



**Please note that these minutes remain unconfirmed until the meeting of the Parks, Forests and Utilities Committee on 31 July 2008.**

**Report 08.487**

19 June 2008

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parks, Forests and Utilities Committee held at the Wainuiomata Water Treatment Plant, Wainuiomata, Lower Hutt on Thursday, 19 June 2008 at 9.38 am**

**Present**

Councillors Kirton (Chairman), Baber, Burke, Greig, and Wilson, and Mr McKenzie.

**Also present**

Councillors Donaldson and Lamason.

**Officers Present**

Crisp, Cox, Heath, Kennedy, Laidlow, Leonard, Reay, Shaw, Waititi, and Waddy.

**Public Business**

The meeting was opened by Councillor Greig as Deputy Chairperson, substituting for Councillor Kirton who was unavoidably delayed, arriving three minutes after the meeting started.

**PFU 38 Apologies**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Greig/Cr Baber)*

*That the Committee:*

*Accepts the apology from Councillor Wilde.*

**PFU 39 Conflict of Interest Declarations**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

**PFU 40 Public Participation**

No members of the public wished to participate in the meeting.

**PFU 41 Confirmation of Minutes**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Kirton/Cr Greig)*

*That the Committee confirms the minutes of the meeting of 8 May 2008, Report 08.401, as amended to record that Councillor Lamason attended as a non-Committee Member.*

**PFU 42 Divisional report for period ended 31 May 2008**

**Report 08.375**

File: E/06/28/03

*Resolved*

*(Cr Greig/Cr Burke)*

*That the Committee*

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

**Noted**

Officers were asked to report on the results of the Gallup survey undertaken with staff of the Water Supply, Parks and Forests Division.

**PFU 43 Wainuiomata/Orongorongo Water Collection Area Public Access Plan review and update**

**Report 08.389**

File: PK/07/02/08

*Resolved*

*(Cr Burke/Cr Wilson)*

*That the Committee*

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content of the report.*
- 3. Approves the provisions of the revised access plan (2008).*

4. *Approves the proposals for access as described within the revised Access Plan (2008) as follows:*
  - (1) *Increasing the number of visitors permitted within the Wainuiomata/Orongorongo Water Collection Area from 900 per year to 1,200 per year.*
  - (2) *Changing the guiding ratios for tramping tours into the Orongorongo Catchment from 2:15 to 2:25.*
  - (3) *Allowing conference field trips to be added to public access trips into the water collection area, provided the overall number of visitors into the Wainuiomata/Orongorongo Water Collection area does not exceed 1,200 per year.*
  - (4) *Allowing the Ranger to determine dates, numbers, and routes for all public tours, provided the number of visitors remain within the maximum number permitted each year.*
  - (5) *Allowing educational or special interest groups managed access into the area between the treatment plant and the water intakes, depending on staff capacity.*
5. *Agrees that the staff have discretion to review the ballot system each year, based on the presence of animal pests in the water collection area.*
6. *Agrees to strengthen biosecurity provisions as in the revised access plan (2008).*
7. *Agrees that applications for research are considered from all individuals and organisations on a case by case basis, with appropriate assessment criteria, and granted at the discretion of the Manager, Parks and Manager, Water Supply.*
8. *Approves the incorporation of the Wainuiomata/Orongorongo Water Collection Area Access Plan into the Wainuiomata Water Collection Area Management Plan and any other publications on the Wainuiomata Water Collection Area.*

**PFU 44 Parks and Forests concessions review**

**Report 08.290**

File: PK/01/09/01

*Resolved*

*(Cr Greig/Cr Baber)*

*That the Committee*

1. *Receives and notes the contents of the report.*
2. *Notes the timetable outlined in this report.*

3. *Endorses the draft Greater Wellington Regional Council Parks and Forests Concessions Guidelines 2008 consultation newsletter.*
4. *Endorses the draft Greater Wellington Regional Council Parks and Forests Concessions Guidelines 2008*

*That the Committee recommends to Council that it:*

1. *Adopts the proposed draft concessions charging regime, as set under the draft Greater Wellington Regional Council Parks and Forests Concessions Guidelines 2008.*
2. *Agrees to initiate the special consultative process, as outlined in section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002.*

**PFU 45 Proposal for Greater Wellington Regional Council to enter into an exchange of land**

**Report 08.407**

File: PK/11/01/08

*Resolved*

*(Cr Burke/Cr Baber)*

*That the Committee*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Endorses the proposal to exchange land as set out in the attached Agreement to Exchange Land.*
4. *Endorses the application of the Council Seal and/or authorised signatory to give effect to the attached Agreement to Exchange Land.*

**PFU 46 Process for conducting hearings and considering submissions**

**Report 08.409**

File: PK/01/09/01

*Resolved*

*(Cr Greig/Cr Wilson)*

*That the Committee*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Delegates to the Parks, Forests and Utilities Committee Chairman the decision as to whether future hearings are at a scheduled or special Committee meeting.*

4. *Requests that Council delegates to the Committee the hearing of submissions on the Waitangirua farm reserving, the Kapiti Pony Club lease at Queen Elizabeth Park, and the concessions policy.*

PFU 47 **General**

Mr Waititi, Manager Parks, reported on the status of negotiations with the leaseholder of the kiosk on the summit of the Rimutaka Hill Road.

PFU 48 **Exclusion of the Public**

**Report 08.416**

File: E/06/28/02

*Resolved*

*(Cr Burke/Cr Baber)*

*That the Committee:*

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

*Public excluded minutes from Parks, Forests and Utilities – 8 May 2008*

*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:*

<b><i>General subject of each matter to be considered:</i></b>	<b><i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each</i></b>	<b><i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i></b>
<i>Minutes - Stoney Creek wind farm development: Report on contract negotiations</i>	<p><i>The information contained in the report is subject to mutually understood obligation of confidentiality. Release would be likely to prohibit future tenderers from tendering if they were aware that their names would be made public in advance of a tender decision being made. It is in the public interest that Greater Wellington receives tenders to ensure that Greater Wellington is able to attract the best possible tenderers.</i></p> <p><i>Release of the information prior to approval by Council and the signing of the contract by both parties would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the Council in carrying on contract</i></p>	<p><i>That the public conduct of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would likely result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under sections 7(2)(c)(i) and 7(2)(i) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e. to enable Greater Wellington to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities).</i></p>

*negotiations.*

*Greater Wellington has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of the particular information above in public proceedings of the meeting that would override the identified prejudice.*

*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 open part of the meeting closed at 10.20 am.

CR RS KIRTON  
Chairman

Date: