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Minutes of the Meeting of the Utility Services Committee held in the Hutt Room, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Wednesday, 21 June 2000 at 11.00am

Present

Councillors McQueen (Chairperson), Shaw, Shields, Thomas and Werry

Officers Present

Ms Bradshaw, Messrs Benham, Leonard, Morrison, Kennedy, Roberts, Sells and Ms Scherp

Public Business

Procedural Items

US125 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Thomas)

That the apologies from Councillors Hutchings (WCC), Laidlaw and Macaskill and Cr Shields for lateness be confirmed.

US126 Public Participation

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

US127 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Thomas)

That the Public and Public Excluded minutes of the meeting held on 16 May 2000, Report 00.370, and Report PE 00.455, the public excluded part to remain in public excluded, be confirmed.

Matters for Decision

US128 Risk Policy

Report 00.426

File: B/20/15/3

Resolved

(Cr Shaw/Cr Werry)

That the Water Group's Risk Policy, as attached, be approved.

Councillor Shields joined the meeting at 11.45am.

US129 Public Access to the Wainuiomata and Orongorongo Water Supply Catchments

Report 00.412

File: B/20/1/1

Resolved

(Cr McQueen/Cr Shaw)

That the restricted opening of the Wainuiomata and Orongorongo water supply catchments be approved in principle, and the Committee invites Water Group Officers to prepare a detailed proposal including the following Principles proposed by Cr McQueen, as amended:

Principles

- *Access to the catchment should be managed, in order to protect water quality and public health.*
- *Areas of the catchment above the intakes should be off limits to visitors at all times.*
- *All entry to the catchment should be by permit that will include a trip plan.*
- *Overnight stays for camping is not allowed.*
- *The existing unofficial access should be acknowledged as a potential risk, and reasonable steps taken to reduce this access to a minimum.*

- *A WRC staff member or an approved guide should accompany Open Day groups.*

- *The proposal may be for an initial schedule of one (weekend) day a month for Open Days.*
- *Individuals or groups wishing to undertake scientific study may be approved in terms of benefit to the catchment (e.g. greater botanical knowledge or for general scientific research).*
- *Police search and rescue exercises may be approved if requested but they will be encouraged to use other areas outside the catchment.*
- *Shooting of animals may be allowed on a permit/managed basis, recognising that culling is an important part of catchment management. Recreational shooting will not be allowed.*
- *Access may be allowed for an approved concessionaire in favour of a specific agreement as to area, route and maximum size of party.*
- *These guidelines will be monitored and reviewed annually to assess benefits/disbenefits and possible changes.*

Matters for Information

US130 Divisional Report

Report 00.440

File: O/2/1/10

Resolved

(Cr McQueen/Cr Shields)

- (1) *That the Water Group officers be congratulated on achieving ISO14001 accreditation for the Group.*
- (2) *That the report be received and the information noted.*

US131 Section 230 Resolution: Valley View Forest

Report 00.441

File: F/5/2/1

Resolved

(Cr Shaw/Cr Thomas)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

US132 Public Perception of Water Quality: Update

Report 00.445

File: B/2/1/1

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Shaw)

That the report be received and the information noted.

Other Matters

US133 Questions

There were no questions.

US134 General

There were no matters of general business.

US135 Exclusion of the Public

Report 00.453

Resolved

(Cr McQueen/Cr Thomas)

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

- (1) Replanting of Pakuratahi East Forest*
- (2) Petone Water Supply*

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>
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| <i>(1) Replanting of the Pakuratahi East Forest</i> | <i>Because of the need to carry on commercial negotiations</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 (ie to carry on commercial negotiations).</i> |
| <i>(2) Petone Water Supply</i> | <i>To allow the carrying out of, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities</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 (ie to allow the carrying out of, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities).</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 of 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 (1) and (2)

The open part of the meeting concluded at 12.30pm

CR EUAN McQUEEN
Chairman

Date: