealt with. It was suggested that the dog exercise area continue to the Kaiwharawhara Road entrance.
28. Pip Oldham (submission D380) addressed the Committee regarding the Draft Dog Policy. Concern was expressed that there is currently no dog exercise area in Kelburn. It was suggested that Magpie Lawn, in the Botanic Gardens, is an obvious place in Kelburn to have a dog exercise area. Magpie Lawn is very separate from other high traffic areas in the Botanic Gardens. A little management would mean dog owners and other users could use the area. There is no evidence that there will be any damage to surrounding flora.

Tabled: Supplementary information (**D380A**).

29. Mary Ellen Gordon (submission D86) addressed the Committee regarding the Draft Dog Policy. It was suggested that the policy is not fair and reasonable. It appears that safety is the key to the policy, but chances of being attacked by another person are higher than being attacked by a dog. Dogs are widely viewed as a nuisance, yet there are a lot of other factors leading to excess mess and noise. There are also both health and psychological benefits to owning a dog. Dog owners have to pay rates and fees, whereas other residents only have to pay rates. Ms Gordon also drew comparisons with other cities, where there are more dog exercise parks and fewer regulations. She also said no other main city had such a large prohibited area around the central business district.

Tabled: Supplementary information (**D86A**).

30. Nicholas Taylor (submission D353) addressed the Committee regarding the Draft Dog Policy, on behalf of the SPCA. He noted that the SPCA is currently dealing with a huge number of unwanted animals. He would like to see an incentive for people to de-sex their animals to prevent this. It was suggested that the Council offer

cheaper registration fees for de-sexed dogs. Mr Taylor also said the SPCA would be happy to work with the Council on inspections.

(The meeting adjourned at 10.32am for morning tea.)

(The meeting reconvened at 10.47am. When the meeting reconvened Mayor Prendergast and Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Cook, Gill, McKinnon, Ritchie, Pannett, Wade-Brown and Wain were present.)

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

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

31. Jan Voss (submission D356 and A112) addressed the Committee regarding the Draft Dog Policy and Animals Bylaw. Ms Voss applauded the shift towards a positive approach for dogs. It was suggested that responsible dog owner status should be a requirement for registration.

(Councillor Coughlan returned to the meeting at 10.50am.)

Ms Voss believes there is no onus on a dog owner to receive responsible dog owner status other than to pay the fee.

(Councillor Foster returned to the meeting at 10.54am.)

Ms Voss also said most current dog exercise areas are not acceptable, and natural attributes of parks are not highlighted. There are however, a number of good revisions in the proposal. However, the Council can still go further and improve on dog exercise areas.

(Councillor Goulden returned to the meeting at 10.59am.)

It was also suggested that beach area specified times are extended. Ms Voss was supportive of dog destination parks.

Tabled :Supplementary information (D356 / A112A).

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 11.03am.)

(Mayor Prendergast left the meeting at 11.04am.)

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

(Councillor Coughlan left the meeting at 11.06am.)

32. Mike McKee (submission D272) addressed the Committee regarding the Draft Dog Policy.

(Mayor Prendergast returned to the meeting at 11.07am.)

(Councillor Coughlan returned to the meeting at 11.09am.)

The biggest issue for Mr McKee is the proposed fining for not carrying a receptacle. He was of the belief that the offence should be for failing to clean up after the dog, not the failing to carry a bag. It

was also urged that, in order to make Wellington a world class city, it is important to integrate dogs into society. An example of this is to allow dogs on public transport, although it was acknowledged that this is not within the jurisdiction of Council. Mr McKee said the best exercise for dogs is off the lead. Further there is no common sense in the plan to allow dogs on the beach between midnight and 8am.

(Councillor Gill left the meeting at 11.24am.)

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 11.24am.)

196/09P **SOUTH STEBBINGS VALLEY RESERVES AGREEMENT
(11.25AM – 11.27AM)**

Report of Rebecca Ramsay, Reserves Planning Officer, Parks and Gardens, and Amber Bill, Manager, Community Engagement and Reserves, Parks and Gardens.

(1215/52/IM)

(REPORT 2)

Moved Councillor Wade-Brown, seconded Mayor Prendergast, 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. *Recommend that the Council approve the reserves agreement as presented in Appendix C as a private agreement under Section 2.5.6 of the Development Contributions Policy.*

197/09P **PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 74: TELECOMMUNICATION
STRUCTURES (11.27AM – 11.56AM)**

Report of Liz Moncrieff, Senior Policy Advisor

(1215/52/IM)

(REPORT 3)

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

(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 11.27am.)

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 11.28am.)

(Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 11.32am.)

(Councillor Gill returned to the meeting at 11.33am.)

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 11.34am.)

(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 11.39am.)

(Mayor Prendergast left the meeting at 11.52am.)

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Agrees to publicly notify Proposed Plan Change 74: Telecommunications Structures, as set out in Appendix 1 of this report, in accordance with the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991.*
- 3. Agrees to adopt the Section 32 Report for Proposed Plan Change 74 (attached as Appendix 2).*
- 4. Delegates to the Portfolio Leader for Urban Development and Transport the authority to approve minor editorial changes and to give effect to any changes agreed by the Committee, prior to notification.*

The meeting concluded at 11.56pm.

Confirmed: _____
Chair
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