

**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, 28 March
2000, 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, McQueen and Turver.
Messrs Berkett, Beetham, Dalziell and Southey.

Also Present:

Councillor Gibson.

Officers Present:

S Blakemore, Dr Bradbury (from 9.55 am), I Gunn, W O'Donnell,
N Shakespeare (until 10.52 am), L Race, C Wright.

Procedural Items

RSW 162 Apologies

Resolved

(Cr McQueen/Mr Dalziell)

*That the apologies from Crs Macaskill and Shields be
sustained.*

RSW 163 Public Participation

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

RSW 164 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved (CrTurver/Mr Dalziell)

- (a) *That the minutes of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 8 February 2000 be confirmed.*
- (b) *That the minutes of the special meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 22 February 2000 be confirmed.*

Matter for Recommendation to Council**RSW 165 Bovine Tb Funding Options**

Report 00.199

File: Y/4/1

Members were informed that further information had become available since the report had been prepared. Time constraints were an issue as any change to a differential rate required use of the Special Order process. This meant advertising between 60-70 days prior to the Council commencing the actual rate making process.

Discussion largely focused on the question of maintaining the Bovine Tb rate in non-operational areas versus rating operational areas only.

Resolved to Recommend (Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)

- (1) **That the Council proceed with a change in the current 80:20 differential in the Bovine Tb rate to a 90:10 ratio to apply from the commencement of the 2000/01 financial year.**
- (2) **That implementation of the Special Order be considered at the Special Council Meeting on 26 April 2000.**

Matters for Committee Decision

**RSW 166 Regional Pest Management Strategies Review –
Consultation Strategy**

Report 00.161

File: Y/19/0/4

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)

That the proposed communications strategy and associated timeframes for development of the second generation Regional Pest Management Strategy for the Wellington Region be approved.

**RSW 167 Marsupial Management Co-Operative Research Centre –
Funding**

Report 00.171

File: Y/4/1

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr McQueen)

That a \$5,000 contribution from savings in the 1999/2000 Bovine Tb budget be made towards the Marsupial Management Co-Operative Research Centre for possum biocontrol research.

Morning tea: 10.51 a.m.

Resumed: 11.05 a.m.

**RSW 168 Hornwort – Lake Wairarapa Wetlands – Management
Options**

Report 00.187

File: Y/15/6/1

Cr Buchanan said that given his long association with the Lake Wairarapa wetlands, he wished to be actively involved in the working group and contribute towards development of future management control options.

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)

(1) That the serving of Legal Notices under Section 122 of the Biosecurity Act 1993 be deferred.

- (2) *That the Council write to the Minister of Conservation expressing concern at the unabated spread of the aquatic pest plant Hornwort throughout the Lake Wairarapa wetlands, and requesting the Minister urgently resource the Department of Conservation to ensure that control measures can be effectively implemented.*
- (3) *That the establishment of a working group to develop a strategy for addressing the future management of Hornwort in the Lake Wairarapa area be endorsed.*
- (4) *That the working group prepare a draft strategy for Committee approval by the August 2000 meeting.*

RSW 169 Rewanui Bush

Report 00.159

Files: Y/6/1, R/2/2/1

Graham Laws, Landscape Architect, Regional Parks, was present for the discussion on this item.

Resolved

(Cr McQueen/Cr Turver)

- (1) *That the report be received, and the recreation, environmental and heritage Signature Values of Rewanui Bush be noted.*
- (2) *That the Regional Parks Land Purchase Reserve Fund not be used to acquire the property.*
- (3) *That officers from the Wairarapa and Environment Divisions be asked to investigate alternative options, such as covenanting or partnerships, to protect the environmental values of the bush on the Rewanui property.*
- (4) *Note that there is currently no obvious mechanism within Council policies which allows a property such as Rewanui, with high conservation values, and which does not qualify as a regional park, to be purchased by the Council, and requests officers to report back on possible options to address this.*

RSW 170 Remission of Annual Resource Management Charges

Report 00.191

File: Y/12/1/4

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Mr Dalziell)

That the remission of \$1754.99 (inclusive of GST) from the 1999/00 Annual Charges of R Everson under Consent WAR 990221 be approved.

RSW 171 Waiohine Floodplain Advisory Committee – Progress Update

Report 00.194

File: Y/1/1/2

Ian Heslop, Divisional Engineer, and Michael Hewison, Design & Investigations Engineer, were present for the discussion on this item.

Cr Buchanan commented on the very positive outcomes resulting from the Waiohine Floodplain Advisory Committee meetings where members were looking at all options and working towards a common end goal.

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Mr Beetham)

That the contents of the report be noted and the progress of the Waiohine Floodplain Advisory Committee be endorsed.

Matters Reported for Information

RSW 172 Divisional Manager's Report

Report 00.188

File: Y/21/1

Resolved

(Mr Beetham/Mr Southey)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 173 Financial Report for the Eight Months to 29 February 2000

Report 00.193

File: Y/2/1/1

Resolved

(Mr Southey/Mr Berkett)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 174 Onsite Sewage – Discussions with Territorial Authorities for Transferring Powers

Report 00.181

File: X/11/5/9

Resolved

(Mr Southey/Cr Buchanan)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 175 Resource Consents (Non Notified)

Report 00.185

File: Y/12/2/0

Resolved

(Mr Southey/Mr Dalziell)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 176 Statutory Planning

Report 00.192

File: Y/11/2

Resolved

(Mr Beetham/Mr Berkett)

That the information be received.

RSW 177 Questions

There were no questions.

RSW 178 General Business

Mr Dalziell enquired as to whether any analysis had been undertaken on the recent Voice Your Choice campaign and the benefits of the 0800 free phone.

Cr Turver advised that approximately 100 responses had been received. Responses indicated that a greater public awareness had been achieved through Voice Your Choice on what the Council was doing and why.

RSW 179 Exclusion of the Public

Report 00.211

Resolved

(Mr Southey/Mr Beetham)

That the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

1. *Mangatarere Stream Prosecution*
2. *Environment Court Appeals – D T S Riddiford*

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reasons 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:-

<i>General subject of each matter to be considered</i>	<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each</i>	<i>Ground under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
<i>Mangatarere Stream Prosecution</i>	<i>Prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences and the right to a fair trial</i>	<i>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 (i.e. the right to a fair trial).</i>
<i>Environment Court Appeals – D T S Riddiford</i>	<i>Prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences and the right to a fair trial</i>	<i>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 (i.e. the right to a fair trial).</i>

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act, or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:-

Wellington Regional Council – S Van den Bosch and C Allomes

Wellington Regional Council – D T S Riddiford

The open part of the meeting concluded at 12.05 p.m.

Cr F R Long
CHAIRMAN

Date: