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REGIONAL COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of the Wellington Regional Council for the 2007-2010 Triennium, held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Tuesday, 30 October 2007 at 10.02 am, and reconvened on 13 November 2007 at 9.30 am

Present

Councillors Aitken, Baber, Bruce, Buchanan, Burke, Donaldson, Glensor, Greig, Kirton, Laidlaw, Lamason, Wilde, and Wilson.

Also Present 30 October

June Jackson (Te Ati Awa), Sam Jackson (Te Ati Awa, Te Arawa), Hon Annette King (Minister of Transport and MP for Rongotai), Hon Marian Hobbs (MP for Wellington Central), Sue Kedgley (List MP), Darren Hughes (MP for Otaki), Mayors Brash (PCC), McPhee (CDC), and Staples (SWDC).

Officers Present

Benham, Parata, Reay, and Ryan.

Procedural Items

Powhiri

The Powhiri began with a karanga by June Jackson (Te Ati Awa). This was followed by a karakia and whaikōrero by Sam Jackson (Te Ati Awa, Te Arawa). Iwi representatives then sang the waiata 'E Toru Nga Mea'.

Introduction

Mr Benham welcomed the newly elected Councillors, families and friends, and acknowledged the special relationship that Greater Wellington has developed with them.

The Councillors and their families then joined Mr Benham in the waiata ‘Ehara i te mea’.

The Powhiri concluded with morning tea, which was taken between 10.20 am and 10.52 am.

At the commencement of the formal Council meeting, Mr Benham thanked the tangata whenua for their presence and welcome, and welcomed the newly elected Councillors, families and friends; distinguished guests including the Hon Annette King, Hon Marian Hobbs, Sue Kedgley MP, Darren Hughes MP, and Mayors Brash, McPhee, and Staples; colleagues, stakeholders, staff, and the public.

Mr Benham explained that, under the Local Government Act 2002, as Chief Executive Officer he was required to act as Chairperson until the Council elected its Chairperson and Deputy, and the Chairperson had made their declaration and taken the Chair.

001 **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

002 **Public participation**

Tabled

Towards a sustainable region. J Chris Horne.

Chris Horne congratulated the Councillors on their election. He considers they have an enormous responsibility in leading the region in the face of increasing shortages of natural resources, and the threat of catastrophic climate change. Mr Horne maintained that the Council chairperson and deputy must be totally committed to leading the region towards sustainability by reducing our carbon footprint, and coping with increased oil prices.

He urged the Council to encourage Central Government to fund extension and improvement of the railway network, and cease funding its nation-wide road-building programme.

Mr Horne felt that territorial authorities should amend their District Plans to prevent rural-residential subdivision because of the loss of productive farmland and/or indigenous biodiversity, and the establishment of households totally dependent on cars for commuting.

003 **Declaration by Councillors**

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In the presence of the Honourable Annette King, Minister of Transport and MP for the Rongotai Electorate, and the Chief Executive, Councillors came forward in groups of two and three to make the following declaration:

We, Judith Estranna Aitken and Sally Waine Baber, Paul Everard Bruce and Ian Michael Buchanan, John Brian Burke and Barbara Helen Donaldson, Peter Edwin Glensor and Sandra Vanessa Greig, Rex Stratton Kirton and Christopher Laidlaw, Prudence Mary Lamason, Frances Helen Wilde and Nigel Wilson, declare that we will faithfully and impartially, and according to the best of our skill and judgment, execute and perform, in the best interests of the Wellington Region, the powers, authorities, and duties vested in, or imposed upon us, as members of the Wellington Regional Council by virtue of the Local Government Act 2002, the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, or any other Act.

004 **Election of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson**

(1) Procedure to elect the Council Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson

Report 07.721

File: E/09/16/07

Resolved

(Cr Aitken/Cr Baber)

That Council:

1. *Chooses voting system A (election by the majority of members) for the election of the Council chairperson and deputy chairperson.*
2. *Agrees that, in the event of a tie under voting system (A), the candidate to be excluded from the next round of voting is resolved by lot as described in section 3.1 of this report.*

(2) Election of Chairperson

Mr Benham then called for nominations for the position of chairperson of the Greater Wellington Regional Council.

Councillor Wilde was nominated by Councillor Glensor and seconded by Councillor Kirton.

There being no further nominations, Councillor Wilde was declared the elected chairperson of the Greater Wellington Regional Council.

(3) Declaration by Newly-elected Chairperson

Report 07.563

File: E/02/02/01

In the presence of the Honourable Annette King, Minister of Transport and Member of Parliament for the Rongotai Electorate, the newly-elected Chairperson made the following declaration:

I, Frances Helen Wilde, declare that I will faithfully and impartially, and according to the best of my skill and judgment, execute and perform, in the best interests of the Wellington region, the powers, authorities, and duties vested in, or imposed upon, me as the chairperson of the Wellington Regional Council by virtue of the Local Government Act 2002, the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, or any other Act.

(4) Newly-elected Chairperson to take Chair

Councillor Wilde took the Chair. She thanked those Councillors who supported her today, and congratulated all on their election. In particular, she welcomed her five new colleagues. Councillor Wilde noted that the Council has a very special culture which values collaboration, and takes a definite regional approach to issues.

The chairperson acknowledged the work of previous councillors, particularly the three previous chairpersons: Stuart Macaskill, Margaret Shields, and Ian Buchanan, in ensuring that a solution-orientated culture has been established and nurtured. Councillor Wilde's aim is continue this tradition.

She concluded by saying that she feels that the Council needs to embrace change, building on previous work to deliver proactively and optimistically for the people of the Wellington region.

(5) Election of Deputy Chairperson

Councillor Wilde then called for nominations for the position of Deputy Chairperson of the Wellington Regional Council.

Councillor Glensor was nominated by Councillor Wilson and seconded by Councillor Burke.

There being no further nominations, Councillor Wilde declared Councillor Glensor the elected Deputy Chairperson of the Greater Wellington Regional Council.

005 **Address by Hon Annette King, Minister of Transport and Member of Parliament for Rongotai**

The Hon Annette King then addressed the meeting.

The Minister thanked Greater Wellington for its invitation to welcome the new Council for the next triennium. She congratulated all Councillors for their success in the recent elections.

At the end of her speech, Hon Annette King concluded that Government looked forward to an increasing partnership with the Council in challenges facing the Wellington region, particularly in the transport sector.

005 **Laws affecting councillors**

Report 07.687

File: E/02/02/01

Resolved

(Cr Greig/Cr Baber)

That Council:

(1) Receives the report.

(2) Notes its contents.

006 **Committee Arrangements**

Report 07.717

File: E/06/02/06

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Wilson)

That Council:

(1) Establishes the following committees and subcommittees.

Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee

Environment Committee

Public Transport Committee

Regional Land Transport Committee

Wairarapa and Catchment Management Committee

Water Supply, Parks and Forests Committee

Planning and Monitoring Subcommittee

Hutt River Advisory Subcommittee

Waiwhetu Stream Advisory Subcommittee

(2) Notes that the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee continues in existence.

- (3) *Adopts the terms of reference for Council committees, as contained in Attachment 1*
- (4) *Agrees that Ara Tahi continue in its present form.*
- (5) *Notes that the issue of Iwi representation on Council committees is a matter that will need to be addressed early in the triennium.*
- (6) *Notes that it will need to formally delegate powers to its committees.*

007 **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11.40 am to resume on 13 November 2007 at 9.30 am.

Tuesday, 13 November 2007

Present

Councillors Wilde (Chair) Aitken, Baber, Bruce, Buchanan, Burke, Donaldson, Glensor, Greig, Kirton, Laidlaw, Lamason, and Wilson.

Officers Present

Benham, Bradbury, Corry, Davis, Dick, Hastie, Reay, Ryan, and Turfrey.

Procedural Items

008 **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

009 **Conflict of Interest declarations**

There were no declarations of Conflict of Interest. Councillors were asked to complete their questionnaires and submit to the Council Secretariat.

010 **Public participation**

There were no members of the public who wished to participate in the meeting.

Matters for Consideration (continued)

011 **Committee Structure, Terms of Reference and Appointment of Members to Committees**

Report 07.743

File: E/06/02/06

Resolved

(Cr Greig/Cr Wilson)

That Council:

(1) Receives the report.

(2) Notes its contents.

- (3) *Adopts the committee structure as outlined in Attachment 1 to this report.*
- (4) *Appoints members to each committee as set out in Attachment 2 to this report.*
- (5) *Notes the proposed terms of reference provided in Attachment 3 to this report.*
- (6) *Requests that the Chair and each committee chairperson, jointly with the relevant divisional manager(s), review the proposed terms of reference to enable their finalisation and adoption at the Council meeting on 29 November 2007.*
- (7) *Requests that the Chair formally invites Ara Tahi to make nominations for the appointment of persons representing Iwi interests to the new committees, and also discuss with Ara Tahi the nomination process.*
- (8) *Agrees that the Chair and Deputy Chair will be the formal Council representatives at meetings of Ara Tahi.*

Noted

It was noted that:

- A mid-triennium review of Committee Structure, Terms of Reference, and Appointment of Members to Committees would be done.
- Consideration would be made for establishing a Wairarapa catchment subcommittee of the Catchment Management Committee, similar to the Hutt River Advisory and Waiwhetu Stream Advisory Committees.

012 **Resource Consent Delegation**

Report 07.740

File: E/01/06/19

Resolved

(Cr Wilson/Lamason)

That Council:

- (1) *Receives the report.*
- (2) *Notes its contents.*
- (3) *Delegates to the Chairperson of the Regulatory Committee, Councillor Sally Baber, the following powers, which are to be exercised in consultation with the Divisional Manager, Environment Management:*

- *The power to establish a hearing panel.*
 - *The power to establish a hearing subcommittee.*
 - *The power to choose, on a case-by-case basis, whether to conduct a hearing through a single commissioner, or a hearing panel, or a hearing subcommittee.*
 - *The power to decide, on a case-by-case basis, the appropriate commissioner or composition of each hearing panel or hearing sub-committee.*
 - *The power to delegate to hearing panels (the composition of which is to be determined on a case-by-case basis) the power to hear and decide on resource consent applications.*
 - *The power to delegate to a hearing subcommittee (the composition of which is to be determined on a case-by-case basis) the power to hear and decide on resource consent applications*
- (4) *Notes that a further report, recommending specific delegations to Council committees, will be prepared for Council consideration at its meeting on 29 November 2007.*

013 **Appointment of Councillors to other Organisations**

Report 07.746

File: E/06/02/02

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Greig)

That Council:

- (1) *Appoints Cr Wilde to represent the Council on the Local Government New Zealand Regional Affairs Committee.*
- (2) *Appoints Cr Wilde to represent the Council in Local Government New Zealand Zone 4.*
- (3) *Appoints Cr Burke to the Pauatahanui Inlet Community Trust.*
- (4) *Appoints Cr Baber to represent the Council on the Wellington Regional Environment Agency*
- (5) *Appoints Cr Laidlaw to the Wellington Regional Stadium Trust.*
- (6) *Nominates Cr Aitken for appointment to the Carter Observatory Trust Board.*
- (7) *Nominates Cr Donaldson to represent the Council on the Whitireia Park Board.*

- (8) *Appoints Cr Bruce to be the nominated Councillor for the Communities for Climate Protection - New Zealand programme*
- (9) *Appoints Cr Buchanan to represent the Council on the Regional Animal Health Board Advisory Committee.*
- (10) *Appoints Cr Wilson to represent the Council on the Friends of the Otaki River and Friends of the Waikanae River groups.*

014 **Appointment of local government members of the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee**

Report 07.718

File: E/06/26/03

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Baber)

That Council:

- (1) *Receives the report.*
- (2) *Notes the content of the report.*
- (3) *Appoints as members of the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee:*
 - *Mayor David Ogden (HCC)*
 - *Mayor Kerry Prendergast (WCC)*
 - *Mayor Jenny Brash (PCC)*
 - *Jenny Rowan (KCDC)*
 - *Mayor Wayne Guppy (UHCC)*
 - *Mayor Adrienne Staples (Wairarapa)*
- (4) *Appoints as alternates to the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee:*
 - *Councillor Roger Styles (HCC)*
 - *Councillor Ian McKinnon (WCC)*
 - *Councillor Ken Douglas (PCC)*
 - *Councillor David Scott (KCDC)*
 - *Councillor Peter McCardle (UHCC)*
 - *Mayor Garry Daniell (Wairarapa)*

015 **Appointment of Directors to the Council's Companies and change of constitutions****Report 07.741**

File: M/30/08/01

*Resolved**(Cr Baber/Cr Aitken)**That Council:*

- (1) *Consents to WRC Holdings Limited, as the sole shareholder of Port Investments Limited and Pringle House Limited passing the shareholder resolutions:*
 - (a) *Amending the constitution of Pringle House Limited by increasing the maximum number of directors to seven; and*
 - (b) *Amending the constitution of Port Investments Limited by increasing the maximum number of directors to seven.*
- (2) *As the sole shareholder of WRC Holdings Limited, resolves as a special resolution:*
 - (a) *That Fran Wilde be appointed as a director and chairperson of WRC Holdings Limited with effect from and including 14 November 2007;*
 - (b) *That John Burke be appointed as a director and deputy chairperson of WRC Holdings Limited with effect from and including 14 November 2007;*
 - (c) *That Ian Buchanan be appointed as a director of WRC Holdings Limited with effect from and including 14 November 2007;*
 - (d) *That Peter Glensor be appointed as a director of WRC Holdings Limited with effect from and including 14 November 2007;*
 - (e) *That Rick Long be removed as a director of WRC Holdings Limited with effect from and including 14 November 2007;*
 - (f) *That Terry McDavitt be removed as a director of WRC Holding Limited with effect from and including 14 November 2007;*
 - (g) *That Margaret Shields be removed as a director of WRC Holdings Limited with effect from and including 14 November 2007.*
- (3) *Consents to WRC Holdings Limited, as the sole shareholder of Port Investments Limited, Pringle House Limited, Greater Wellington Infrastructure Limited, Greater Wellington Rail Limited and Greater Wellington Transport Limited, passing the shareholder resolutions:*

- (a) *appointing Fran Wilde, John Burke, Ian Buchanan and Peter Glensor as directors of Pringle House Limited and removing Rick Long, Terry McDavitt and Margaret Shields as directors of Pringle House Limited.*
 - (b) *appointing Fran Wilde, John Burke, Ian Buchanan and Peter Glensor as directors of Port Investments Limited and removing Rick Long, Terry McDavitt and Margaret Shields as directors of Port Investments Limited;*
 - (c) *appointing Fran Wilde, John Burke, Ian Buchanan and Peter Glensor as directors of Greater Wellington Infrastructure Limited and removing Rick Long, Terry McDavitt and Margaret Shields as directors of Greater Wellington Infrastructure Limited;*
 - (d) *appointing Fran Wilde, John Burke, Ian Buchanan and Peter Glensor as directors of Greater Wellington Rail Limited and removing Rick Long, Terry McDavitt and Margaret Shields as directors of Greater Wellington Rail Limited;*
 - (e) *appointing Fran Wilde, John Burke, Ian Buchanan and Peter Glensor as directors of Greater Wellington Transport Limited and removing Rick Long, Terry McDavitt and Margaret Shields as directors of Greater Wellington Transport Limited;*
 - (f) *appointing Fran Wilde as Chairperson and John Burke as Deputy Chairperson of Pringle House Limited;*
 - (g) *appointing Fran Wilde as Chairperson and John Burke as Deputy Chairperson of Port Investments Limited;*
 - (h) *appointing Fran Wilde as Chairperson and John Burke as Deputy Chairperson of Greater Wellington Rail Limited;*
 - (i) *appointing Fran Wilde as Chairperson and John Burke as Deputy Chairperson of Greater Wellington Transport Limited;*
 - (j) *appointing Fran Wilde as Chairperson and John Burke as Deputy Chairperson of Greater Wellington Infrastructure Limited.*
- (4) *Requests that the Chair of the Council confirms this consent in writing to WRC Holdings Limited.*

016 **Nomination for Regional Sector Representative on LGNZ National Council**

Report 07.745

File: E/07/07/06

Resolved

(Cr Glensor./Cr Donaldson)

That Council:

- (1) Agrees in principle that the Chair should be nominated for the position of regional sector representative on the National Council of Local Government New Zealand.*
- (2) Requests the Chair to decide whether it would be appropriate for the nomination to proceed.*

017 **Policies on the appointment and remuneration of directors of Council organisations, and the appointment of non-elected members to Council committees and subcommittees, and advisory groups**

Report 07.737

File: E/09/15/01

Resolved

(Cr Wilson/Cr Bruce)

That Council:

- (1) Receives the report.*
- (2) Notes the content of the report.*
- (3) Approves the attached policies.*

018 **Remuneration of Elected Members**

Report 07.744

File: E/05/02/03

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Laidlaw)

That Council:

- (1) Adopts the remuneration arrangements, detailed in Attachment 1 of this report.*
- (2) Adopts the Policy on Elected Members' Allowances and Expenses, detailed in Attachment 2 of this report.*
- (3) Adopts the Sensitive Expenditure Policy (Elected Members), detailed in Attachment 3 of this report.*
- (4) Notes that the remuneration regime and Policy on Elected Members' Allowances and Expenses are subject to approval by the Remuneration Authority.*

019 **Proposed meeting schedule for the remainder of 2007****Report 07.720**

File: E/06/02/02

*Resolved**(Cr Lamason/Cr Laidlaw)**That Council:**Adopts the following meeting schedule for the remainder of 2007:*

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| <i>(1) Transport and Access Committee</i> | <i>20 November</i> |
| <i>(2) Regulatory Committee</i> | <i>22 November</i> |
| <i>(3) Wellington Regional Strategy Committee</i> | <i>23 November</i> |
| <i>(4) Regional Sustainability Committee</i> | <i>27 November</i> |
| <i>(5) Catchment Management Committee</i> | <i>28 November</i> |
| <i>(6) Council</i> | <i>29 November</i> |
| <i>(7) Wellington Regional Strategy Committee</i> | <i>3 December</i> |
| <i>(8) Finance, Evaluation and Risk Committee –</i> | <i>4 December</i> |
| <i>(9) Ara Tahi</i> | <i>5 December</i> |
| <i>(10) Parks and Utility Services Committee</i> | <i>5 December</i> |
| <i>(11) Regional Land Transport Committee</i> | <i>6 December</i> |

Noted

It was accepted that this is a draft, and may need amendment.

Other Matters020 **Questions**

There were no questions.

021 **General**

There were no matters of general business.

The meeting closed at 10.04 am.

Cr FH WILDE
(Chair)

Date