

Confirmed Public minutes of the Council meeting on Thursday 26 September 2024

Committee Room, Greater Wellington Regional Council
34 Chapel Street, Masterton at 10.20am

Members Present

Councillor Staples (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Bassett
Councillor Connelly
Councillor Duthie
Councillor Gaylor
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand (from 10.20am to 11.53am, and from 12.04pm)
Councillor Laban (from 10.33am)
Councillor Lee
Councillor Nash
Councillor Ropata (from 10.23am)
Councillor Saw (from 10.23am)
Councillor Woolf

Councillors Bassett, Connelly, Duthie, Gaylor, Laban and Woolf participated at this meeting remotely via Microsoft Teams and counted for the purpose of quorum in accordance with clause 25B of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002.

Councillor Staples, as Deputy Chair, presided at the meeting in the absence of the Council Chair.

Karakia timatanga

The Council Chair opened the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved: Cr Kirk-Burnnand / Cr Lee

That the Council accepts the apology for absence from Councillor Ponter, and apologies for lateness from Councillors Laban, Ropata and Saw.

The motion was **carried**.

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

3 Public participation

There was no public participation.

4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Council meeting on Tuesday 27 August 2024 – Report 24.457

Moved: Cr Nash / Cr Kirk-Burnnand

That the Council confirms the Public minutes of the Council meeting on 27 August 2024 – Report 24.457.

The motion was **carried**.

Councillors Ropata and Saw arrived at 10.23am during the consideration of the above item.

5 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Council meeting on Tuesday 10 September 2024 – Report 24.497

Moved: Cr Nash / Cr Kirk-Burnnand

That the Council confirms the Public minutes of the Council meeting on 10 September 2024 – Report 24.497.

The motion was **carried**.

6 Re-setting part of Wellington Regional Council rates for 2024/25 – an amendment to the collection and penalty dates for the regional rates in the area of Carterton District – Report 24.495

Kyn Drake, Principal Finance Policy Advisor, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Lee / Cr Kirk-Burnnand

That the Council:

- 1 Notes the changes to collection and penalty dates of regional rates in the area of Carterton District, as set out in paragraph 4 of this report.

- 2 Revokes, in accordance with Standing Order 3.8.4, those parts of its resolution made on 27 June 2024 that relate to the regional rates in the area of Carterton District.
- 3 Re-sets, pursuant to section 119 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, those rates and instalment and penalty dates for regional rates in the area of Carterton District, as set out in paragraphs 14 to 25 of Report 24.495, for the period commencing 1 July 2024 and concluding 30 June 2025, with all dollar amounts being inclusive of Goods and Services Tax (GST).
- 4 Requests officers to send a copy of these resolutions to Carterton District Council with a request that they provided a receipt of acknowledgment for the changes to rates and the funding methods.
- 5 Requests officers to place these resolutions on Greater Wellington's website.

The motion was **carried**.

7 Climate Emergency 10-point action plans refresh – Report 24.520

Suze Keith, Senior Advisor Climate Change and Jake Roos, Manager Climate Change, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Saw / Cr Lee

That the Council:

- 1 Adopts the Organisational and Regional Climate Emergency Action Plans.

The motion was **carried**.

8 Future of the Warm Wellington Scheme – Report 24.523

Bruce Horsfield, Head of Customer and Business Support, and Deborah Kessell-Haak, Head of Legal and Procurement, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Lee / Cr Kirk-Burnnand

That the Council:

- 1 Agrees to the permanent closure of the Warm Wellington Insulation Scheme to new borrowers.
- 2 Agrees to the continued management of the existing loan book with final repayment expected in the 2030/31 rating year.

The motion was **carried**.

Councillor Laban arrived at 10.33am during the discussion on the above item.

9 Issue of unpaid share capital to fund Greater Wellington Rail Limited capital expenditure for 2024/25 – Report 24.505

Alison Trustrum-Rainey, Group Manager Finance & Risk, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Kirk-Burnnand / Cr Nash

That Council:

- 1 Notes that the amount of \$78.3 million is required by Greater Wellington Rail Limited (GWRL) to fund Greater Wellington Regional Rail's budgeted 2024/25 year capital expenditure.
- 2 Notes that, GWRL's budgeted 2024/25 year capital expenditure will be funded by:
 - The issue of 70.4 million unpaid ordinary \$1 shares by GWRL to WRC Holdings Limited (WRCHL).
 - The issue of 70.4 million unpaid ordinary \$1 shares by WRCHL to Council.
 - The utilisation of 7.9 million existing unpaid ordinary \$1 shares by GWRL to WRCHL.
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- 3 Approves the issue of 70.4 million unpaid ordinary shares in WRCHL to Council.
- 4 Endorses WRCHL approving the issue of 70.4 million unpaid ordinary \$1 shares in GWRL to WRCHL.
- 5 Authorises the Council Chair and Deputy Chair to sign the required Entitled Persons Agreement (Attachment 1) approving and consenting to the issue of shares on behalf of Council.
- 6 Authorises the Council Chair to sign the agreement (Attachment 2) for the issue of shares approving the basis upon which the respective WRCHL and GWRL boards may make calls for payment of the shares.
- 7 Requests that the Council Chair confirms the consent and approvals referred to in this report, in writing to WRCHL.

The motion was **carried**.

10 Living Wage Accreditation update – Report 24.348 [For Information]

Kareena Harris, Senior Procurement Advisor, and Hemi Kanji, Manager Procurement, spoke to the report.

11 Finance update – August 2024 – Report 24.521 [For Information]

Alison Trustrum-Rainey, Group Manager Finance and Risk and Julie Knauf, Group Manager Corporate Services, spoke to the report.

Resolution to exclude the public

12 Resolution to exclude the public – Report 24.519

Moved: Cr Saw / Cr Nash

That the Council excludes the public from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

Confirmation of the Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting on Tuesday 27 August 2024 – Report RPE24.461

Proposed Natural Resources Plan Change 1: appointment of replacement Commissioner – Report PE24.463

Purchase of land in Featherston – Report PE24.416

Confirmation of funding for bus depot – Report 24.498

Bus procurement – Report RPE24.456

Confirmation of the Restricted Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting on Tuesday 27 August 2024 – Report RPE24.470

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 (the Act) for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

Confirmation of the Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting on Tuesday 27 August 2024 – Report RPE24.461	
<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i>	<i>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
<p>Information contained in these minutes includes identifying information about a proposed candidate for appointment as a trustee of the Wellington Regional Stadium Trust. Release of this information is likely to prejudice the privacy of natural persons (section 7(2)(a) of the Act) as releasing this information would disclose their consideration for appointment as trustee.</p> <p>Greater Wellington has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public</p>	<p>The public conduct of this part of the meeting is excluded as per section 7(2)(a) of the Act in order to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.</p>

proceedings of the meeting that would override the need to withhold the information.	
Proposed Natural Resources Plan Change 1: appointment of replacement Commissioner – Report PE24.463	
<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i>	<i>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
<p>Information contained in this report will include personal and identifying information about a proposed candidate for appointment. Release of this information prior to Council’s decision is likely to prejudice the privacy of natural persons (section 7(2)(a) of the Act) as releasing this information would disclose their consideration for appointment to the Part 1, Schedule 1 Hearings Panel and nomination to the Freshwater Hearings Panel.</p> <p>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 the need to withhold the information.</p>	<p>The public conduct of this part of the meeting is excluded as per section 7(2)(a) of the Act in order to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.</p>
Purchase of land in Featherston – Report PE24.416	
<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i>	<i>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
<p>The information contained in this report relates to a proposed land purchase upon terms and conditions that are yet to be negotiated and agreed. Having this part of the meeting open to the public would disadvantage Greater Wellington Regional Council in its negotiations as it would reveal Greater Wellington</p>	<p>The public conduct of this part of the meeting is excluded as per section 7(2)(i) of the Act in order enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).</p>

<p>Regional Council's negotiation strategy (Section 7(2)(i)).</p> <p>Greater Wellington Regional Council has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override the need to withhold the information.</p>	
Confirmation of funding for Kauri Street depot – Report 24.498	
<p><i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i></p>	<p><i>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i></p>
<p>Information contained in this report relates to a lease arrangement in southern Wellington. Release of this information would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the ability of Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) to carry on negotiations (section 7(2)(i)).</p> <p>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 the need to withhold the information.</p>	<p>The public conduct of this part of the meeting is excluded as per section 7(2)(i) of the Act in order enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).</p>
Bus procurement – Report RPE24.456	
<p><i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i></p>	<p><i>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i></p>
<p>Certain information contained in this report relates to future bus service procurement and contracting in the Wellington Region. Release of this information would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the ability of Greater Wellington to carry on negotiations, and may affect the probity of the bus</p>	<p>The public conduct of this part of the meeting is excluded as per section 7(2)(i) of the Act in order enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).</p>

<p>services procurement process (section 7(2)(i) of the Act).</p> <p>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 the need to withhold the information.</p>	
<p>Confirmation of the Restricted Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting on Tuesday 27 August 2024 – Report RPE24.470</p>	
<p><i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i></p>	<p><i>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i></p>
<p>The information contained in these minutes includes information relating to the performance review and remuneration review of the Chief Executive. Withholding this information is necessary to protect the privacy of that natural person (section 7(2)(a) of the Act) as releasing this information would disclose information pertaining to the employment relationship between the Chief Executive and Council.</p> <p>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 the need to withhold the information.</p>	<p>The public conduct of this part of the meeting is excluded as per section 7(2)(a) of the Act in order to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.</p>

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Act and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act or section 6 or section 7 or section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public.

The motion was **carried**.

The meeting went into Public Excluded business at 11.08am.

The meeting returned from the Public Excluded business at 11.52am. The Public part of the meeting was then adjourned, and recommenced at 12noon.

13 Decisions on Proposed Change 1 and Variation 1 to the Regional Policy Statement for Wellington Region – Report 24.408

Fathima Iftikar, Director Strategy, Policy and Regulation, Remo Bangi, Senior Policy Advisor, Pam Guest, Senior Policy Advisor, and Mika Zollner, Senior Policy Advisor, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Lee / Cr Nash

That Council:

- 1 Receives the reports and recommendations of the Independent P1S1 Hearings Panel and Freshwater Hearings Panel (Hearings Panel) for Proposed Change 1 and Variation 1 to the Regional Policy Statement for the Wellington Region (Change 1) in Attachment 1.
- 2 Accepts the Hearing Panel recommendations to shift identified provisions from the Freshwater Planning Process to the Part 1 Schedule 1 Process, as detailed in Attachment 2 (record of decisions), for the reasons set out by the Hearings Panel.
- 3 Accepts the recommendations of the Hearings Panel on the Freshwater Planning Instrument part of Change 1, for the reasons set out by the Hearings Panel and according to Attachment 2 (Record of decisions) and reflected in Attachment 4 (Decisions version of Change 1).
- 4 Rejects two recommendations of the Hearings Panel on the Freshwater Planning Instrument part of Change 1 for the reasons set out by the Hearings Panel and according to Attachment 2 (Record of decisions), detailed in Attachment 3 (Section 32AA evaluation and reasons) and reflected in Attachment 4 (Decisions version of Change 1).
- 5 Accepts the recommendations of the Hearings Panel to accept/reject submissions on the non-freshwater parts of Change 1, for the reasons set out by the Hearings Panel and according to Attachment 2 (Record of decisions) and reflected in Attachment 4 (Decisions version of Change 1).
- 6 Rejects five recommendations of the Hearings Panel to accept/reject submissions on the non-freshwater parts of Change 1, for the reasons set out in Attachment 2 (Record of decisions), detailed in Attachment 3 (Section 32AA evaluation and reasons) and reflected in Attachment 4 (Decisions version of Change 1).
- 7 Approves the Decisions version of Change 1 with amendments above made, as shown in Attachment 4 (including the supporting section 32AA evaluation in Attachment 3), and approves it for public notification in accordance with Schedule 1 to the Resource Management Act 1991.

The motion was **carried**.

Councillor Kirk-Burnnand returned at 12.04pm during discussion on the above item.

Karakia whakamutunga

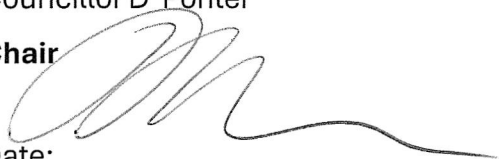
The Committee Chair closed the meeting with a karakia whakamutunga.

The meeting closed at 12.24pm.

Councillor D Ponter

Chair

Date:

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