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Report 09.54

10 February 2009

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Minutes of the public part of the meeting of the Wellington Regional Council held in the Council Chamber, Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Tuesday, 10 February 2009 at 9.32 am

Present

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

Officers Present

Benham, Bradbury, Corry, Davis, Gray, Hastie, Kennedy, O'Donnell, Reay, Ryan, Sangster, and Turfrey.

Business

294 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Wilde/Cr Greig)

That Council:

Accepts the apology for absence from Councillor Glensor, due to a family bereavement.

295 **Item not on the agenda**

Resolved

(Cr Wilde/Cr Baber)

That Report 09.46 “Remuneration of elected members for the remainder of 2008/09 and for 2009/10” be added to the agenda.

296 **Declarations of conflict of interest**

Councillor Bruce declared an interest in Item 8 – Financial Contribution to the Pathways to Resilient Communities conference.

297 **Public participation**

Phil Saxby spoke on the Single Transferable Vote system.

298 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved

(Cr Wilde/Cr Wilson)

That the Council confirms minutes of the meeting of 8 December 2008, Report 08.941.

Resolved

(Cr Lamason/Cr Baber)

That the Council confirms the restricted public excluded minutes of the meeting of 3 November 2008, Report RPE 08.937.

299 **Grow Wellington Funding**

Report 09.47

File: WRS/09/01/01

Resolved

(Cr Wilde/Cr Wilson)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Accepts the WRS Committee’s recommendation that provision is made in the Greater Wellington LTCCP 2009-2019 for a regional economic development rate of \$4.5 million (excl GST) for the 2009/10 financial year.*

300 **Proposed 2009-19 Long-Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) and 2009/10 Annual Plan**

Report 09.29

File: CFO/07/06/17

Moved

(Cr Wilde/Cr Aitken)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Approves for inclusion in the Council's proposed 2009-19 LTCCP and 2009/10 Annual Plan, the projected rates and levies included in this report (as may be amended by the Council).*

Moved as an amendment:

(Cr Wilde/Cr Aitken)

4. *Approves the projected rates included in this report being amended to reflect, if necessary, any subsequent decision made by the Council to proceed with a poll on STV in 2008/09.*

The amendment was **PASSED** and then incorporated into the substantive motion which was **PASSED**.

301 **Committee Structure Review**

Report 09.45

File: E/06/02/06

Resolved

(Cr Wilde/Cr Wilson)

That the Council:

1. *Agrees to discharge the Parks, Forests and Utilities Committee with effect from 1 March 2009.*
2. *Agrees to transfer responsibility for parks, water and future catchment areas into the Regional Sustainability Committee, and to transfer responsibility for plantation and reserve forests into the Catchment Management Committee.*
3. *Approves the revised Terms of Reference for the Catchment Management Committee with effect from 1 March 2009 (Attachment 1).*
4. *Approves the revised Terms of Reference for the Regional Sustainability Committee with effect from 1 March 2009 (Attachment 2).*

5. *Approves the revised membership of Committees as detailed in Attachment 4 with effect from 1 March 2009.*
6. *Notes that the Councillor membership of the Catchment Management, Regional Sustainability, Regulatory, and Transport and Access Committees is increased to eight Councillors, and approves the quorum for meetings of each of those committees being four Councillor members.*
7. *Notes that Councillor membership of the Regional Transport and Wellington Regional Strategy Committees, the two sub-committees of the Catchment Management Committee, Wellington Regional Holdings, Ara Tahi and external organisations is unchanged.*
8. *Notes that the current appointment of the Department of Conservation Regional Conservator, Wellington Conservancy, to the Parks, Forests and Utilities Committee will cease when the Committee is discharged and agrees that the Department of Conservation Regional Conservator, Wellington Conservancy, will be appointed as a member of the Regional Sustainability Committee with effect from 1 March 2009.*
9. *Agrees that the Iwi appointment to the Parks, Forests and Utilities Committee will cease when the Committee is discharged; notes that Iwi already have an appointee on the Regional Sustainability Committee and asks the Chair of the Council to discuss this situation with the Chair of Ara Tahi.*
10. *Approves the revised Terms of Reference (Attachment 3) and change of name of the Finance, Evaluation and Risk Committee to the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee, with effect from 1 March 2009.*
11. *Agrees that at the Council meeting on 9 March 2009, the unconfirmed minutes of the Parks, Forests and Utilities Committee meeting of 12 February 2009 should be confirmed by those Councillors who were members of the Committee and present at its final meeting.*
12. *Agrees that responsibility for the consideration of submissions on the review of the Forests, Parks and Reserves By-laws and consequent recommendations to Council transfers to the Regional Sustainability Committee with effect from 1 March 2009.*

A division was called for on Recommendation 1. The results of the voting are as follows:

Councillor	Vote	
Aitken	for	
Baber	for	
Bruce	for	
Buchanan		against
Burke		against

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Donaldson	for	
Greig		against
Kirton		against
Laidlaw	for	
Lamason	for	
Wilde	for	
Wilson	for	

The motion was **WON** 8:4.

302 **Remuneration of elected members for the remainder of 2008/10 and for 2009/10**

Report 09.46

File: E/05/02/03

Resolved

(Cr Wilde/Cr Greig)

That Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes its contents.*
3. *Adopts the following remuneration proposal for the remainder of 2008/09 for Remuneration Authority approval:*
 - *Deputy Council Chairperson with Committee - \$74,001*
 - *Committee Chairpersons - \$69,553 each*
 - *Chairperson, Finance, Audit and Risk Committee - \$65,001*
 - *Councillors - \$51,891 each.*
4. *Adopts the following remuneration proposal for 2009/10 for Remuneration Authority approval:*
 - *Deputy Council Chairperson with Committee - \$76,516*
 - *Committee Chairpersons - \$71,917 each*
 - *Chairperson, Finance, Audit and Risk Committee - \$67,216*
 - *Councillors - \$53,732 each.*
5. *Agrees that no changes will be made to the Council's policy on elected members' allowances and expenses at this time.*

Councillor Kirton asked that his **negative vote on Resolution 4** be recorded.

303 **Financial contribution towards the Pathways to Resilient Communities Conference, March 2009**

Report 09.11

File: E/07/10/21

Resolved

(Cr Donaldson/Cr Laidlaw)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Notes that in return for the Council making a financial contribution to the Pathways to Resilient Communities Conference the cost of registration will be waived for Greater Wellington Councillors and officers.*
4. *Approves a financial contribution of \$3,000 (GST excl) towards the costs of running the conference.*

Councillor Bruce left the table for this item, and took no part in the discussion and voting.

The meeting was adjourned between 10.48 am and 11.01 am for morning tea.

304 **Notice of motion**

Report 09.12

File: E/06/01/03

Moved as a motion:

(Cr Bruce/Cr Aitken)

That Greater Wellington Regional Council resolves by 28 February 2009 to let voters decide on the use of the Single Transferable Vote (STV) in elections for the Council in 2010 and 2013.

Councillor Bruce tabled the petition of Robert Ashe and 72 others asking for the Greater Wellington Council to conduct an electoral systems poll under section 33 of the Local Electoral Act 2001, to allow electors to choose between the Single Transferable Vote and First Past the Post Systems.

A division was called for. The results of the voting are as follows:

Councillor	Vote	
Aitken	for	
Baber		against
Bruce	for	
Buchanan		against
Burke		against
Donaldson	for	
Greig		against
Kirton		against
Laidlaw		against
Lamason	for	
Wilde		against
Wilson	for	

The motion was **LOST** 5:7.

305 Execution of Deeds

Report 09.24

File: E/01/01/09

Resolved

(Cr Wilde/Cr Wilson)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the contents.*
3. *Grants a Power of Attorney to David Benham, Chief Executive to sign deeds on behalf of the Council.*
4. *Grants a Power of Attorney to Jane Bradbury, Divisional Manager, Corporate and Strategy to sign deeds on behalf of the Council.*
5. *Approves the forms of Power of Attorney attached as attachments 1 and 2 to this report.*
6. *Authorises two councillors to sign the Power of Attorney documents as deeds.*

306 **Report on the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee meeting held on 10 December 2008**

Report 09.01

File: WRS/09/01/01

Resolved

(Cr Wilde/Cr Laidlaw)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*

307 **Report on the Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 11 December 2008**

Report 09.26

File: TP/01/02/02

Resolved

(Cr Wilde/Cr Lamason)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*

308 **Ara Tahi Meeting on 4 December 2008**

Report 09.40

File: E/06/21/02

Resolved

(Cr Baber/Cr Wilde)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*

309 **Exclusion of the public**

Report 08.926

File: E/06/01/4

Resolved

(Cr Wilde/Cr Burke)

That the Council

Excludes the public from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

Public excluded minutes of Council 8 December 2008.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

<i>General subject of each matter to be considered:</i>	<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each</i>	<i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
<i>Public excluded minutes of Council 8 December 2008</i>	<i>The information contained in this report relates to an application for a rate remission. Release of this information would be likely to infringe the privacy of the applicant as it would disclose the fact that they are requesting a rate remission for their property.</i>	<i>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting will be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason would exist for withholding under section 7(2)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e. to protect the privacy of natural persons).</i>
	<i>Greater Wellington has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override their privacy.</i>	

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as specified above.

The open part of the meeting closed at 11.40 am.

Cr FH WILDE
Chair

Date