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Minutes of the Meeting of the Utility Services Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Thursday, 17 May 2001 at 9.30am

#### **Present**

Councillors Shaw (Acting Chairperson), Laidlaw, Macaskill, Shields, Thomas and Werry

**Also Present** 

Councillor Allen

#### **Officers Present**

Messrs Benham, Darroch, Kennedy, Morrison, Nugent, Roberts, Kristine Scherp, and Sells

# **Public Business**

### **Procedural Items**

US193 Apologies

Resolved (Cr Shaw/Cr Laidlaw)

That the apology from Councillor McQueen, be confirmed.

### **US194** Public Participation

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

#### **US195** Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved (Cr Laidlaw/Cr Shaw)

# **Matters for Recommendation**

# US196 Wainuiomata-Orongorongo Water Collection Area Access Plan Review

**Report 01.312** File: R/2/3/4, B/10/1/1

Susan Edwards, Manager, Parks and Forests (Strategy and Marketing) and Anne Manley, Landcare Planner, Policy were present for this item.

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Thomas)

That the Utility Services Committee recommends to the Policy and Finance Committee that the Council:

- (1) Notes the success of Phase 1 of the Wainuiomata-Orongorongo Water Collection Area Access Plan.
- (2) Agrees to Phase 2 of the Wainuiomata-Orongorongo Water Collection Area Access Plan progressing as drafted with the following variations:
  - (i) Access is to be limited to the Wainuiomata Catchment during Phase 2;
  - (ii) Access to the Orongorongo Catchment is to be considered for introduction during Phase 3;
  - (iii) Training of "tripleaders" on site will commence in January 2002 (following the completion by staff of the "tripleader" training programme) and the "tripleader" programme will be considered for full implementation during Phase 3;
  - (iv) One trip-day will be reserved specifically for individual members of the public to tour the Wainuiomata Catchment. Individuals will be able to apply to enter a ballot for places on this tour. All conditions applying to groups from clubs and other bona fide organisations visiting the Catchment will apply.
- (3) Endorses that the policy to provide the guided walking tours free of charge remain unchanged.
- (4) Agrees that Phase 2 of the Access Plan will be reviewed by 30 June 2002.

(5) Notes that implementation of Phase 2 will commence immediately following approval by Council.

# US197 Method for Setting the Wholesale Water Levy

**Report 01.300** File: B/5/2/1

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Thomas)

- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.
- (2) That the Committee recommends to the Policy and Finance Committee:
  - (i) The end of year water levy adjustment should be separate from the water levy which is set for the following financial year.
  - (ii) The end of year water levy adjustments (invoices and payments) are accounted for in the financial year in which the adjustments relate.

# **Matters for Information**

#### **US198** Water Connection Costs

**Report 01.302** File: O/5/3/21

Resolved (Cr Werry/Cr Laidlaw)

That the report be received and the information noted.

Morning tea: 10.40am Resumption: 10.55am

### **US199 Divisional Report**

**Report 01.303** File: O/2/1/10

#### Water to Kapiti

Members noted the long history of discussions of water supply to Kapiti. It was agreed that any formal request from Kapiti Coast District Council, to enable water to be supplied to the Kapiti Coast from the Wellington system, be referred to the Utility Services Committee in the first instance.

Resolved (Cr Thomas/Cr Laidlaw)

That the report be received and the information noted.

### US 200 Questions

There were no questions.

#### US 201 General

There were no matters of general business.

#### US202 Exclusion of the Public

## **Report 01.326**

Resolved (Cr Shaw/Cr Thomas)

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

Water Services Agreement with Wellington City Council

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:

General subject of each matter to be considered:	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each	Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Water Services Agreement with Wellington City Council	Because of the need to carry on commercial negotiations	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).

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 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

The open part of the meeting closed at 12.10pm.

CR ROBERT SHAW Acting Chairman

Date: