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Report 20.438

Public minutes of the Toitū Te Whenua Parks Network Plan 2020-30 Hearing Subcommittee meeting on Monday 23 November 2020

Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council
Level 2, 15 Walter Street, Te Aro, Wellington, at 9.30am.

Members Present

Councillor Gaylor (Chair)
Councillor Brash
Councillor Lamason
Councillor Nash

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved: Cr Nash / Cr Lamason

That the Subcommittee accepts the apology for absence from Councillor Connelly.

The motion was **carried**.

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

3 Process for considering submissions and feedback on Toitū Te Whenua Parks Network Plan 2020-30 – Report 20.427 [For Information]

4 Draft Toitū Te Whenua Parks Network Plan 2020-30 – Report 20.430

Moved: Cr Nash / Cr Brash

That the Subcommittee:

- 1 Considers the submissions on the draft Plan (Attachments 1 and 2) together with the officer comments (Attachment 3) in determining its findings and recommendations to Council.

5 Hearing of oral submissions

A timetable of oral submissions was circulated.

Submitters were scheduled in half hour blocks, and ran ahead of schedule. Oral submitters were heard in the following order:

Hearing order	Submission number	Name and organisation
1	106	Russell Bell (Friends of QEP)
2	26/88	Pene Burton Bell (QEP Restoration Group)
3	62	Matt Hoffman (Porirua City Council)
4	113	Russell Bell on behalf of Friends of QEP
5	99	Suz Bassett (Battle Hill Eventing)
6	57	Ruth Halliday
7	186	Shelly Warwick
8	358	Diane Strugnell
9	90	Ellen Soulliere
10	260	Jennifer Walsh
11	18	Robert Hughes (Mana Cycle Group)
12	22	Karl Palamountain

Cora McCauley was unable to attend, but tabled written notes for the Subcommittee to consider.

The hearing adjourned at 10.44am and resumed at 11.14am.

Hearing order	Submission number	Name and organisation
13	92	Jamie Stewart (Friends of Belmont Regional Park)
14	13	Dan Forster (BAMBA)

Hearing order	Submission number	Name and organisation
15	71	Steve Lewis (Kāpiti Mountain Bike Club)
16	336/77	Daniel Jones (Korokoro Environmental Group)
17	36	Jennifer Mason
18	92	Quentin Duthie (Pareraho Forest Trust)
19	101	Quentin Duthie
20	209	Paul Oliver
21	75	Ian Goodwin (Forest and Bird Wellington Regional Tramping Group)
22	46	Cathy Wylie (Tararua Tramping Club)
23	78	David Barnes (Federated Mountain Clubs)
24	51	Eraena Catsburg
25	94	Andrew Fuller
26	105	Chris Horne
27	384	Bev Abbott (Wellington Botanical Society)

The hearing adjourned at 12.50pm and resumed at 1.30pm.

Hearing order	Submission number	Name and organisation
28	79	Owen Cox (Parawai Tramping Club)
29	246	Alan Smith
30	67	Ian Hutchings (Cross Country Vehicle Club Wellington)
31	97	Grant Purdie (NZ Four Wheel Drive Association)
32	87	Gary Ottman (NZ Game Animal Council)
33	282	Gwyn Thurlow (NZDA Wellington)

Hearing order	Submission number	Name and organisation
34	14	Dean Raymond (Heritage NZ)
35	32	Bryce Pender
36	85	Karen Yung (Zero Carbon Hutt Network)
37	385	Mike Sidebotham (Ixion MCC)
38	303	Mike Alexander

The hearing adjourned at 2.57pm and resumed at 3.25pm.

Hearing order	Submission number	Name and organisation
39	93	Amelia Geary (Forest and Bird)
40	86	Caitlin Carew
41	72	Zoe Carew
42	74	Lee Hunter

Resolution to exclude the public

6 Exclusion of the public – Report 20.471

Moved: Cr Lamason / Cr Nash

1. Excludes the public from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

Submission #383 for the draft Toitū Te Whenua Parks Network Plan 2020-30

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:

Submission #383 for the draft Toitū Te Whenua Parks Network Plan 2020-30	
<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>
Information contained in this submission relates to Police training exercises at	The public conduct of this part of the meeting is excluded as per section 6(a) of

Greater Wellington's Regional Parks. Release of this information would be likely to prejudice NZ Police being able to carry out these training exercises.	the Act (that the making available of this information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law).
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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.

2. Authorises that Reid Hodgkinson, NZ Police, be permitted to remain at this meeting, after the public has been excluded, because of their knowledge of the NZ Police training exercises. This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed, is relevant to that matter because it is the subject of the submission.

The motion was **carried**.

The Subcommittee then heard the oral submitter for Submission #383 in public exclusion.

The hearing then return to the public part of the meeting.

The Chair advised that the hearing would adjourn and reconvene at 9.30am on Wednesday 25 November 2020. The hearing adjourned at 4.01pm.

Wednesday 25 November 2020

Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council
Level 2, 15 Walter Street, Te Aro, Wellington, at 9.34am.

Members Present

Councillor Gaylor (Chair)
Councillor Brash
Councillor Lamason
Councillor Nash

7 Hearing of oral submitters

An updated timetable of oral submissions was circulated.

Submitters were scheduled in half hour blocks, and ran ahead of schedule. Oral submitters were heard in the following order:

Hearing order	Submission number	Name and organisation
44	54	Paula Warren (Friends of Baring Head)
45	64	Linda Mead
46	114	Heather Phillips/Donald Love
47	35	Colin Ryder
48	70	Alan Smith (Wellington Tramway Museum)

The meeting adjourned at 10.15 and resumed at 10.35am

Hearing order	Submission number	Name and organisation
49	364	Damon Smith
50	27	Terry Webb (MIRO)
51	39	Kerry Kilmister
52	42	Lorena Crombie
53	29	Tim Lapwood

Hearing order	Submission number	Name and organisation
54	48	Felicity Rashbrooke (East Harbour Environmental Association)

A meeting adjourned at 11.19am and resumed at 11.34am.

Hearing order	Submission number	Name and organisation
55	115	Mike McCrombie and Paul Ward
56	47	Ngati Haumia

The Subcommittee discussed the approach to deliberations.

The meeting adjourned at 12.25pm and resumed at 1.10pm.

The Subcommittee then completed its deliberations and revisited Draft Toitū Te Whenua Parks Network Plan 2020-30 – Report 20.430 (item 4) to address the recommendations.

Moved: Cr Nash / Cr Brash

That the Subcommittee:

- 1 Considers the submissions on the draft Plan (Attachments 1 and 2) together with the officer comments (Attachment 3) in determining its findings and recommendations to Council

The motion was **carried**.

Moved: Cr Nash / Cr Lamason

- 2 Recommends to Council changes to the draft Plan as agreed by this Subcommittee, as follows:

Changes as identified in Attachment 3, summarised as:

- a. Correction of spelling, grammatical errors and minor amendments as outlined
- b. Additional stakeholders added throughout the Plan including predator free groups
- c. Carrying forward Appendix 1 referencing master planning process into section 2.2
- d. Insert text at section 2.7 on walking, tramping, hunting, horse riding and mountain biking
- e. Prioritisation of the intensive management of pest/introduced animals in the Regional Parks

- f. Elaborate on pest plan and animal work programme connections
- g. Add KNE programme boundaries on maps
- h. Minor changes in Definitions

Policy changes

- i. Set riparian setbacks at 15 metres for Battle Hill, 10m for plantation forest and 20m for the Remutaka Rail Trail
- j. Ensuring farming activity practices protect soil, water and remnant native vegetation as stock grazing is phased out
- k. Exclude plantation forestry from new areas and refer to existing cutting rights
- l. Integrating proposed masterplans into the Plan following Reserves Act process
- m. Strengthen and prioritise pest animal management across parks

Key changes to Actions

- n. Investigate with equestrians access 'pass' (not 'permit') options
- o. Action amended to include possible collaborative working groups for specific topics/ recreation activities
- p. Add action re ecological corridors mapping, high level map in plan
- q. Work with others regarding predator fencing options where cost effective

Rules

- r. Backcountry camping – minor changes to Belmont (Allowed), Queen Elizabeth Parks and Baring Head (Managed)
- s. Fishing – eel and whitebait changed to Prohibited, with an exception for mana whenua customary harvest
- t. Firewood harvesting – include in Plan, prohibited, with the exception of ranger residences, mana whenua customary uses, art and education purposes
- u. Remove reference to East Harbour Hunting phasing out by 2025.

The motion was **carried**.

The meeting closed at 2.46pm.

Councillor P Gaylor
Chair

Date: