

**REPORT of a MEETING of the POLICY COMMITTEE, held in the Council Chambers,
Level 2, Civic Administration Building, 838-842 Fergusson Drive, Upper Hutt, on
WEDNESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2016 commencing at 4.34pm**

PRESENT: CR G T MCARTHUR (CHAIR), HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR MR W N GUPPY, CRS
M T AMOUR, J B GRIFFITHS, J C GWILLIAM, P E LAMBERT, A R MCLEOD,
B D RABBITT, H SWALES, S P TAYLOR AND D V WHEELER

ATTENDING: CHIEF EXECUTIVE, DIRECTOR OF ASSET MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS,
DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY
SERVICES, DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING
AND REGULATORY SERVICES (until 6.40pm), SENIOR POLICY ADVISOR (until
5.30pm) AND EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

A. PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. PUBLIC FORUM

Greg Rzesniowiecki regarding the TPPA

Mr Rzesniowiecki read from his tabled statement highlighting his concerns with the TPPA agreement.

Wendy Blanche regarding the TPPA

Ms Blanche read from her tabled statement highlighting her concerns with the TPPA agreement.

Tracey Ultra regarding the TPPA

Ms Ultra spoke of her concerns relating to the TPPA. Examples were given on water quality and usage, hazardous substances, food security, environment and health, both here and overseas. Ms Ultra spoke of links made between the TPPA, and its effect on Upper Hutt. Ms Ultra encouraged council to declare Upper Hutt a TPPA free zone.

Mary Beth Taylor regarding the TPPA

Ms Taylor spoke about the risks of food production and food safety. Samples of seeds, home grown organic food and products sourced from local supermarkets were shown. Ms Taylor stated she wanted to see Upper Hutt a TPPA free zone.

RESOLVED

THAT an extension of seven minutes for the Public Forum be approved.

Moved Cr Lambert / Cr Rabbitt

CARRIED

Antony Maddock regarding the TPPA

Mr Maddock read from his tabled statement highlighting his concerns with the TPPA agreement. Mr Maddock noted his support to declare Upper Hutt a TPPA free zone.

Councillor Gwilliam asked for the definition of 'TPPA free zone' to be clarified. Mr Rzesniowiecki commented this was a political statement, declaring Council's stance on the TPPA.

2. GENERAL BUSINESS

Councillor McLeod declared an item of general business.

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

Nil.

4. PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 15 FLOOD AND EROSION AREAS (MANGAROA AND HUTT RIVERS) (351/12-015)

Report from the Planner (Policy) through the Director Planning and Regulatory Services dated 27 January 2016 (agenda pages A4-1 to A4-3).

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

1. **THAT the report be received.**
2. **THAT Plan Change 15 be withdrawn under the First Schedule, Clause 8D(1)(a) of the RMA 1991.**
3. **THAT public notice be given of the withdrawal under the First Schedule, Clause 8D(1)(b) of the RMA 1991.**

Moved

Cr Taylor / Cr Swales

CARRIED

5. COMMUNITY GRANTS CHANGE OF DATE REQUEST (306/02-002)

Report from the EA Democratic Services through the Chief Executive dated 11 January 2016 (agenda pages A5-1 to A5-2).

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:

1. **THAT the report be received.**
2. **THAT the Community Grants Committee meeting be changed from 15 September 2016 to 4 August 2016.**

Moved

Cr Griffiths / Cr McLeod

CARRIED

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT – PLANNING AND REGULATORY SERVICES DEPARTMENT (301/25-010)

Report from the Director of Planning and Regulatory Services dated 2 February 2016 (agenda pages A6-1 to A6-8).

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the report be received.

Moved

Cr McArthur / Cr Taylor

CARRIED

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT – BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT (301/25-012)

Report from the Director of Business Development Services dated 1 February 2016 (agenda pages A7-1 to A7-2).

A discussion took place around the sustainable business fund. Council officers were asked to provide more information at the next meeting on the fund and its current uses.

Councillor Swales questioned the methodology of carrying out community surveys. It was suggested to look at taking a technological approach. □

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the report be received.

Moved

Cr Taylor / Cr Rabbitt

CARRIED

8. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT** **(301/25-009)**

Report from the Chief Executive dated 1 February 2016 (agenda pages A8-1 to A8-28).

Councillor McLeod moved that the amended recommendations provided by the speakers in public forum as follows be brought to Full Council for consideration on 24 February 2016.

Moved Cr McLeod / Cr Amour **CARRIED**

THAT the Council:

1. *Notes the tabled information.*
2. *Reviews the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) text against the TPP Policy Solution adopted by councils representing a majority (60%) of the NZ population.*
3. *Asks that Central Government initiates a full public and parliamentary debate before proceeding with formal consideration of the TPP, including any further binding treaty action.*
4. *Asks that Central Government carry out independent human rights, health and environmental impact assessments of the potential effects of the TPP on the people and the land of New Zealand, as urged by the United Nations independent expert Alfred de Zayas, and make this information publicly available.*
5. *Asks that Central Government consults with local government prior to any further action taken that might compromise the ability of local government to make decisions in the interests of our region, the people and their environment.*
6. *Instructs the Council's Mayor to write to the President of LGNZ, requesting that a local government evaluation, based on an independent analysis of the implications of the TPP for local government, and for the social, cultural, economic, environmental and health and wellbeing of communities, be undertaken as a basis of LGNZ input into parliamentary consideration, and that the evaluation report should be made publicly available and widely publicised.*
7. *Until such time as there is robust debate and convincing protection of local government decision-making for the benefit of residents, citizens and ratepayers, and an analysis of how these issues will be addressed at local government level, Upper Hutt City Council is a TPPA free zone where the constraints imposed by the TPPA, and the changes to national and local legislation to make our area comply with TPPA requirements are not supported by the Upper Hutt City Council.*
8. *That this resolution and background information be circulated to all other councils and local and community boards around New Zealand and that it is sent immediately to the New Zealand Minister of Trade and Prime Minister.*

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the report be received.

Moved Cr McArthur / Cr Lambert **CARRIED**

9. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Councillor McLeod withdrew her item of general business.

10. PUBLIC EXCLUSION

THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

B.1 EXPRESSIONS WHIRINAKI ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE UPDATING OF THE TRUST DEED RE APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

B.2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

B.3 GENERAL BUSINESS

THAT the general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is 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:

(A) GENERAL SUBJECT OF EACH MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED	(B) REASONS FOR PASSING THIS RESOLUTION IN RELATION TO EACH MATTER	(C) GROUND UNDER SECTION 48(1) FOR THE PASSING OF THIS RESOLUTION
Expressions Whirinaki Arts and Entertainment Centre Updating of the Trust Deed re Appointment of Trustees	To protect the privacy of natural persons; to maintain legal professional privilege and to enable the Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations.	Section 48(1)(a)(i)
Chief Executive's Report	To protect the privacy of natural persons; to maintain legal professional privilege and to enable the Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations.	Section 48(1)(a)(i)
General Business	To protect information subject to an obligation of confidence.	Section 48(1)(a)(i)

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 the 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 in Column B above.

The Public Business Section of the meeting concluded at 5.45pm.

The Public Excluded Section of the meeting concluded at 6.43pm.

Cr G T McArthur
CHAIR