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KĀPITI COAST DISTRICT COUNCIL	THURSDAY 5 FEBRUARY, 2015	2.05 PM

Minutes of a meeting of the Kapiti Coast District Council on Thursday 5 February 2015, commencing at 2.05pm in Council Chambers, Ground Floor, Kapiti Coast District Council, 175 Rimu Road, Paraparaumu.

PRESENT

Mayor	R	Church	Chair
Cr	M	Cardiff	
Cr	D	Ammundsen	
Cr	M	Bell	
Cr	J	Elliott	
Cr	K	Gurunathan	
Cr	P	Gaylor	
Cr	J	Holborow	
Cr	D	Scott	
Cr	G	Welsh	

ATTENDING

Ms	F	Vining	(Chair, Paraparaumu-Raumati Community Board)
Mr	M	Scott	(Chair, Waikanae Community Board)
Mr	P	Edwards	(Chair, Paekākāriki Community Board)
Mr	P	Dougherty	(Chief Executive)
Ms	T	Evans	(Group Manager, Community Services)
Mr	S	McArthur	(Group Manager, Strategy and Planning)
Mr	S	Mallon	(Group Manager, Infrastructure Services)
Ms	S	Foss	(Acting Group Manager, Regulatory Services)
Mr	W	Maxwell	(Group Manager, Corporate Services)
Ms	J	McDougall	(Communications Manager)
Mr	T	Power	(Senior Legal Counsel)
Mr	D	Lew	(Research, Policy and Planning Manager)
Ms	S	Powell	(Consultant)
Mr	M	Cole	(Water and Wastewater Asset Manager)
Ms	V	Starbuck-Maffey	(Democracy Services Manager - Minute-Taker)

The Mayor welcomed everyone and read the Council blessing.

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APOLOGIES

MOVED (Welsh/Ammundsen)

That an apologies are accepted from Ann-Maree Bukholt Member of Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti, from James Cootes Chair of the Otaki Community Board, and Cr Cardiff for lateness

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

Cr Cardiff jointed the meeting at 2.06pm

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PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

Public Speaking Time

1. Max Trask spoke to his submission (circulated) about two matters: the dog Beau case and an allegation that Council's Senior Legal Counsel had been giving building permit exemptions.
2. Mary Skertchley spoke about the dog Beau case and asked a number of questions.
3. Dale Evans spoke to his submission (circulated) about a range of issues:
 - information about Council's water network in the Local Government Commission's (LGC's) draft reorganisation proposal;
 - the report on the Chief Executive recruitment process on today's agenda in a public excluded session;
 - the Chief Executive's financial delegation.
4. Mike Olsen spoke as a local businessman about the LGC draft reorganisation proposal.
5. Jill Stansfield spoke about the work and future of the Kāpiti Coast Older Persons' Council.
6. Liz Koh, on behalf of the Kapiti Chamber of Commerce, spoke about the LGC reorganization proposal.
7. Greater Wellington Regional Councillor Nigel Wilson spoke about the LGC reorganization proposal.

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MEMBERS' BUSINESS

(a) Responses to Public Speaking Time

- To Max Trask – Legal Counsel Tim Power was not responsible for giving building permit exemptions. The remaining issues raised would be responded to in writing.
- To Mary Skertchley – Cr Elliott and Cr Scott reflected on their visits to the dog Beau when he was in the pound.
- To Dale Evans – A response would be provided in writing.
- To Jill Stansfield, Liz Koh, and Cr Nigel Wilson –their issues would be addressed when the agenda item came up today.

(b) Leave of Absence – none was requested.

(c) Matters of an Urgent Nature – there were none.

The meeting adjourned at 2.44pm and reconvened at 2.50pm

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION'S PROPOSAL TO REORGANISE LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN THE WELLINGTON REGION (SP-15-1451)

Stephen McArthur Group Manager Strategy and Planning and consultant Sue Powell spoke to this item, which included a powerpoint presentation. Ms Powell described the key features and some likely impacts of the LGC proposal, including the inaccuracy of figures quoted on water and wastewater and also on Kapiti's operating costs per capita. Corrections to the inaccuracies were provided. Today's report sought a decision from Council about making a submission.

Cr Elliott left the meeting at 3.37pm.

Discussion included the following points:

- An explanation was provided around the costs of a transitional regime if the proposed reorganisation went ahead.
- Ringfencing of debt was discussed.
- Concern was expressed about the proposed shift in rating regimes which would see Kāpiti move from a land-based system to a capital value one. There was also concern that the imposition of a commercial rating differential would adversely impact Kāpiti's ability to attract businesses to the District which was a key focus of the current Economic Development Strategy.
- The Council had been relatively neutral to date about the concept of reorganization but should definitely make a submission, and correct the inaccuracies.
- It was difficult to provide definite figures to the community about the likely impacts but some scenarios could be developed with appropriate caveats, perhaps drawing on the work of the previous Working Group.

Cr Holborow left the meeting at 3.47pm and returned at 3.49pm.

Cr Gaylor left the meeting at 3.50pm and returned at 3.52pm.

Michael Scott left the meeting at 3.55pm.

Cr Bell left the meeting at 3.58pm and returned at 4pm.

- It was noted that Greater Wellington Regional Council, and the Chamber of Commerce were already stimulating community awareness and debate about the proposal.
- The LGC proposal had insufficient information on the potential role of Council Controlled Organisations and concern was expressed that Kapiti could end up with unexpected outcomes involving a loss of democracy to these organizations. This point should be included in the submission.
- Local committees – the Local Government Act provided for the new Greater Wellington Council to form local committees, but these were not guaranteed and not the same as Community Boards under the current structure.

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- The submission should not only correct inaccuracies and talk about CCOs but also provide comment on the key aspects of the proposal itself, including the aspects that were supported (for example Kāpiti's representation following the Ward structures).
- There was a concern that while the proposal provided for service centres continuing in Kapiti this relied on the Wellington Council supporting them in the future.
- The status of Kāpiti's Proposed District Plan needed clarification from the LGC as a significant amount of resources had gone into this process to date.
- It was agreed that a watching brief would be maintained on the move to organize the demand for a poll.
- Everyone in the community had a different opinion so Council should remain neutral. The important thing was to ensure that as many people as possible understood the pros and cons of reorganization.
- With regard to correcting inaccuracies it was also important to request the Commission to consider if the errors would impact on the justification for change in the LGC proposal. .
- Paekākāriki Community Board would be making a separate submission as it believed the concept of local committees was important.

Sue Powell summarized the key points she believed Council wanted in the submission:

- make a constructive helpful response;
 - ensure the best possible quality information is provided to the LGC;
 - correct the inaccuracies in the proposal report as this was the public record;
 - look to strengthen the responsibilities of the local boards;
 - more direction re CCOs;
 - also aspects of the proposal the Council supported not to be lost (e.g. ringfencing of debt) but overall taking a neutral stance.
- The Chief Executive commented regarding CCOs the Council made it clear to the community that in relation to water meters, the management of the water supply would always remain in Council's hands and not be managed by a CCO. This point would be included.
 - When or if a poll eventuated it would be critical at that point that Council stepped back from the debate as it was up to the community to decide. The role of the LGC would be to encourage people to vote in a poll; although Council could do the same. Legal advice would be sought about individual Councillors and community boards stating their own views at the appropriate time.

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MOVED (Gaylor/Bell)

That Council:

- a) Direct staff to prepare a submission to the Local Government Commission on its proposal, for consideration at the Council's 26 February 2015 meeting;
- b) Note that the Local Government Commission's deadline for receiving submissions is 2 March 2015.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 4.40m and reconvened at 4.45pm

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RESOLUTION TO GO INTO PUBLIC EXCLUDED

MOVED (Welsh/Ammundsen)

	<p>PUBLIC EXCLUDED RESOLUTION</p> <p>That, pursuant to Section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, the public (except for Community Board Chairs) now be excluded from the meeting for the reasons given below, while the following matters are considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Executive Recruitment and Selection Process (Corp-14-1430B) <p>The general subject of each matter to be considered, while the public are excluded, the reason 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:</p>	
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<p>Chief Executive Recruitment and Selection Process (Corp-14-1430B)</p>	<p>Section 7(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons.</p> <p>Section 7(2)(i) – enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).</p>	<p>48(1)(a): That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist</p>
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*The meeting went into public excluded session at 4.46pm
The meeting came out of public excluded session at 5.25pm and was closed.*

Signed / / 2015

Mayor Ross Church, Chair