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Report 01.133

19 February 2001

File: E/6/12/1

Minutes of the Report of the Meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held in the Committee Room, Wellington Regional Council, 34 Chapel Street, Masterton, on Friday, 16 February 2001, at 9.30 a.m.

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| <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> |
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Present:

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

Also Present:

Councillor Shaw (from 9.55 a.m)

Officers Present:

S Blakemore, I Gunn, S Hill (until 11.56 a.m), W O'Donnell, N Shakespeare (until 11.50 a.m), L Race, K Saywell (until 11.35 a.m), G Schollum (until 11.35 a.m), C Wright.

Procedural Items

RSW 286 Apology

Resolved

(Cr McQueen/Mr Berkett)

That the apology from Cr Shields be sustained.

RSW 287 Public Participation

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

RSW 288 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved (Mr Dalziell/Cr Turver)

That the minutes of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 21 November 2000 be confirmed.

Resolved (Cr Turver/Mr Southey)

That the minutes of the meeting of the Regional Pest Management Review Sub-Committee held on 21 December 2000 be confirmed.

Cr Macaskill arrived at 9.37 a.m.

Matters for Recommendation to Policy & Finance Committee

RSW 289 Long Term Financial Strategy 2001-2010: 2001 Update (incorporating Council's 2001/02 Annual Plan)

(1) Report of Council Chairman

Report 01.65

File: CFO/7/6/9

Mr Southey stated that the Council's potential purchase of Tranz Metro could have a significant impact on the district's rating and requested discussion at an appropriate forum.

It was noted that appointed members were not up to date with the Tranz Metro issue and Cr Buchanan would brief them at the conclusion of the meeting.

Resolved (Cr Macaskill/Mr Dalziell)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

(2) Report of Chief Financial Officer**Report 01.66****File: CFO 7/6/9***Resolved**(Cr McQueen/Cr Turver)**That the report be received and its contents noted.***RSW 290 Wairarapa Division: Operating Plans 2001-2010****Report 01.75****File: Y/21/1**

The Committee agreed to consider Item 12 (Report 01.77) on the order paper in conjunction with Report 01.75.

Members had a lengthy discussion on the possible funding implications for the Council with the proposed National Pest Management Strategy for Bovine Tb that the Animal Health Board was seeking to publicly notify before 1 July 2001.

Cr Macaskill and Mr Dalziell summarised the outcome of the recent meeting held with Animal Health Board and Government representatives.

Resolved to Recommend (Mr Southey/Cr Turver)

- (1) That the report be received and its contents noted.**
- (2) That the following proposed Operating Plans be approved in principle:**
 - **Biosecurity**
 - **River Management**
 - **Soil Conservation**
 - **Planning & Resources**
 - **Business Units**
- (3) That the proposed Operating Plans for the above activities be recommended to the Policy & Finance Committee for inclusion in the Council's proposed Long Term Financial Strategy 2000-2010: 2001 Update (incorporating Council's 2001/02 Annual Plan).**

RSW 291 Review of Resource Management Charging Policy**Report 01.27****File: K/4/3/4**

Paula Pickford (Section Leader, Consents & Compliance) and Stephen Thawley (Resource Advisor) were present for the discussion on this item.

Members commented on the confusion that currently exists for farmers and contractors as to what are permitted activities within the Regional Plans. It was suggested that a pamphlet outlining the requirements for any proposed earthwork activities would assist farmers and contractors when planning future work.

The Committee noted the matter and agreed that the educational aspects relating to earthmoving activities be brought back to the next meeting of the Committee.

*Resolved**(Cr Turver/Cr Buchanan)*

- (1) That the report and Proposed Resource Management Charging Policy be received.*
- (2) That it be noted that the Proposed Resource Management Charging Policy is a draft document only and will be subject to a Special Consultative Procedure.*

Resolved to Recommend**(Cr Turver/Cr Buchanan)**

That the Proposed Resource Management Charging Policy be considered by the Policy & Finance Committee and that a Sub-Committee be appointed to hear public submissions and make recommendations to the Council.

Matter for Committee Decision**RSW 292 Waiohine Floodplain Advisory Committee – Progress Update****Report 01.53****File: Y/1/1/2**

Copies of Issue No.3 Waiohine River Floodplain Investigation newsletter and a proposed new Waiohine classification map were tabled.

Resolved (Cr Buchanan/Cr McQueen)

- (1) *That the contents of the report be noted, and the progress of the Waiohine Floodplain Advisory Committee endorsed.*
- (2) *That the Apple Barrel Floodway Closure be adopted as the preferred flood protection option for the Waiohine River floodplain.*

Cr Turver left the meeting at 11.55 a.m.

Matters Reported for Information

RSW 293 Divisional Manager's Report

Report 01.71

File: Y/21/1

Concerning 4.6 – Coastal Issues

Mr Southey queried the reasoning behind coastal landholders or their representatives being excluded from the invitation list for the forthcoming Coastal Forum on 26 February 2001.

It was noted that the proposed coastal forum was phase one in the development of a possible policy for managing the Wairarapa coastline and it was therefore considered appropriate to involve only local government at this point.

Resolved (Cr Buchanan/Mr Berkett)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 294 Financial Report for the Six Months to 31 December 2000

Report 01.67

File: Y/2/1/1

Members noted that three additional operating expenditure items had since been approved by Council at the 6 months review, i.e. \$45,000 to fund aerial photography work across the region; \$15,000 to fund bush retirements in conjunction with the QEII Trust, and \$15,000 to make a start on the Upper Ruamahanga rating classification review.

Resolved (Cr Buchanan/Mr Dalziell)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 295 Hornwort Control Proposal – Lake Wairarapa Wetlands

Report 01.73 **File: Y/15/2/2**

Resolved (Mr Dalziell/Mr Beetham)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 296 Update on Bovine Tb Vector Control Funding Situation

Report 01.77 **File: Y/4/1/1**

Resolved (Mr Southey/Mr Beetham)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 297 Remission of Annual Resource Management Charges

Report 01.68 **File: Y/12/1/4**

Resolved (Cr Buchanan/Mr Berkett)

That the report be received.

RSW 298 Resource Consents (Non-Notified)

Report 01.69 **File: Y/12/2/0**

Resolved (Mr Dalziell/Cr McQueen)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 299 Statutory Planning

Report 01.54 **File: Y/11/2**

Resolved (Cr Macaskill/Mr Berkett)

That the information be received.

RSW 300 Catchment Works**Report 01.55****File: Y/0/4***Resolved**(Mr Southey/Cr McQueen)**That the schedule be received.***RSW 301 Questions**

There were no questions.

RSW 302 General Business

There were no items of general business.

RSW 303 Public Excluded*Resolved**(Cr Long/Mr Southey)**That the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:**Possible Land Purchase – Tauherenikau Delta**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>Possible Land Purchase – Tauherenikau Delta</i> | <i>To enable negotiations by the public authority without prejudice or disadvantage.</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. to enable negotiations by the public authority without prejudice or disadvantage).</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 – J Gillett, F Donald

The meeting closed at 12.46 p.m.

Cr F R Long
CHAIRMAN

Date: