

Please note these minutes remain unconfirmed until the Council meeting on 15 December 2022.

Report 22.471

Public minutes of the Inaugural Council meeting for the 2022-2025 held on Thursday 28 October 2022 and reconvened on Thursday 24 November 2022

Taumata Kōrero – Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council
100 Cuba Street, Te Aro, Wellington, at 10.12am

Inaugural Council meeting on 24 November 2022

Members Present

Councillor Bassett
Councillor Connelly
Councillor Duthie
Councillor Gaylor
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand
Councillor Laban
Councillor Lee
Councillor Nash
Councillor Ponter
Councillor Ropata
Councillor Saw
Councillor Staples
Councillor Woolf

Pōwhiri

The pōwhiri tikanga and kawa was jointly led by Rangatira of Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika a Maui/Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust and Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira. The Kaikaranga were Alisiha Moeahu, Anahera Nin and Jennie Smeaton.

Greater Wellington leadership and staff were supported by mana whenua of the Wellington region: Kahunungu ki Wairarapa, Rangitāne o Wairarapa, Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki.

Kara Puketapu-Dentice, Chair, Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika a Maui /Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust, commenced formal proceedings with karakia and whaikōrero to welcome all mana whenua, Councillors and manuhiri to this significant occasion, and acknowledge the new Greater Wellington councillors for the new triennium. Callum Katene, Chair, Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira, was second speaker to support and enhance welcoming commentary to all.

Kōrero in response from manuhiri was led by Hopepa Poini (ART Confederation). Kahu Ropata (brother to Councillor Ropata) was second speaker acknowledging that they as Iwi were also present to support and honour the handing over of Councillor Ropata to Greater Wellington.

The new Councillors were formally gifted to Greater Wellington from Ngāti Toa Rangatira, Iwi, hapū and whānau to Greater Wellington's Tumu Whakarae | Chief Executive, Nigel Corry.

Apirana Daymond, Kaikorero, Taranaki Whānui provided closing comments and karakia.

Nigel Corry welcomed both the returning and new Councillors, along with their families and friends. He also thanked the Council's mana whenua iwi partners for their welcome and support. He emphasised the strong partnerships with mana whenua in the Wellington Region and that it was fitting and significant to welcome all Councillors as the new Council to become part of the Greater Wellington whānau.

The pōwhiri concluded with the karakia hīmene (hymn) Ehara I te mea.

Morning tea was then held at 11.10am.

Council Agenda

Nigel Corry took the Chair 11.50am and welcomed Councillors, their families and friends, distinguished guests, including iwi leaders, colleagues, stakeholders, staff and the public to the inaugural meeting of the Wellington Regional Council for the 2022 to 2025 triennium.

He explained that, in terms of the Local Government Act 2002, as Chief Executive he was required to act as Chair until the Council elected its Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson, and the Chair had made their declaration and taken the chair.

Public Business

1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

2 Declaration by Councillors – Report 22.463

Nigel Corry invited Councillors to make their declarations under clause 14(3) of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002. Councillors came forward individually to make their declaration orally followed by them signing their individual certificate which was then signed by Nigel Corry:

3 Process for the Election of the Council Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson – Report 22.465

3.1 Election process adopted

Nigel Corry explained that the Council's Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson were to be elected and that the first step in the process is for the Council to adopt the voting system for these elections. The Process for the Election of the Council Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson report outlined the two options for the Council's consideration. Nigel Corry then asked if there was a mover and seconder for one of the voting systems detailed in the report.

Moved: Cr Nash / Cr Connelly

That the Council:

- 1 Adopts, in accordance with Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002) Statutory voting system A;
- 2 Agrees that any voting round that requires a resolution by 'lot' to exclude any person/s will use the procedure where the candidates' names (with the same number of votes) are placed in a container and the name of the person drawn out by an independent person is deemed the winner (i.e. elected or not excluded from the next round).
- 3 Adopts the system and procedure outlined in recommendations 1 and 2 for the election of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson.

The motion was **carried**.

3.2 Election process adopted

Nigel Corry then called for nominations for the position of Chairperson of the Wellington Regional Council.

Moved: Cr Staples / Cr Gaylor

That Council elects Councillor Ponter as Chairperson.

There being no further nominations, Councillor Ponter was declared the elected Chairperson of the Greater Wellington Regional Council.

3.3 Declaration by Chairperson – Report 22.461

In the presence of the Chief Executive, the newly-elected Chairperson made their declaration as Chairperson under clause 14(3) of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002.

Nigel Corry then vacated the chair for newly-elected Councillor Ponter to take the chair as Chairperson.

3.4 Chairperson takes the Chair

Councillor Ponter took the chair and thanked fellow Councillors for entrusting him with the role.

Councillor Ponter outlined his perception of the opportunities, issues and challenges that would face Council over the next triennium.

3.5 Election of Deputy Chairperson

Councillor Ponter, as Chairperson, invited nominations for the position of Deputy Chairperson of the Wellington Regional Council.

Moved: Cr Gaylor / Cr Nash

That Council elects Councillor Staples as Deputy Chairperson.

There being only one nomination, the Chairperson declared Councillor Staples the elected Deputy Chairperson of the Wellington Regional Council.

Councillor Staples thanked her fellow Councillors for their support.

4 Laws affecting Councillors - Report 22.456 [For Information]

5 Adjournment

Councillor Ponter declared the meeting adjourned at 12.31pm until 24 November 2022 at 9.30am.

Reconvened inaugural Council meeting on 24 November 2022

Members Present

Councillor Bassett
Councillor Connelly
Councillor Duthie
Councillor Gaylor
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand (from 9.34am)
Councillor Laban (remotely, via Microsoft Teams)
Councillor Lee (remotely, via Microsoft Teams)
Councillor Nash
Councillor Ponter
Councillor Ropata
Councillor Saw
Councillor Staples
Councillor Woolf

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved: Cr Gaylor / Cr Staples

That the Council accepts the apology for lateness from Councillor Kirk-Burnnand.

The motion was **carried**.

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

3 Proposed committee and advisory group structure for the 2022-2025 triennium – Report 22.457

Councillor Ponter spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Nash / Cr Connelly

That the Council:

- 1 Adopts the following committee structure (Attachment 1):
 - a Climate Committee (Committee of the Whole)
 - b Environment Committee (Committee of the Whole)
 - c Te Tiriti o Waitangi Komiti (Committee of the Whole)
 - d Transport Committee (Committee of the Whole)
 - e Chief Executive Employment Review Committee

- f Finance, Risk and Assurance Committee
 - g Regional Transport Committee
 - h Te Upoko Taiao – Natural Resources Plan Committee
 - i Hutt Valley Flood Management Subcommittee (as a subcommittee of the Environment Committee).
- 2 Adopts the following advisory group structure (Attachment 1):
- a Ara Tahi (reports to Council)
 - b Farming Reference Group (reports to the Environment Committee)
 - c Lower Ruamahanga Valley Floodplain Management Advisory Committee (reports to the Wairarapa Committee)
 - d Public Transport Advisory Group (reports to the Transport Committee)
 - e Upper Ruamahanga River Management Advisory Committee (reports to the Wairarapa Committee)
 - f Whaitua Kāpiti Committee (reports to Council).
- 3 Notes that the terms of reference for these bodies will be prepared for adoption by Council at its meeting on 15 December 2022.
- 4 Notes that the appointment of Councillors (including as chairs and deputy chairs) is the subject of separate reports to this meeting, as follows:
- a Regional Transport Committee (Establishment of the Regional Transport Committee – Report 22.474)
 - b Other committees and advisory groups (Councillor Appointments – Report 22.480).
- 5 Notes that the establishment of, and terms of reference for, a Long Term Plan Committee will be a matter for consideration at Council’s meeting on 15 December 2022.
- 6 Notes the continuance of the following joint committees for the 2022–25 triennium:
- a Wellington Civil Defence Emergency Management Group
 - b Wellington Regional Leadership Committee
 - c Wellington Water Committee.

The motion was **carried**.

Councillor Kirk-Burnnand arrived at the meeting at 9.34am, during discussion on the above item.

4 Councillor appointments – Report 22.480

Councillor Ponter spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Ponter / Cr Staples

That the Council appoints Councillors to committees, advisory groups, and external organisations, as set out in Attachment 1 to this report.

The motion was **carried**.

5 Appointment of Director to Council Companies – Report 22.490

Moved: Cr Kirk-Burnnand / Cr Gaylor

That the Council:

- 1 Resolves as a special resolution, by way of written resolutions contained in Attachment 1 – Shareholder Resolutions, to:
 - a appoint David Bassett, Chris Kirk-Burnnand, David Lee, and Thomas Nash as directors of WRC Holdings Limited;
 - b appoint Chris Kirk-Burnnand the Chair of WRC Holdings Limited;
 - c Remove Roger Blakeley, Glenda Hughes and Prue Lamason as directors of WRC Holdings Limited.
- 2 Consents to WRC Holdings Limited, as the sole shareholder of Greater Wellington Rail Limited, passing its shareholder resolutions to give effect to the director changes, and appointment of the Chair, in Attachment 1.
- 3 Appoints Thomas Nash the Deputy Chair of WRC Holdings Limited and Greater Wellington Rail Limited.
- 4 Authorises the Chair of Council to sign the written resolutions as the authorised person.

The motion was **carried**.

Noted: Council acknowledged the contribution of former directors of WRC Holdings: Roger Blakeley, Glenda Hughes and Prue Lamason.

6 Establishment of the Regional Transport Committee – Report 22.474

Francis Ryan, Manager, Democratic Services, introduced the report and advised of an update to the report and recommendations. Mr Ryan advised that the nomination for the Waka Kotahi/New Zealand Transport Agency representative had been received by officers and was reflected in the updated recommendation to the report.

Moved: Cr Staples / Cr Nash

That the Council:

- 1 Establishes, under section 105(1) of the Land Transport Management Act 2003, the Regional Transport Committee for the Wellington Region.
- 2 Adopts the proposed Terms of Reference for the Regional Transport Committee (Attachment 1).
- 3 Appoints to the Regional Transport Committee:
 - a Councillors Adrienne Staples and Daran Ponter as the Councillor members
 - b Councillor Adrienne Staples as the Chair

- c Councillor Daran Ponter as the Deputy Chair.
- 4 Appoints to the Regional Transport Committee, as territorial authority representatives:
 - a Hon Mayor Ron Mark to represent Carterton District Council, and Deputy Mayor Dale Williams as alternate
 - b Councillor Simon Edwards to represent Hutt City Council, and Councillor Brady Dyer as alternate
 - c Mayor Janet Holborow to represent Kapiti Coast District Council, and Deputy Mayor Lawrence Kirby as alternate
 - d Mayor Gary Caffell to represent Masterton District Council, and Deputy Mayor Bex Johnson as alternate
 - e Mayor Anita Baker to represent Porirua City Council, and Councillor Ross Leggett as alternate
 - f Mayor Martin Connelly to represent South Wairarapa District Council
 - g Mayor Wayne Guppy to represent Upper Hutt City Council, and Deputy Mayor Hellen Swales as alternate
 - h Mayor Tory Whanau to represent Wellington City Council, and Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon as alternate.
- 5 Notes KiwiRail's appointment of David Gordon, and Helen Rogers as alternate, to the Committee.
- 6 Appoints Emma Speight to the Regional Transport Committee, as the Waka Kotahi/New Zealand Transport Agency representative.

The motion was **carried**.

7 Revised Elected Member Remuneration 2022/23 – Report 22.481

Councillor Ponter spoke to the report, and tabled an updated recommendation.

Moved: Cr Ponter / Cr Nash

That Council resolves that the Governance Remuneration Pool available for positions of additional responsibility shall be allocated as follows:

Position	Number of position-holders	Remuneration	Percentage of base Councillor remuneration
Deputy Chair, with Committee Chair responsibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regional Transport Committee - Wairarapa Committee 	1	\$96,301	140%

Committee Chair – Committee of the Whole: 1. Environment Committee, and Climate Committee 2. Te Tiriti o Waitangi Committee 3. Transport Committee	3	\$86,125	125%
Committee Chair: 1. Chief Executive Employment Review Committee 2. Hutt Valley Flood Management Subcommittee 3. Te Upoko Taiao – Natural Resources Plan Committee	3	\$82,680	120%
Councillor	5	\$68,900	100%

The motion was **carried**.

8 Meeting schedule for the remainder of 2022 – Report 22.469

Francis Ryan, Manager, Democratic Services, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Bassett / Cr Ropata

That Council:

- 1 Notes that meetings for joint committees in the Wellington Region have already been set, as follows:
 - a the Wellington Civil Defence Emergency Management Group on 6 December 2022 at 9.00am
 - b the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee on 6 December at 3.00pm
 - c the Wellington Water Committee on 16 December at 10.00am.
- 2 Adopts the meeting schedule for the remainder of 2022 as follows:
 - a Council, on 1 December 2022, at 9.30am
 - b Regional Transport Committee on 6 December 2022 at 10.30am.
 - c Council, on 15 December 2022 at 9.30am.
- 3 Authorises the Manager, Democratic Services, to circulate the adopted meeting schedule to key stakeholders and to amend the schedule as necessary.

The motion was **carried**.

Resolution to exclude the public

9 Resolution to exclude the public – Report 22.493

Moved: Cr Gaylor / Cr Saw

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

Appointments to the Whaitua Kāpiti Committee – Report PE22.477

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 ground/s 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:

Appointments to the Whaitua Kāpiti Committee – Report PE22.477	
<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 includes personal and identifying information about the proposed appointees. Withholding this information prior to Council's decision is necessary to protect the privacy of those natural persons (section 7(2)(a) of the Act) as releasing this information would disclose their consideration for membership of the Whaitua Kāpiti Committee.</p> <p>Greater Wellington has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this information.</p>	<p>The public conduct of this part of the meeting is excluded as per section 7(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of 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

The motion was **carried**.

The public part of the meeting closed at 9.51am.

Councillor D Ponter

Chair

Date: