



Confirmed Minutes of the Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street Wellington, on Wednesday 20 March 2013 at 9.32am

Present

Councillors Wilde (Chair), Aitken, Brash, Bruce, Donaldson, Glensor, Greig, Laidlaw, Lamason, McPhee, Ponter, Swain and Wilson.

Public Business

1 **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

2 **Conflict of Interest declarations**

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

3 **Public Participation**

Anna McGeorge, Steffan Browning MP, Anne MacLennan, Joe Fleetwood (National Secretary, Maritime Union of New Zealand), Noeline Gannaway and Craig Palmer all spoke to agenda item 7 - Notice of motion – Councillor Paul Bruce.

4 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Moved

(Cr Wilde / Cr Wilson)

That the Council confirms the public and public excluded minutes of the meeting of 26 February 2013, Reports 13.66 and PE 13.67.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

The Council agreed to consider item 7 on the agenda – Notice of motion – Councillor Paul Bruce, before it considered item 5 – Report from Local Government Reform Working Party.

5 **Notice of motion – Councillor Paul Bruce**

The Council agreed to accept an amendment to item 5 – Notice of motion – Councillor Paul Bruce.

Councillor Bruce spoke to the report.

Moved

(Cr Bruce / Cr Wilde)

That the Council:

1. Notes:

Environmental Risk Management Authority decision November 2010, requires all methyl bromide fumigations to be recaptured within 10 years, and where recapture technology is not used, annual monitoring reports to the EPA, local Department of Labour and the relevant Medical Officer of Health, and that all monitoring reports will be published on the EPA website.

That recapture is necessary because of the high level of public concern about the hazardous nature of methyl bromide and to protect the ozone layer, in accordance with New Zealand's obligations under the Montreal Protocol.

That the annual reports outlining progress towards introducing recapture technology and the use of alternative methods supplied by CentrePort to EPA have not been made available to the Public or Greater Wellington Regional Council.

That Port Nelson requires all methyl bromide fumigations within its Port operational area to be recaptured according to a Port Code of Practice and the Nelson City Council Air Plan.

The Port Nelson Code of Practice, which incorporates fumigant recapture, has been accepted by the fumigation operator, timber industry representatives and Port Nelson Ltd (PNL). Compliance with this Code is the responsibility of the fumigator and a requirement in order to operate at Port Nelson.

2. As majority shareholder:

Congratulates CentrePort on its intention to move to recapture technology for the fumigant methyl bromide in this next financial year.

Recommends that CentrePort publishes regular updates including fumigation figures and outlining progress towards introducing recapture technology and the use of alternative methods so that there is a high level of public transparency with respect to progress being made.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

The meeting was adjourned at 10.18am.

The meeting resumed at 10.38am.

Strategy/Policy/Major Issues

6 Report from Local Government Reform Working Party

Jane Davis, General Manager, Strategy and Community Engagement, introduced the report.

Report 13.75

File: PS/08/01/06

Moved

(Cr Wilde / Cr Laidlaw)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the contents of the report.*
3. *Notes that on 12 December 2012 the Council resolved to work with any other council in the region to develop an integrated unitary authority model for Wellington.*
4. *Notes the Local Government Reform Working Party's report in Attachment 1.*
5. *Agrees, subject to their decisions, to consult jointly with Porirua City Council, Kapiti Coast District Council and Wellington City Council on the two models set out in Attachment 1:*
 - *One council with a single tier of decision making*
 - *One council with two tiers of decision making – a governing council and local boards*

Moved as an amendment

(Cr Ponter / Cr Bruce)

That a third model be added to section 5: modified status quo - Wellington Regional Council and existing five territorial Councils on Western side of Rimutaka plus one unitary Wairarapa Council - with active pursuit of shared or transferred services.

The motion was **LOST**.

6. *Notes that both options are viable whether or not Wairarapa is included.*
7. *Notes that consideration is being given by the Wairarapa councils on whether to advocate for a single unitary council for the Wairarapa.*
8. *Agrees with the conclusion of the Working Party that a multiple unitary authority model is not appropriate for the region.*
9. *Notes that the cost of consultation on the two models is estimated to be up to \$100,000.*
10. *Agrees to contribute up to \$70,000 to implement the communications and engagement plan.*
11. *Delegates to the Chief Executive the ability to negotiate and finalise the Council's financial contribution for the shared aspects of consultation and engagement with other participating councils, within the limit set above.*

12. *Notes that that the outcomes of the consultation and engagement process will be reported back to the Council.*
13. *Agrees that the Working Party has an ongoing role to monitor consultation, consider the outcomes of consultation and report back to the councils.*
14. *Agrees that the Chair, Deputy Chair and Co-Chair of Te Upoko Taiao – Natural Resource Management Committee to represent the Council on the Working Party.*

The motion was decided part by part.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Noted

Councillors Greig, Ponter and Swain requested that their votes against parts 5, 10 and 11 be recorded.

7 Easement for fibre optic cable, Belmont Regional Park

Report 13.80

File: PK/11/01/08

Moved

(Cr Wilde / Cr Aitken)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Approves the easement through Belmont Regional Park.*
4. *Notes that prior to the development occurring, the following approvals are required:*
 - a. *Resource consent approvals from Hutt City Council, Wellington City Council and Greater Wellington Regional Council.*
 - b. *Granting of easements by the Department of Conservation and Hutt City Council over land along the route each respectively owns.*
 - c. *Approval of the Minister of Conservation (or its delegate) pursuant to Section 48 of the Reserves Act.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

8 Additional Agenda item

Moved

(Cr Wilde / Cr Lamason)

That under Standing Order 3.5.5, Report 13.115 - Memorandum of Partnership between Tangata Whenua ki te Upoko o te Ika a Maui and the Wellington Regional Council 2013 be added to the Agenda.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

9 **Memorandum of Partnership between Tangata Whenua ki te Upoko o te Ika a Maui and the Wellington Regional Council 2013**

Report 13.115

File: X/16/02/02

Moved

(Cr Wilde / Cr Glensor)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Endorses the draft Memorandum of Partnership in Attachment 1.*
4. *Delegates authority to sign the Memorandum of Partnership to the Chair, Deputy Chair and Chief Executive.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Corporate

10 **WRC Holdings Group 2013/14 draft Statement of Intent**

Report 13.87

File: CFO/09/02/01

Moved

(Cr Lamason / Cr Wilson)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes that the content of the report.*
3. *Receives the draft Statement of Intent of WRC Holdings Group for 2013/14 and forwards any comments or recommendations to the directors of WRC Holdings Ltd for their consideration.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

11 **Finance report for the period ended 31 January 2013**

Report 13.100

File: CFO/13/02/01

Moved

(Cr Aitken / Cr Brash)

That the Council:

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

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Governance

12 Establishment of a committee to consider submissions on the Draft Annual Plan 2013/14 and other matters that are the subject of consultation

Report 13.96

File: E/11/01/04

Moved

(Cr Greig / Cr Lamason)

That the Council:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content of the report.*
- 3. Resolves to establish the Annual Plan 2013/14 Hearing Committee to consider submissions and other feedback on the Draft Annual Plan 2013/14 and other matters which are being concurrently consulted on, and to report to Council with recommendations for amendments to the Draft Annual Plan 2013/14 and other matters which are the subject of concurrent consultation.*
- 4. Appoints Crs Aitken, Brash, Bruce, Donaldson, Glensor, Greig, Laidlaw, Lamason, McPhee, Ponter, Swain, Wilde and Wilson as members of the committee, and appoints Cr Donaldson as Chair.*
- 5. Adopts the terms of reference for the Committee as set out in Attachment 1 to this report.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

13 2013 triennial elections

Report 13.48

File: E/09/19/07

Moved

(Cr Glensor / Cr Aitken)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Notes the timetable for the 2013 triennial local authority elections.*
4. *Agrees that the names of the Wellington Regional Council candidates at the 2013 local authority elections are to be arranged on the voting paper in random order.*
5. *Agrees to advise territorial authorities in the Wellington Region that its preferred method of voting is postal voting.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Committees/Meetings

14 Report on the Audit, Risk and Assurance Committee meeting 27 February 2013

Report 13.79

File: E/11/01/04

Moved

(Cr Aitken / Cr Wilson)

That the Council:

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

The motion was **CARRIED**.

15 Report on Environmental Wellbeing Committee meeting 5 March 2013

Report 13.85

File: E/11/01/04

Moved

(Cr Donaldson / Cr Brash)

That the Council:

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

The motion was **CARRIED**.

16 **Report on the Social and Cultural Wellbeing Committee meeting 6 March 2013**

Report 13.94

File: E/11/01/04

Moved

(Cr Wilson / Cr Lamason)

That the Council:

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

The motion was **CARRIED**.

17 **Report on the Economic Wellbeing Committee meeting 7 March 2013**

Report 13.101

File: E/11/01/04

Moved

(Cr Glensor / Cr Brash)

That the Council:

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

The motion was **CARRIED**.

The Council noted that Bruce Simpson had resigned as Chief Financial Officer, and thanked him for his contribution to Greater Wellington Regional Council.

18 **Exclusion of the public**

Report 13.111

Moved

(Cr Wilde / Cr Glensor)

That the Council:

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

1. *Treasury Matters*

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 matter</i>	<i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
<i>1. Treasury Matters</i>	<i>The information contained in this report relates to the Greater Wellington Regional Council's banking facilities. The report outlines the pricing of banking facilities. Greater Wellington Regional Council has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override this prejudice to the banking providers' commercial position.</i>	<i>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 7(2)(b)(ii) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e. to protect information where the making available of that information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or is the subject of the information).</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 motion was **CARRIED**.

The public part of the meeting closed at 12.39pm.

FH Wilde
(Chair)

Date: