



greater WELLINGTON

REGIONAL COUNCIL

Te Pane Matua Taiao

Please note these minutes remain unconfirmed until the Council meeting on 12 December 2019.

Report 19.480

## **Public minutes of the Inaugural Council meeting for the 2019-2022 triennium held on Wednesday 30 October 2019 and reconvened on Wednesday 20 November 2019**

30 October 2019, at 10.00am  
Te Wharewaka o Pōneke  
2 Taranaki St, Wellington

20 November 2019, at 9.30am  
Council Chamber  
15 Walter Street, Wellington

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### **30 October 2019**

#### **Members Present**

Councillor Blakeley  
Councillor Brash  
Councillor Connelly  
Councillor Gaylor  
Councillor Hughes  
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand  
Councillor Laban  
Councillor Lamason  
Councillor Lee  
Councillor Nash  
Councillor Ponter  
Councillor Staples  
Councillor van Lier

## Pōwhiri

After the tangata whenua and Greater Wellington Regional Council staff gathered at Te Wharewaka o Pōneke, Llani Harding began the karanga (welcome) and called manuhiri (newly-elected Councillors and guests) into the Mākaro Room.

Councillors and guests harirū (hongis and shook hands) with Greater Wellington Regional Council paepae and whānau before being seated.

Mark Ormsby from Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust then opened with a karakia and whaikōrero.

Tā Matiu Rei of Ngāti Toa responded.

Everyone then sang *Ma Te Kahukura*.

Manuhiri then brought new Councillors to the midway point between the paepae and Monica Fraser and Sam Gain escorted them to their seats.

Mark Ormsby closed off the tikanga process and opened the floor for others to speak.

Mahinarangi Hakaraia, immediate past Chair Ara Tahī, spoke of the relationship between tangata whenua and Council. This was followed by the waiata *Ka waiata*.

Greg Campbell, Greater Wellington Regional Council's Chief Executive, welcomed both the returning and new Councillors, along with their families and friends. He also thanked the Council's tangata whenua iwi partners for their welcome and support. He emphasised the strong partnerships with tangata 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'.

Mark Ormsby then concluded the pōwhiri with the karakia hīmene (hymn) *Whakaaria mai*.

Morning tea was then served in the room adjacent to the Mākaro room at 10.30am.

## Council Agenda

Mr Campbell took the Chair in the Matiu Room at 11.00am 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 2019 to 2022 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 19.474**

Mr Campbell invited Councillors to make their declarations. Councillors came forward individually to make the following declaration orally followed by signing their individual certificate which was then signed by Mr Campbell:

I, [name] declare that I will faithfully and impartially, and according to the best of my skill and judgment, execute and perform, in the best interests of the Wellington Region, the powers, authorities, and duties vested in, or imposed upon, me as a member of the Wellington Regional Council by virtue of the Local Government Act 2002, the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, or any other Act.

## **3. Process for the Election of the Council Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson - Report 19.476**

### **3.1 Election process adopted**

Mr Campbell 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. Mr Campbell then asked if there was a mover and seconder for one of the voting systems detailed in the report.

Moved - Cr Brash / Cr van Lier

That the Council chooses voting system A (election by the majority of members) for the election of the Council Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson and agrees that, in the event of a tie under voting system A, the candidate to be excluded from the next round of voting shall be resolved by lot as described in section 6 of this report.

The motion was **carried**.

### **3.2 Election of Chairperson**

Mr Campbell then called for nominations for the position of Chairperson of the Wellington Regional Council.

Moved – Cr Laban / Cr Staples

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 19.477**

In the presence of the Chief Executive, the newly-elected Chairperson made the following declaration:

I, Daran Mark Ponter, declare that I will faithfully and impartially, and according to the best of my skill and judgment, execute and perform, in the best interests of the Wellington Region, the powers, authorities, and duties vested in, or imposed upon, me as Chairperson of the Wellington Regional Council by virtue of the Local Government Act 2002, the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, or any other Act.

Mr Campbell 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 Lamason / Cr Ponter

That Council elects Councillor Staples as Deputy Chairperson.

There being only one nomination, Councillor Ponter 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 19.478 [for information]**

## **5. Adjournment**

Councillor Ponter declared the meeting adjourned at 11.34am until 20 November 2019 at 9.30am.

# Reconvened inaugural Council meeting on Wednesday 20 November 2019

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## Members Present

Councillor Ponter (Chair)  
Councillor Blakeley  
Councillor Brash  
Councillor Connelly  
Councillor Gaylor  
Councillor Hughes  
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand  
Councillor Laban  
Councillor Lamason  
Councillor Lee  
Councillor Nash  
Councillor Staples  
Councillor van Lier

## Public Business

### 1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

### 2. Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

## Governance

### 3. Proposed committee and advisory group structure for the 2019-2022 triennium - Report 19.491

Moved – Cr Ponter / Cr Blakeley

That the Council:

- 1 Adopts the committee structure outlined in Attachment 1:
  - a Environment Committee (Committee of the whole)
  - b Transport Committee (Committee of the whole)
  - c Chief Executive Employment Review Committee
  - d Climate Committee
  - e Finance, Risk and Assurance Committee
  - f Regional Transport Committee
  - g Te Upoko Taiao – Natural Resources Plan Committee
  - h Wairarapa Committee
  - i Wellington Regional Strategy Committee

- j Hutt Valley Flood Management Subcommittee, as a subcommittee of the Environment Committee.
- 2 Adopts the advisory group structure outlined in Attachment 2:
    - a Ara Tahi
    - b Farming Reference Group
    - c Lower Ruamahanga Valley Flood Management Advisory Committee
    - d Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee
    - e Waiohine Flood Management Plan Steering Group
    - f Wellington Region Climate Change Working Group
    - g Whaitua Te Whanganui-a-Tara Committee.
  - 3 Notes that terms of reference for these bodies will be prepared for adoption by Council at its meeting on 12 December 2019.
  - 4 Notes the Council resolution of 2 October 2019, which recommended the draft Ara Tahi partnership model to the incoming Council for consideration and discussion with Ara Tahi; and further notes that this will be a matter for early conversation with Ara Tahi with the intention of Te Ara Tahi Committee being established early in 2020.
  - 5 Agrees that the committee structure will be subject to a mid-term review.

The motion was **carried**.

#### **4. Councillor appointments - Report 19.495**

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 Directors to Council companies - Report 19.493**

Moved – Cr Lamason / Cr Brash

That the Council:

- 1 Resolves as a special resolution, by way of written resolutions contained in Attachment 1 – Shareholder Resolutions, to appoint and remove certain directors, and to appoint the Chair, of WRC Holdings Limited.
- 2 Consents to WRC Holdings Limited, as the sole shareholder of Port Investments Limited and Greater Wellington Rail Limited, passing its shareholder resolutions to give effect to the director changes, and appointment of the Chairs, in Attachment 1.
- 3 Authorises the Chair of Council to sign the written resolutions as the authorised person.

The motion was **carried**.

## 6. Local government appointments to committees and advisory groups - Report 19.489

Moved – Cr Brash / Cr Lamason

That the Council:

- 1 Appoints to the Regional Transport Committee, as territorial authority representatives:
  - a Mayor Greg Lang to represent Carterton District Council, and Deputy Mayor Rebecca Vergunst as alternate
  - b Mayor Campbell Barry to represent Hutt City Council, and Deputy Mayor Tui Lewis as alternate
  - c Mayor K. Gurunathan to represent Kāpiti Coast District Council and Deputy Mayor Janet Holborow as alternate
  - d Mayor Lyn Patterson to represent Masterton District Council, and Councillor Brent Gare as alternate
  - e Mayor Anita Baker to represent Porirua City Council, and Councillor Ross Leggett as alternate
  - f Mayor Alex Beijen to represent South Wairarapa District Council, and Deputy Mayor Garrick Emms as alternate
  - g Mayor Wayne Guppy to represent Upper Hutt City Council, and Deputy Mayor Hellen Swales as alternate
  - h Mayor Andy Foster to represent Wellington City Council, and Deputy Mayor Sarah Free as alternate.
- 2 Appoints Emma Speight to the Regional Transport Committee as the New Zealand Transport Agency representative, and Amy Kearse as alternate.
- 3 Appoints to the Wairarapa Committee:
  - a Mayor Greg Lang to represent Carterton District Council, and Deputy Mayor Rebecca Vergunst as alternate
  - b Mayor Lyn Patterson to represent Masterton District Council, and Councillor David Holmes as alternate
  - c Mayor Alex Beijen to represent South Wairarapa District Council, and Deputy Mayor Garrick Emms as alternate.
- 4 Appoints to the Waiohine Flood Management Plan Steering Group:
  - a Councillor Brian Deller and Councillor Jill Greathead to represent Carterton District Council
  - b Councillor Rebecca Fox and Councillor Leigh Hay to represent South Wairarapa District Council.
- 5 Appoints to the Wellington Region Climate Change Working Group:
  - a Councillor Russell Keys to represent Carterton District Council, and Cr Robyn Cherry-Campbell as alternate

- b Councillor Andy Mitchell to represent Hutt City Council, and Councillor Josh Briggs as alternate
  - c Mayor K. Gurunathan to represent Kāpiti Coast District Council, and Councillor Sophie Handford as alternate
  - d Councillor Chris Peterson to represent Masterton District Council, and Councillor Sandy Ryan as alternate
  - e Councillor Josh Trlin to represent Porirua City Council
  - f Councillor Brian Jephson to represent South Wairarapa District Council, and Councillor Brenda West as alternate
  - g Mayor Wayne Guppy to represent Upper Hutt City Council, and Deputy Mayor Hellen Swales as alternate
  - h Councillor Tamatha Paul to represent Wellington City Council, and Councillor Laurie Foon as alternate.
- 6 Appoints to the Whaitua Te-Whanganui-a-Tara Advisory Committee:
- a Deputy Mayor Tui Lewis to represent Hutt City Council
  - b Mayor Wayne Guppy to represent Upper Hutt City Council
  - c Councillor Tamatha Paul to represent Wellington City Council.
- 7 Appoints to the Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee:
- a Councillor David Holmes to represent Masterton District Council
  - b Carterton District Council – to be advised
- 8 Notes that the Wellington City Council nominees are subject to confirmation by Wellington City Council at its meeting on 20 November 2019.
- 9 Notes that the South Wairarapa District Council nominees are subject to confirmation by South Wairarapa District Council at its meeting on 20 November 2019.
- 10 Notes that appointments to the Hutt Valley Flood Management Subcommittee, Wellington Regional Strategy Committee, and the Lower Ruamahanga Valley Floodplain Management Advisory Committee are the subject of separate reports, to be considered by Council on 12 December 2019.

The motion was **carried**.



## 7. Revised elected member remuneration 2019/20 - Report 19.488

Moved – Cr Blakeley / Lamason

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

Position	Number of position-holders	Annual remuneration	Multiple of base Councillor remuneration
Deputy Chair, with Committee Chair responsibility	1	\$91,799	1.4
Committee Chair (Environment; Transport; Climate; Chief Executive Employment Review; and Te Upoko Taiao – Natural Resources Plan)	5	\$81,570	1.25
Chair, Hutt Valley Flood Management Subcommittee, and Portfolio Leader, Parks, Forests, Biodiversity and Recreation	1	\$81,570	1.25
Portfolio Leader, Sustainable Development	1	\$78,515	1.2
Councillor	4	\$65,430	1.0

The motion was **carried**.

## 8. Proposed meeting schedule for the remainder of 2019 - Report 19.482

Moved – Cr Ponter / Cr Hughes

That the Council:

- 1 Adopts the meeting schedule for Council and committees for the remainder of the 2019 calendar year as outlined below:
  - a Regional Transport Committee, on 3 December 2019 at 11.00am
  - b Council, on 12 December 2019 at 8.30am
  - c Civil Defence and Emergency Management Group, on 17 December 2019 at 11.30am.
- 2 Authorises the Manager, Democratic Services, to circulate the adopted meeting schedule to key stakeholders and to modify the meeting schedule as and when required.

The motion was **carried**.

## Corporate

### 9. Shareholder Resolutions in lieu of Annual General Meeting – WRC Holdings Limited - Report 19.496

The independent auditor's report on the WRC Holdings Limited and group's financial statements and performance information for the year ended 30 June 2019 was tabled.

Moved – Cr Lamason / Cr Blakeley

That the Council:

- 1 Agrees, as sole shareholder of WRC Holdings Limited, that the company not be required to hold an Annual General Meeting relating to the financial year ending 30 June 2019.
- 2 Resolves the written resolutions contained in Attachment 1 - Shareholder resolutions for WRC Holdings Limited.
- 3 Authorises the Council Chair to sign the resolutions of the sole shareholder contained in Attachment 1.

The motion was **carried**.

## Other

### 10. Resolution to exclude the public - Report 19.497

Moved – Cr Gaylor / Cr Lamason

That the Council excludes the public from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting:

Snapper Services.

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:

<b>Snapper Services</b>	
<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 report relates to payments to Snapper Services Limited. Release of this information would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the ability of Greater Wellington to carry on negotiations with Snapper Services Limited. 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.	The public conduct of this part of the meeting is excluded as per section 7(2)(i) of the Act (to enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations).

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) 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 or sections 6, 7 or 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 are as specified above.

The motion was **carried**.

The public part of the meeting closed at 9.52am.



Cr D Ponter  
(Chair)

12/12/19.

Date:

