

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa
Committee held in the Committee Room, Wellington Regional
Council, 34 Chapel Street, Masterton, on Thursday,
18 November 1999, at 9.30 a.m.**

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

Present:

Councillors Long (Chairperson), Buchanan, Macaskill, Shields and Turver.
Messrs Berkett, Beetham and Southey.

Officers Present:

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

Procedural Items

RSW 134 Apologies

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Mr Berkett)

*That the apologies from Cr McQueen and Mr Dalziell
be sustained.*

RSW 135 Public Participation

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

RSW 136 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved (Cr Shields/Mr Berkett)

That the minutes of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 7 October 1999; the public excluded part to remain in public excluded, be confirmed.

Matters for Committee Decision

RSW 137 Regional Pest Management Strategies – Annual Reports 1998/99

Report 99.658

File: Y/19/0/4

It was agreed that officers report back to the Committee on possible costs for publicity of the various former Class A noxious plants and the possibility of government funding.

Resolved (Mr Southey/Cr Shields)

- (1) *That the Annual Reports on the implementation of the 1998/99 Operational Plans for the Regional Pest Management Strategies be approved.*
- (2) *That a copy of the Annual Reports be forwarded to the Minister of Biosecurity.*
- (3) *That the Annual Reports be made available for public inspection.*

RSW 138 Draft Water Allocation Plan for Upper Ruamahanga River (November 1999)

Report 99.652

File: Y/12/2/5

Stephen Thawley, Resource Advisor, was present for the discussion on this item.

Resolved (Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)

- (1) *That the proposed minimum flows and allocation levels be adopted.*

- (2) *That the Draft Upper Ruamahanga River water allocation plan (November 1999) be made available for public consultation and comment sought.*

RSW 139 Appointment of Hearing Commissioners and Amendments to Delegations – Section 34(3) of the RMA

Report 99.689

Files: A/1/5/1, E/4/1/2

Resolved

(Mr Southey/Cr Turver)

That the Committee consider Report 99.689 as an item of new business at today's meeting as the matter can not be deferred until the next Committee meeting.

Resolved

(Mr Southey/Cr Buchanan)

- (1) *That Mr David Watt and Mr Russell Howie be appointed as Hearing Commissioners for Consent Application WAR 990223.*

Resolved to Recommend (Mr Southey/Cr Buchanan)

That the existing delegated authority to the Committee to appoint Hearings Commissioners to hear and determine resource consent applications when required, be amended by inserting after "Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee" the word "Chairperson", and by adding "Divisional Manager, Wairarapa".

Matters Reported for Information

RSW 140 Divisional Manager's Report

Report 99.655

File: Y/21/1

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Buchanan)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 141 Aquatic Pest Plants – Lake Wairarapa Wetlands

Report 99.656

File: Y/15/6/5

Members discussed the need to adopt an advocacy role with government regarding the need for a joint approach to effectively control the aquatic plant Hornwort.

Resolved

(Cr Macaskill/Cr Shields)

- (1) That the report be received and its contents noted.*
- (2) That a more proactive role be taken in recognising the dangers of the aquatic plant Hornwort and that future possible options be reported back to the Committee.*

RSW 142 Notified Resource Consent Application by Maori Education Trust

Report 99.653

File: Y/12/2/5

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Turver)

That the report be received.

RSW 143 Notified Resource Consent Application by South Wairarapa District Council

Report 99.657

File: Y/12/2/0

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Turver)

That the report be received.

RSW 144 Resource Consents (Non Notified)

Report 99.661

File: Y/12/2/0

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Mr Berkett)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 145 Statutory Planning

Report 99.654

File: Y/11/2

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Macaskill)

That the information be noted.

RSW 146 Questions

There were no questions.

RSW 147 General

Members conveyed their condolences to Cr Buchanan on the recent death of his mother.

As this was the last Committee meeting for 1999, Christmas Greetings and Best Wishes for the Festive Season were extended to members and staff.

The meeting closed at 11.08 a.m.

Cr F R Long
Chairperson

Date: