



Report 09.600

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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, 29 September 2009 at 9.31 am

Present

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

419 **Apologies**

Moved

(Cr Wilde/Cr Wilson)

That the Council accepts the apology for absence from Councillor Kirton.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Additional Item

Moved

(Cr Wilde/Cr Aitken)

1. *That under Standing Order 23.5, Report 09.603– WRC Holdings Limited – 2009 Financial Statements – be added to the agenda.*
2. *The report is not on the agenda because the Annual Financial Statements were not approved by WRC Holdings Limited until after the agenda had been prepared and order paper had been distributed.*
3. *Discussion on the matters contained in the report cannot be delayed until the next meeting because the matters referred to in this report impact on the Council's Annual Report which is being considered at this meeting.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

420 **Declarations of conflict of interest**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

421 **Public participation**

Mayor David Ogden, Hutt City Council, expressed concern about the demolition works at Epuni Railway Station and requested that Council defer a decision on the preferred aligned of the Hutt River stopbank at Mills Street.

Councillor David Bassett, Hutt City Council, **Alison McKone**, **Mike Murfitt** and **Councillor Deborah Hislop**, Hutt City Council, each spoke to the proposal to determine the alignment of the Hutt River stopbank at Mills Street and requested a deferral of the decision to enable all possibilities to be considered.

Dr John Robinson expressed concern about the basis of the non-Councillor membership of the Natural Resource Plan Committee.

422 **Confirmation of minutes of previous meetings**

Moved

(Cr Lamason/Cr Greig)

That the Council confirms the minutes of the public part of the Council meeting of 18 August 2009, Report 09.497.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Strategy/Policy/Major Issues

423 **Hutt River Mills Street stopbank – preferred alignment**

Graeme Campbell, Manager, Flood Protection, provided a presentation relating to the report.

Report 09.544

File: N/03/18/21

Moved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Baber)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Notes that the upgrading of the stopbank at Mills Street is part of the Hutt River Flood Management Plan aimed at the long term protection of Lower Hutt.*
4. *Notes that the Yellow stopbank alignment requires the purchase of properties at 56, 41, 41A and 1/39B Mills Street.*

- 5a *Notes that the Yellow stopbank alignment may require the purchase of Flats 2, 3 and 4 at 39B Mills Street and these properties would be sold at the completion of the project.*
- 5b *Notes that the technical information, **including hydrology, alignment and bank edge protection**, clearly demonstrates the benefits of moving back to the Yellow alignment, and that there is minimal additional benefit of moving further back to the Blue alignment.*
- 5c *Notes that the community will have further opportunity to have input to the design of the stopbank and river works when they are programmed to commence in 2012/13.*
- 5d *Notes that the Yellow alignment accommodates the indicative SH2 alignment as shown on NZTA plans produced in 1998.*
6. *Approves the Yellow stopbank alignment option for the Mills Street area for the detailed design and preparation of the designation/consent applications.*
7. *Undertakes that affected residents adjacent to the Mills Street stopbank realignment be invited to participate in the development of the final design of the realignment.*
8. *Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to hold and exercise delegated authority to enter into property purchase contracts with the property owners offering to sell their properties to Council at 1/39B, 2/39B, 3/39B, 4/39B and 56 Mills Street.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Noted

Added text is indicated in bold.

Council noted the advice of officers that the NZTA plans produced in 1998 accommodate the options being considered by the NZTA regarding roading options at Melling.

424 **Annual Report and Summary annual report for the year ended 30 June 2009**

An updated draft Summary Annual Report was circulated at the meeting. Karen Young and Beverley Alloway, Audit New Zealand, were in attendance.

Report 09.597

File: CFO/02/01/15.

*Moved**(Cr Wilde/Cr Glensor)**That the Council:*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Approves the following net amounts, in addition to those budgeted, being added to or deducted from the respective reserves, subject to any changes requested by the Committee.*

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(a) <i>Wai Bovine TB Rate - Bov TB</i>	57,979
(b) <i>Wai Rating Schemes-Catchment Awhea</i>	2,489
(c) <i>Wai Rating Schemes-Catchment Whareama</i>	4,951
(d) <i>Wai Rating Schemes-Catchment Homewood</i>	<i>(1,878)</i>
(e) <i>Wai Rating Schemes-Catchment Mataikona</i>	1,512
(f) <i>Wai Rating Schemes-Catchment Maungaraki</i>	2,251
(g) <i>Wai Rating Schemes-Catchment Kaiwhata</i>	3,455
(h) <i>Wai Rating Schemes-Drainage</i>	<i>(141,632)</i>
(i) <i>Wai Shingle Royalty</i>	<i>(105,451)</i>
(j) <i>Wai Rating Schemes-River LWVD</i>	1,001
(k) <i>Wai Rating Schemes-River Waiohine</i>	<i>(48,238)</i>
(l) <i>Wai Rating Schemes - Gladstone</i>	<i>(27,438)</i>
(m) <i>Wai Rating Schemes-River Waipoua</i>	<i>(33,595)</i>
(n) <i>Wai Rating Schemes-River Waingawa</i>	<i>(21,196)</i>
(o) <i>Wai Rating Schemes-River Lower Tauera</i>	<i>(244)</i>
(p) <i>Wai Rating Schemes-River Lower Whangaehu</i>	574
(q) <i>Wai Rating Schemes-River Upper Mangatarere</i>	906
(r) <i>Wai Rating Schemes- Te Ore Ore</i>	13,149
(s) <i>Wai Rating Schemes - Mt Bruce</i>	6,153
(t) <i>Kopuranga Scheme Reserve</i>	1,257
(u) <i>Akura Nursery Reserve</i>	11,132
(v) <i>Bioworks</i>	176,577
(w) <i>Wairarapa Wetlands</i>	<i>(50,000)</i>
(x) <i>River Rate Reserve-Hutt City</i>	<i>(54,342)</i>
(y) <i>River Rate Reserve-Kapiti Coast</i>	64,361
(z) <i>River Rate Reserve-Porirua City</i>	<i>(8,525)</i>
(aa) <i>River Rate Reserve-Upper Hutt City</i>	<i>(44,654)</i>
(bb) <i>River Rate Reserve-Wellington City</i>	<i>(23,186)</i>
(cc) <i>Consents Management</i>	<i>(92,257)</i>
(dd) <i>Wellington Flood contingency</i>	<i>(43,000)</i>
(ee) <i>Wairarapa Flood contingency</i>	<i>(150,000)</i>
(ff) <i>Plantation Forestry</i>	<i>(2,558)</i>
(gg) <i>System Reserve</i>	1,850,000
(hh) <i>Wgtn Regional Strategy - Grow Wellington</i>	238,767

(ii)	<i>Rebudget to 07/08-Whiteria Park Ranger Service</i>	<i>(118,170)</i>
(jj)	<i>Rebudget 09 - Completion of TDM review</i>	21,000
(kk)	<i>Rebudget 09 - Vehicle Replacements</i>	71,000
(ll)	<i>Rebudget 09 - Vehicle Replacements</i>	25,000
(mm)	<i>Rebudget 09 - Waiwhetu Stream restoration</i>	300,000
(nn)	<i>Rebudget 09 - QE2 - private land protection covenants</i>	100,000
(oo)	<i>Rebudget 09 - Transport Model</i>	48,750
(pp)	<i>Rebudget 09 - Chrystalls Extended stopbank</i>	22,287
(qq)	<i>Rebudget 09 - Waiwhetu flood improvements</i>	37,065
(rr)	<i>Rebudget 09 - Wairarapa Accommodation Project</i>	20,649
(ss)	<i>Rebudget 09 - Ampla Reporting System</i>	11,027
(tt)	<i>Rebudget 09 - Emergency PS Whitehead</i>	8,238
(uu)	<i>Rebudget 09 - TM Hypochlorite</i>	2,891
(vv)	<i>Rebudget 09 - Karori Fault</i>	1,818
(ww)	<i>Rebudget 09 - Beacon Hill building</i>	68,962
(xx)	<i>Rebudget 09 - AQS Kapiti</i>	9,195
(yy)	<i>Rebudget 09 - WRS office</i>	65,119

4. *Adopts the Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2009, subject to any changes requested by the Committee*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Council requested that the Summary Annual Report be amended to include reference to:

- Wellington Regional Strategy initiatives
- significant communications and consultations with local communities that occurred during the year.

The Council thanked officers for their work in preparing the report.

The meeting adjourned between 10.35am and 10.50am for morning tea.

425 **WRC Holdings Limited – 2009 Financial Statements**

Report 09.603

File: CFO/09/02/02

Moved

(Cr Wilde/Cr Glensor)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Approves, as sole shareholder, the 2008/09 financial statements of WRC Holdings Ltd.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

426 **Water Supply and Parks' Annual Reports****Report 09.594**

File: PK/02/02/03.

*Moved**(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Lamason)**That the Council:*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Approves the publication of the Greater Wellington Water Supply and Parks Annual Reports for 2008-09*

The motion was **CARRIED**.427 **Resource Management (Simplifying and Streamlining) Amendment Act 2009 – proposed delegations****Report 09.599**

File: E/01/06/27

*Moved**(Cr Lamason/Cr Aitken)**That the Council:*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Agrees that the Council should retain the powers under sections 36AA(3) and 80 of the RMA.*
4. *Approves the amended delegations to the Regulatory Committee and Chairperson of the Regulatory Committee, as set out in Attachment 1*
5. *Agrees that any remaining powers, functions or duties under the RMA not retained by the Council or delegated by the Council to a committee or the Chairperson of the Regulatory Committee should be exercised by the Chief Executive or his delegates.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

428 **Wairarapa Moana update****Report 09.577**

File: PK/15/01/03

*Moved**(Cr Buchanan/Cr Laidlaw)**That the Council:*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the critical role that Greater Wellington Regional Council plays as a partner in the Wairarapa Moana project.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.429 **Wairarapa Moana – Proposed annual work programme and budget 2009/10****Report 09.578**

File: PK/15/01/03

*Moved**(Cr Baber/Cr Lamason)**That the Council:*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Approves the 2009/10 work programme recommendations as outlined in section 3.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.**Corporate**430 **Review of remuneration of appointed members****Report 09.572**

File: E/06/02/06

*Moved**(Cr Wilde/Cr Lamason)**That the Council:*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Retains the daily meeting fee of \$195 for meetings of up to four hours in duration, excluding adjournments*
4. *Approves a daily meeting fee of \$390 for meetings of more than four hours in duration, excluding adjournments*

5. *Confirms that appointed members continue to be eligible for a mileage allowance of \$0.70 per kilometre and for the reimbursement of relevant parking and public transport costs.*

The motion was **WITHDRAWN** by a majority decision.

431 **Financial report for the two months ended 31 August 2009**

Report 09.598

File: CFO/13/02/01

Moved

(Cr Aitken/Cr Donaldson)

That the Council:

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

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Committees/Meetings

432 **Report on the Catchment Management Committee held on 1 September 2009**

Report 09.549

File: WS/08/16/01

Moved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Donaldson)

That the Council:

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

The motion was **CARRIED**.

433 **Report on the Regional Sustainability Committee held on 3 September 2009**

Report 09.546

File: E/06/32/03

Moved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Burke)

That the Council:

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

The motion was **CARRIED**.

434 **Report on the Transport and Access Committee held on 3 September 2009**

Report 09.569

File: E/06/29/03

Moved

(Cr Greig/Cr Wilson)

That the Council:

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

The motion was **CARRIED**.

435 **Report on the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee held on 22 September 2009**

Report 09.557

File: CFO/13/02/01.

Moved

(Cr Aitken/Cr Donaldson)

That the Council:

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

The motion was **CARRIED**.

436 **Ara Tahi meeting held on 19 August 2009**

Report 09.576

File: E/06/21/02

Moved

(Cr Wilde/Cr Glensor)

That the Council:

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

The motion was **CARRIED**.

437 **Exclusion of the public****Report 09.596**

File: E/06/01/04

*Moved**(Cr Wilde/Cr Burke)**That the Council*

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

1. *Public excluded minutes of Council, 18 August 2009*
2. *Proposal to acquire land at Tauanui for flood mitigation purposes*
3. *Appointment of non-Councillor member to the Natural Resource Management Plan Development Committee*
4. *Chief Executive's Report to Chair and Councillor for the year ended 30 June 2009 (Restricted Public Excluded)*

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>
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| 1. <i>Public excluded minutes of Council, 18 August 2009</i> | <i>The information contained in these minutes relates to Greater Wellington entering into a land purchase agreement for a piece of land. The agreement has not yet been entered into. The report outlines terms of the proposed purchase which may still be negotiated. Having this part of the meeting open to the public would disadvantage the Council if further negotiations were to take place as it would reveal the Council's negotiation strategy. The 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.</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)(i) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e to enable Greater Wellington to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations).</i> |
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- 2 *Proposal to acquire land at Tauanui for flood mitigation purposes* *to A without prejudice agreement has been entered into relating to Council's proposal to acquire a portion of the property at Tauanui. Until such time as the proposal becomes unconditional in all respects, release of the information contained in this report could disadvantage the Council if further negotiations are required with the property owner as it would reveal the Council's price expectation and the amount the Council was prepared to pay. 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 this prejudice.* *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)(i) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e to enable Greater Wellington to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations).*
3. *Appointment of non-Councillor member to the Natural Resource Management Plan Development Committee* *of The information contained in this report relates to the proposed appointment of a member to the Natural Resource Management Plan Development Committee. Release of this information would prejudice the proposed member's privacy by disclosing the fact that they have expressed interest in becoming a member of the Natural Resource Management Plan Development Committee and are being considered for appointment. 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 privacy of the individual concerned.* *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)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e to protect the privacy of natural persons)*

4. *Chief Executive's Report to Chair and Councillor for the year ended 30 June 2009* *The information contained in this report contains information relating to the Chief Executive's performance agreement. Release of this information would prejudice David Benham's privacy by disclosing details of his performance agreement with the Council. 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 his privacy.* *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)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e to protect the privacy of natural persons)*

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 public part of the meeting closed at 11.52am

Cr FH WILDE
Chair

Date