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Report 02.546

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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 Tuesday, 23 July 2002 at 9.30am

Present

Councillors Werry (Chairperson), Aitken, Kirton, Laidlaw, Long, McDavitt, Shields and Thomas

Also Present

Councillor Barr and Councillor Evans

Officers Present

Messrs Benham, Duggan, Kennedy, Leonard, Nugent, Roberts and Sells

Public Business

Procedural Items

US 33 **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

US 34 **Public Participation**

Ian Huckstepp

Mr Huckstepp said he wished to paint a mural of a ‘Smiley Face’ on the top of the Regional Council’s reservoir in Ngauranga Gorge and while there was a lack of agreement among managers requested that the members of the Committee give favourable consideration to his request. Mr Huckstepp said he hoped his project would capture the popular imagination and add to the positive image Wellington had both for its residents and visitors to the region.

US 35 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Shields)

That the minutes of the meeting of 20 February 2002, Report 02.232, be confirmed.

Matter for Recommendation to the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee

US 36 **Wainuiomata-Orongorongo Water Collection Area Access Plan Review**

Report 02.442

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Councillor Evans arrived at 10.15am.

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Werry,

That Council:

(1) Receives the report and notes its contents.

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Werry,

That Council:

(2) Agree to Phase 3 of the Wainuiomata-Orongorongo Water Collection Area Access Plan progressing as drafted, with the following variations:

(i) Three “trip-days” 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 these tours. All conditions applying to groups from clubs and other bona fide organisations visiting the Catchment will apply.

(ii) The ratio of rangers/interpreters to visitors is to remain at a minimum of 1:10 during Phase 3, in both the Wainuiomata and the Orongorongo Catchments.

- (iii) *At least one Landcare Ranger will accompany all groups entering the Orongorongo Catchment during Phase 3.*

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Werry,

That Council:

- (3) *Endorse that the policy give consideration to cost recovery charging for guided tours.*

Councillor Aitken dissented.

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Werry,

That Council:

- (4) *Note that Phase 3 of the Access Plan will be comprehensively reviewed as part of the ongoing Forest Lands Management Plan review and that access to the Wainuiomata/Orongorongo Water Collection Area will be incorporated in that Plan.*

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Werry,

That Council:

- (5) *Note that implementation of Phase 3 will commence immediately following approval by Council.*

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Werry,

That Council:

- (6) *Seek comment from Medical Officer of Health and ways the access to catchments can be used without damaging public health and compromising water safety.*

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Werry,

That Council:

- (7) *Request officers to monitor visitor impacts on water quality, and the Natural Environment and report the results back to the Committee in due course.*

Matter for Decision

US 37 Private Proposal for a Mural for the Council's Ngauranga Water Reservoir

Report 02.443

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Moved

(Cr Long/Cr Kirton)

That the proposal in principle for a mural for the Council's Ngauranga water reservoir, be approved subject to:

- (a) consultation of Broadmeadows residents is carried out by the Council at the proposer's cost.*
- (b) the proposal being supported by the Wellington City Council.*
- (c) the consultation process shows a firm level of support for the proposal, as determined by the Committee.*
- (d) the proposer enters into an agreement with the Council for the painting of the reservoir roof, future maintenance and eventual removal of the artwork.*
- (e) all internal costs for the proposal are met by the Council.*

Councillors Aitken and Thomas dissented.

Matters for Information

US 38 Divisional Report

Report 02.440

File: 0/2/1/10

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Thomas)

That the report be received and the information noted.

US 39 Questions

Councillor Thomas asked whether there were any special security issues following Mr Benham's recent visit to USA. Mr Benham said there were no specific issues for New Zealand to deal with.

Councillor Thomas asked whether there were any emergency issues to consider in relation to the region's preparedness for a natural disaster for the initial three days after the emergency. Mr Benham said that the Regional Council was in continual liaison with the territorial authorities and information and was updated from time to time.

Councillor Thomas asked about whether any further consideration had been given to the naming of the water group and forestry.

Mr Benham said this would be considered under the new branding policy.

Concerning the chlorination of water for the Hutt City Mr Benham said the Hutt City Council was giving further consideration to the issue and Mr Benham said he would report to the Utility Services Committee later in the year.

US 40 General

Councillor Thomas asked for a trip to be organised to the Wainuiomata Catchment and especially an opportunity to view the tunnels from Seaview and Gracefield.

The meeting closed at 12.30pm.

CR R J WERRY
Chairperson

Date: