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Report of the Meeting of the Utility Services Committee held in the Te Marua Water Treatment Plant, Te Marua on Tuesday, 3 September 2002 at 10.40am

Matters for Council decision are shown in bold type and enclosed in a box Matters for information of Council are in italic type

Present

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

Also Present

Councillors Barr, Buchanan and Evans

Officers Present

Messrs Benham, Darroch, Kennedy, Leonard, Morrison, Nugent, Roberts and Sells

Public Business

Procedural Items

US 41 Apologies

Resolved (Cr Werry/Cr Laidlaw)

That the apology from Councillor Thomas be confirmed.

US 42 Public Participation

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

US 43 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved (Cr Shields/Cr Aitken)

That the minutes of the meeting of 23 July 2002, Report 02.546, be confirmed.

Matter for Decision

US 44 Wainuiomata Treatment Plant: Catchment Management

Report 02.543 File: B/10/1/1 & B/10/1/2

Councillor Aitken said that given the publicity surrounding the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, which commences today, there should be opportunities to communicate the sustainable principles of catchment management outlined in Report 02.543. Councillor Aitken said the Council's good work in the areas of catchment management should be communicated to business and community organisations.

Resolved (Cr Laidlaw/Cr Kirton)

That the current policy of managed access for the Wainuiomata and Orongorongo catchments be endorsed.

Matters for Information

US 45 Walking Tours in the Wainuiomata/Orongorongo Water Collection Area

Report 02.537 File: R/2/3/4 & B/10/1/1

Resolved (Cr Kirton/Cr Shields)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

US 46 Annual Review for the Water Group and Plantation Forestry for the 12 Months Ended 30 June 2002

Report 02.536 File: O/03/02/14

Councillor Evans left at 11.27am Councillor Shields left at 11.30am Councillor McDavitt left at 11.35am Members suggested the report showed there were communication opportunities for the triple bottom line reporting principles included in the report and the good news should be communicated to the community where appropriate.

Members noted that the Water Group had both business and sustainability aspects which were not mutually exclusive and requested that more social aspects of sustainability be developed in future reporting.

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Laidlaw)

That the report be received and the information noted.

US 47 Divisional Report

Report 02.528 File: O/2/1/10

Award

Members congratulated the Division for the Award from the Association of Consulting Engineers of New Zealand in recognition of outstanding performance in developing the energy minimisation system.

Mr Benham said that the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA) had also entered the project in the innovation section of their awards. EECA has recently advised that this project has been selected as one of the four finalists. Members requested details of the Association of Consulting Engineers Award be published in Elements.

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Kirton)

That the report be received and the information noted.

US 48 Questions

Councillor Long asked whether it would be possible to have further meetings away from the Wellington Regional Council offices in Wakefield Street, Wellington.

Mr Darroch said that while there were organisational and other costs to be taken into account he would pass on the suggestion to Dr Hastie, Council Secretary.

Councillor Aitken said she had discussed with Mayor Guppy the possibility of holding a standing committee meeting at the Upper Hutt City Council.

US 49 General

There were no matters of general business.

US 50 Exclusion of the Public

Report 02.547 File: O/2/1/10

Resolved (Cr Werry/Cr Kirton)

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

Security Review of the Water Group Operations

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
Security Review of the Water Group Operations	Because of the need to not endanger the safety of any person	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 not endanger the safety of any person).

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:

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The meeting closed at 11.50am.

CR R J WERRY Chairperson

Date:

Wellington Regional Council – 17 September 2002

To be moved:

That the report of the meeting of the Utility Services Committee held on 3 September 2002, Items US 41 to US 50, be adopted.