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Report 00.744

11 October 2000

File: E/6/12/1

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, 10 October 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, Shields and Turver.
Messrs Berkett, Beetham, Dalziell and Southey.

Also Present:

Councillor Gibson.

Officers Present:

S Blakemore, I Gunn (until 11.25 a.m.), W O'Donnell, L Race.

Procedural Items

RSW 253 Apology

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Mr Southey)

That the apology from Cr Macaskill be confirmed.

RSW 254 Public Participation

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

RSW 255 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved (Cr Turver/Mr Southey)

That the public and public excluded minutes of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 29 August 2000, Report 00.666 and Report PE 00.667; the public excluded part to remain in public excluded, be confirmed.

Matters for Committee Decision**RSW 256 Lower Tauherenikau River Management**

Report 00.714

File: Y/1/1/14

The Divisional Engineer was present for the discussion on this item.

Resolved (Mr Southey/Cr Buchanan)

That the following river management approaches for the lower Tauherenikau River be approved:

- (1) *Medium and Long Term approaches between Cross Sections 6 and 3; consisting of financial incentives for gravel extraction, channel regularisation and maintenance, and stopbank maintenance and improvements.*
- (2) *The Medium Term approach between Cross Section 3 and Lake Wairarapa; consisting of minimal channel maintenance, the lowering of the existing stopbank to construct a spillway, and upgrade of the containment stopbank.*
- (3) *Detailed investigation of the Long Term approach between Cross Section 3 and Lake Wairarapa. The investigation would include discussions and preliminary negotiations with Mrs Gillett and other affected parties.*

- (4) *Provision of an incentive for gravel extraction downstream of Cross Section 6 by waiving the Council's royalty charge.*

RSW 257 Regional Pest Management Strategies: Operational Plans

Report 00.720

File: Y/19/0/4

Mr Dalziell commented on the environmentally unfriendly situation whereby gorse was invading high quality gorse-free land. He considered that an awareness approach to prevent historically clear fertile land from becoming covered with gorse needed to be communicated to landholders.

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Shields)

- (1) *That the proposed Operational Plan 2000/01 for the Regional Pest Plant Management Strategy be approved.*
- (2) *That the proposed Operational Plan 2000/01 for the Regional Pest Animal Management Strategy be approved.*

Matters Reported for Information

RSW 258 Acting Divisional Manager's Report

Report 00.719

File: Y/21/1

Concerning 2.4 – Flood Event

A hydrological summary report of the flood event that had occurred during 1-3 October was tabled.

The Acting Divisional Manager gave a brief update of the flood event advising that 1037mm of rainfall had fallen in the Tararua Ranges over four days with an approximate 50 year return period event for Angle Knob. A second flood event had occurred on 8-9 October, with a further 200mms of rainfall expected on 11 October.

A video presentation of the second flood event showing the various high river levels and resultant flood damage to adjacent land was given.

Resolved (Cr McQueen/Mr Dalziell)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

Morning tea: 10.50 a.m.

Resumed at: 11.03 a.m.

RSW 259 Financial Report for the Two Months to 31 August 2000

Report 00.732

File: Y/2/1/1

Resolved (Cr Buchanan/Cr Shields)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

RSW 260 Resource Consents (Non-Notified)

Report 00.728

File: Y/12/2/0

Resolved (Cr Shields/Cr McQueen)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 261 Statutory Planning

Report 00.729

File: Y/11/2

Resolved (Cr Buchanan/Mr Dalziell)

That the information be received.

RSW 262 Catchment Works

Report 00.721

File: Y/0/4

Resolved (Cr McQueen/Cr Turver)

That the schedule be received.

Councillor's Proposal

RSW 263 Rating for Flood Protection

Report 00.731

**File: E/5/1/55
LM4/3/3**

Cr Gibson referred to his report about rating for flood protection and confirmed it was in response to a request from the last meeting of the Committee.

Other Matters

RSW 264 Questions

There were no questions.

RSW 265 General Business

Regional Constituency Review

Cr Gibson referred to the recent decision by Council on the Regional Constituency Review in relation to Wellington City and noted his view about possible implications for other constituencies.

The meeting closed at 12.10 p.m.

Cr F R Long
Chairperson

Date:

Wellington Regional Council – 26 October 2000

To be moved

That the Report of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 10 October 2000, Items RSW 253 to RSW 265 inclusive, be adopted.
