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Report of the Meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held in the Committee Room, Wellington Regional Council, 34 Chapel Street, Masterton, on Tuesday, 6 July 1999, at 9.30 a.m.

Matters for Council decision are shown in bold type and enclosed in a box.
Other matters for information of Council only are in italic type.

Present:

Councillors Long (Chairperson), Buchanan, Macaskill, McQueen and Shields.
Messrs Berkett, Dalziell and Southey.

Officers Present:

S Blakemore, I Gunn, W O'Donnell, L Race, C Wright.

Procedural Items

RSW 84 Apologies

The Chairman welcomed Mr Dalziell back following his recent spell of ill health.

Resolved (Mr Southey/Mr Berkett)

That the apologies from Cr Turver and Mr Beetham be sustained.

RSW 85 Public Participation

There were no members of the public present who wished to participate in the meeting.

RSW 86 Confirmation of Minutes*Resolved**(Mr Southey/Cr Buchanan)*

That the minutes of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 1 June 1999, be confirmed.

Matters for Committee Decision**RSW 87 Objection to Consent Processing Charges**

The Committee agreed to consider item No.5 on the order paper next as representatives of the Castlepoint East Coast Jetty Trust would be in attendance at 11 .00 a.m. to present their objection to the additional resource consent processing charges.

RSW 88 Waingawa River Scheme – Rating**Report 99.364****File: Y/1/1/5**

Rob Harrison, Classifier, was present for the discussion on this item.

Cr Buchanan said that the current status of the Waingawa River Scheme was robust and defensible and considered that any review of the existing rating classification would be difficult to justify at present.

*Resolved**(Cr Buchanan/A& Dalziell)*

- (1) That the Committee reaffirms its earlier decision from the December 1998 meeting that the existing rating classification for the Waingawa River Scheme was based on rational considerations, and as a consequence, no review of the rating system was considered necessary at that time.*
- (2) That the Committee considers that it would be the Waingawa Scheme Advisory Committee's decision to review its rating classification at this time.*
- (3) That any decision to review the rating classification prior to the tenth anniversary of the Scheme be funded from the Waingawa River Scheme's rates.*

Morning tea: 10.45 a.m.

Resumed: 11 .00 a.m.

RSW 89 Objection to Consent Processing Charges

Report 99.377

File: Y/12/2/4

Paula Pickford and Nicola Saunders (Consents & Compliance Section) were present for the discussion on this item.

Messrs Alan James, Kerry Ellis (Trustees of the Castlepoint East Coast Recreation Jetty Trust) and His Worship the Mayor, Bob Francis were present for this item. The Trustees were objecting to the account received for resource consent application costs to construct a jetty at Castlepoint.

Mr James said that the Trust had been set up in late 1996 to put forward a jetty project as a fitting monument towards the millennium celebrations. Financial support for the project had been given by the Masterton District Council, Masterton Licensing Trust and the Tararua Foundation.

Mr Francis gave a background on the District Council's support towards the jetty project.

Mr James indicated that because of the financial circumstances now faced by the Trust, there were no funds available to meet the project expenses and the Trustees were requesting Council assistance for remission of the fees.

Cr Macaskill asked Mr Francis for details of the likely involvement of the Masterton District Council with the Trust's request and further requested that documentation regarding the financial status of the Trust be also made available to the Council. Both agreed to forward this to the Council.

The Trustees and Mr Francis then left the meeting.

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/M Dalziell)

That the matter lie on the table for further consideration at the next meeting of the Committee.

Cr McQueen was absent from the meeting for this item.

Matters Reported for Information

RSW 90 Acting Divisional Manager's Report

Report 99.370

File: Y/21/1

Concerning 2.3 - Annual Plan Submission, Maori Liaison Officer

Following Mr Southey's concerns relating to any appointment of a Maori Liaison Officer, the Council Chairman agreed that it would be appropriate for an invitation to be extended to appointed members of the Committee to attend the forthcoming workshop on future relationships with Iwi scheduled for 29 July 1999.

Concerning 3.3 – External Possum Contracts for 1999/2000

Members discussed the situation of regional councils business units tendering for possum control work in other regions of the country.

Cr Macaskill said that this was an issue of principle and therefore proposed raising this as an agenda item for discussion with the Regional Affairs Committee at the forthcoming Local Government NZ Conference in Auckland next week.

Concerning 3.13 – Plant Identification Pamphlets

Copies of two coloured pamphlets recently printed relating to Hornwort and an identification guide to invasive creepers and climbers were tabled.

Resolved

(Mr Southey/Mr Dalziell)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 91 Resource Consent Application WAR 990026 – Gravel Extraction from the Ruamahanga River System

Report 99.365

File: WAR 990026

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/M Berkett)

That the report be received.

RSW 92 Non-Agricultural Discharges Annual Compliance Monitoring**Report 99.375****File: Y/12/2/6***Resolved**(Cr McQueen/Cr Macaskill)**That the report be received.***RSW 93 Wairarapa Annual Hydrology Reports for 1998****Report 99.384****File: Y/13/1/0**

Matthew Morgan (Section Leader, Resource Investigations) was present for the discussion on this item.

Members noted that 1998 had been a year of extremes in the Wairarapa and potential problems existed in the eastern hill country unless substantial rainfall occurred within the next 2-3 months. River flows in 1998 in the eastern hill country had been as low as 16% of the average annual flow.

*Resolved**(Mr Southey/Mr Dalziell)**That the report be received***RSW 94 Coverage of Soil Conservation Plantings – Monitoring****Report 99.373****File: Y/2/5/2**

Mr Dalziell referred to a recent newspaper article which stated that Government funding would continue to be provided to help tree planting on eroded east coast land which focused on sustainable land management. He suggested the Council give consideration to approaching the Government with regard to extending this assistance to the Wellington region's erodible hill country.

*Resolved**(Mr Dalziell/Cr Macaskill)**That the report be received and its contents noted.*

RSW 95 Catchment and River Works

Report 99.372

File: Y/0/4

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Mr Southey)

That the schedule be received and application of the Council's Seal be approved on the Land Improvement Agreements pertaining to properties in item 2.1.

RSW 96 Resource Consents (Non-Notified)

Report 99.381

File: Y/12/2/0

Resolved

(Cr Macaskill/Cr Shields)

That the information be received.

RSW 97 Statutory Planning

Report 99.366

File: Y/1 1/2

Resolved

(Cr McQueen/Mr Berkett)

That the information be received.

RSW 98 Questions

There were no questions.

RSW 99 General Business

Mr Dalziell referred to the Council's recent stadium visit and stated that as there were a number of dissatisfied ratepayers to the stadium rate he suggested that there could be justification in a ballot system for the allocation of seats, if seats were made available to the Council.

Cr Macaskill said that no principle existed for the Council or individuals to be allocated seats on such a basis.

The meeting closed at 12.45 p.m.

Cr F R Long
Chairperson

Date:

Wellington Regional Council - 3 August 1999

To be moved

That the Report of the Meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 6 July 1999, Items RSW 84 to RSW 99 inclusive, be adopted.