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Report 01.583

31 July 2001

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held in the Committee Room, Wellington Regional Council, 34 Chapel Street, Masterton, on Tuesday, 31 July 2001, at 9.30 a.m.

Present:

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

Officers Present:

S Blakemore, I Gunn, W O'Donnell, L Race.

Procedural Items

RSW 364 Apologies

There were no apologies.

RSW 365 Public Participation

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

RSW 366 Confirmation of Minutes*Resolved**(Cr Turver/Cr McQueen)*

- (a) *That the public and public excluded minutes of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 21 June 2001 (Report 01.461 and Report PE 01.462); the public excluded part to remain in public excluded, be confirmed.*
- (b) *That the minutes of the meetings of the Regional Pest Management Strategy Review Sub-Committee held on 15 June, 18 June and 13 July (Report 01.432), be confirmed.*

Matters Arising

Concerning RSW 350 (Report 01.461) - The Chairman circulated a letter dated 24 July 2001 from the Riversdale Beach Ratepayers Association advising of their satisfaction with the decision of the Committee to clean the Motuwaireka Stream tributary, but seeking a machine cleaning of the main lagoon.

The Committee considered this was additional work not covered in the recommendations and agreed to stand by its decision not to be involved in beach cutting, cleaning, and other works associated with the main lagoon.

Mr Dalziell arrived at 9.35 a.m.

RSW 367 Presentation – Farm Environment Award Trust

The Chairman welcomed Bill Garland (Chairman, Farm Environment Award Trust), Peter Mourits (Marketing Manager, Ballance Agri-Nutrients), and Phillipa Crequer (Waikato Farm Environment Award Trust), to the meeting to address the Committee on the Trust's proposal to expand the Waikato model throughout other regions as a national competition. The concept was comparing sustainability of all farm types over 20 hectares, and the national competition required the commitment and support of regional councils.

Cr Buchanan indicated that the Farm Environment Award Trust's proposal fitted in well with the Council's sustainability focus and environmental education programme, and conveyed to the representatives that this would be further pursued with the respective officers in both the Environment and Wairarapa Divisions.

Following questions, the Chairperson thanked the representatives for their presentation.

Matter for Recommendation to Council

RSW 368 Regional Pest Management Strategy Review – Sub-Committee/Hearings Committee Report

Report 01.542

File: Y/19/0/4

Members noted that copies of the responses to the 41 submitters were available for perusal through Biosecurity Department staff.

Cr Long extended the Committee's appreciation to officers for their significant input into the Regional Pest Management Strategy review process.

Resolved

Cr Long/Cr Buchanan

That the amended Proposed Regional Pest Management Strategy 2001-2021 be approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

Matters for Committee Decision

RSW 369 Changes to Management of Gravel Extraction in Wairarapa

Report 01.543

File: Y/1/8/10

Stephen Thawley, Resource Advisor, was present for the discussion on this item.

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Mr Dalziell)

- (1) That the report be received.*
- (2) That the guidelines for processing licences under resource consent WAR 990026 held by the Operations Department be endorsed.*
- (3) That the guidelines for processing future resource consent applications for gravel extraction be endorsed.*

RSW 370 Review of Commissioner Appointments**Report 01.533****File: Y/12/1/0**

Members noted that a similar report had previously been considered by the Environment Committee.

Cr Buchanan agreed to take up the question of a set commissioners rate with officers in the Environment Division.

*Resolved**(Cr Turver/Mr Beetham)*

That the report be received and the approach outlined in Report 01.533 for the future selection of individuals to act as commissioners be endorsed.

Morning tea: 10.45 a.m.

Resumed at: 11.03 a.m.

Matters Reported for Information**RSW 371 Acting Divisional Manager's Report****Report 01.536****File: Y/21/1****Bovine TB Update, Aerial Update**

Mr Dalziell commented on the excellent results and data being achieved with the use of prefeeding for aerial operations, and asked that officers prepare a report outlining the benefits of this work with details of costing differentials between lowering the toxic levels to 2kg, pellets and carrots, in order that future communications can be pursued with other parties.

Regional Council Tour – 14/15 July

Cr Macaskill conveyed his thanks and appreciation to officers for their contribution and input into the recent tour of the Wairarapa which had been held as a preliminary to the Local Government Association Conference. Tremendous feedback from those on the tour had been positive and the enjoyment of the two days had been a great reflection on the commitment of staff.

Resolved (Mr Berkett/Cr McQueen)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 372 Bovine Tb Vector Control – A Review of 2000/01 Operations

Report 01.532 **File: Y/4/1**

Resolved (Cr Buchanan/Mr Dalziell)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 373 Hornwort Control Trial

Report 01.526 **File: Y/15/6/1**

Resolved (Mr Southey/Cr Turver)

(1) *That the report be received.*

(2) *That the inclusion of Hornwort in the Proposed Regional Pest Management Strategy, as being subject to registration of the chemical Endothall, be noted.*

RSW 374 End of Year Summary – Policy & Planning Section

Report 01.537 **File: Y/11/2**

Resolved (Cr Buchanan/Mr Dalziell)

That the information be received.

RSW 375 Regional Council Input into District Planning

Report 01.531 **File: Y/11/2**

Resolved (Mr Southey/Cr McQueen)

That the information be received.

RSW 376 Annual Hydrology Report 2000

Report 01.538

File: Y/13/1/0

The Section Leader, Resource Investigations, was present for the discussion on this item.

Resolved

(Cr McQueen/Cr Turver)

That the report be received.

RSW 377 Annual Groundwater Hydrology Report 2000

Report 01.541

File: Y/13/1/0

The Section Leader, Resource Investigations, was present for the discussion on this item.

Resolved

(Cr McQueen/Cr Turver)

That the report be received.

RSW 378 Notified Resource Consent Applications Granted in Past Financial Year

Report 01.530

File: Y/12/2/0

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Mr Dalziell)

That the report be received.

RSW 379 Resource Consents (Non Notified)

Report 01.535

File: Y/12/2/0

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Mr Beetham)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 380 River and Catchment Works

Report 01.522

File: Y/0/4

Resolved

(Cr Macaskill/Mr Southey)

That the schedule be received.

RSW 381 Questions

There were no questions.

RSW 382 General Business

Members referred to the recent newspaper article stating that scientists had made a breakthrough in their research to find a way to fight willow sawfly.

Mr Gunn indicated that he had attended a meeting on 27 July of the River Managers Group in Palmerston North where an update on results achieved to date and identification of a solution to the willow sawfly problem had been discussed.

The meeting closed at 12.14 p.m.

CR F R LONG
Chairman

Date: