

Public Excluded

Report PE 05.28

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Minutes of the Public Excluded Part of the Meeting of the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Monday, 31 January 2005 at 11.02am

Matters for Council Decision are shown in bold type and enclosed in a box.

Matters for Information of Council are in italic type.

Present

Councillors Buchanan (Chairperson), Aitken, Baber, Evans, Glensor, Greig, Kirton, Long, McDavitt, Shields, Turver and Wilde

Also Present

Mr Peter O'Brien, Property Consultant

Officers Present

Messrs Allard, Benham, Cutler, Darroch, Forlong, Harris, Margaret Meek, Catriona Robertson, Fiona Shaw, Turfrey, Waititi, Wright and Drs Bradbury, Hastie and Watson

Public Business

Procedural Items

PEPFS 03 Apologies

Resolved

(Chairman/Cr McDavitt)

That the apology from Councillor Laidlaw be confirmed.

Matter for Consideration

PEPFS 04 Whareroa Farm - Considerations

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The following documents were tabled and circulated:

- A copy of a letter dated 28 January 2005 reference PK/14/01/08 from Alan Milne, Mayor of Kapiti Coast District Council to Councillor Ian Buchanan, Chairman, Greater Wellington Regional Council.
- A copy of a letter dated 28 January 2005 from Mark Dacombe, Chief Executive, Kapiti Coast District Council to Barry Harris, Chief Executive, Greater Wellington Regional Council.
- An undated letter from Cerridwyn Young on behalf of the Kadampa (Buddhist) Meditation Centre Group to Councillors about a Whareroa Partnership Proposal.

Moved (Chairman/Cr McDavitt)

- (1) That the report be received.
- (2) That the contents noted.
- (3) That officers be authorised to contact Landcorp Farming Limited and advise it that the Council does not wish to purchase Whareroa farm.
- (4) That officers be authorised to contact Landcorp Farming Limited and reconfirm the Council's desire for a public walkway to be created through Whareroa Farm.
- (5) That officers be authorised initiate discussions with Kapiti Coast District Council and Landcorp Farming Limited to explore options for protecting the key areas of Whareroa farm through the subdivision and resource consent process.
- (6) That officers be asked to report back to Council on the specifics of the outcomes arising from recommendations 4 and 5 above.

Amendment (Cr Baber/Cr Turver)

That Clause 3 above be deleted and that Greater Wellington supports in principle the purchase of Whareroa Farm for public ownership for use principally as a park.

Following a point of order by Councillor Kirton the Chairman disallowed the above amendment as it amounted to a direct negative which, if carried, would have the same effect as negating Clause 3 in the motion on the floor.

Amendment

(Cr Baber/Cr Turver pro forma)

That Clause 3 above be amended by adding the following words after the words 'explore options' in Clause 5 as follows:

'for either purchase or protection of part or all of Whareroa Farm'

Following Councillor Baber's introductory speech, Councillor Turver withdrew his pro forma support.

The Chairman then again called for a seconder and when no name was forthcoming ruled the amendment had lapsed for want of a seconder.

Amendment

(Cr Glensor/Cr Aitken)

(1) That the word' outright' be added to recommendation (3) so that it reads as follows:

'That officers be authorised to contact Landcorp Farming Limited and advise it that the Council does not wish to purchase Whareroa farm outright'.

(2) That the words 'a public walkway to be created through Whareroa Farm' be deleted and replaced with the following:

'public access through and protection of significant regional land form assets in Whareroa Farm'.

(3) That the words 'Central Government' be added before 'Kapiti Coast District Council' in line 1 of recommendation 5 so that it reads as follows:

'That officers be authorised to initiate discussions with Central Government and Kapiti Coast District Council and Landcorp Farming Limited to explore options for protecting the key areas of Whareroa Farm'.

The three amended motions above as moved by Councillor Glensor and seconded by Councillor Aitken were taken separately and **CARRIED**.

The motion moved by the Chairman and seconded by Councillor McDavitt and as amended by the meeting was then put and **CARRIED**.

The motion, as amended, is as follows:

Resolved

- (1) That the report be received.
- (2) That the contents noted.

Resolved to Recommend to Council

- (3) That officers be authorised to contact Landcorp Farming Limited and advise it that the Council does not wish to purchase Whareroa farm outright.
- (4) That officers be authorised to contact Landcorp Farming Limited and reconfirm the Council's desire for public access through and protection of significant regional land form assets in Whareroa Farm.
- (5) That officers be authorised initiate discussions with Central Government and Kapiti Coast District Council and Landcorp Farming Limited to explore options for protecting the key areas of Whareroa Farm through the subdivision and resource consent process.
- (6) That officers be requested to report back to Council on the specifics of the outcomes arising from recommendations 4 and 5 above.

The public excluded part of the meeting closed at 12.20pm.

Cr I M BUCHANAN Chairperson

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