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Report 02.655

2 October 2002

File: E/6/12/2

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, 1 October 2002, at 9.30 a.m.

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

Present:

Councillors Long (Chairperson), Buchanan, Kirton, McDavitt, and Turver.
Messrs Benton, Dalziell, and Southey.

Officers Present:

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

Procedural Items

RSW 106 Apologies

Resolved

(Mr Southey/Cr Buchanan)

That the apologies from Cr Shields and Mr McQueen, and the apology for lateness from Mr Dalziell, be confirmed.

RSW 107 Public Participation

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

RSW 108 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved (Cr Turver/Cr Buchanan)

That the minutes of the meeting of the Rural Services & Wairarapa Committee held on 20 August 2002 (Report 02.560) be confirmed.

Resolved (Cr Buchanan/Cr McDavitt)

That the minutes of the Regional Pest Management Sub-Committee held on 26 August 2002 (Report 02.545) be received.

Cr Kirton arrived at 9.40 a.m.

Mr Dalziell arrived at 9.50 a.m.

Matter for Recommendation to Council**RSW 109 Wairarapa Economic Development Strategy**

Report 02.600

File: Y/21/5

The Chairman welcomed Mr Geoff Copps from Go Wairarapa to the meeting. Mr Copps gave a presentation on the new organisation that had been operational since 1 July 2002, and outlined their Wairarapa Economic Development Strategy.

A copy of the Strategy had been forwarded to Councillors and appointed members of the Committee.

Resolved to Recommend (Cr Turver/Mr Southey)

- (1) *That the Wairarapa Economic Development Strategy be endorsed and the various actions that may involve the Council be noted.*
- (2) *That Go Wairarapa be congratulated on the production of a concise and action orientated document.*

Matters for Committee Decision

RSW 110 Extension of Time Period for Objection to Additional Charges

Report 02.602

File: Y/12/2/8

Further letters received on 30 September and 1 October from Mr A J Barton were tabled.

Members discussed the recent media article that had been published prior to the meeting.

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Buchanan)

That the Committee not receive Mr Barton's objection to additional charges levied in respect of Consent Application WAR 000230 (withdrawn) on the basis that it was received well outside the time limits prescribed under Section 357(5) of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Morning tea: 9.50 a.m.

Resumed: 11.03 a.m.

RSW 111 Aquatic Plant Control – Herbicide Registration

Report 02.593

File: Y/15/6/1

Resolved

(Mr Southey/Cr Buchanan)

- (1) That support for the registration of the herbicide, Endothall, be confirmed.*
- (2) That the Committee agrees to membership of the consortium of stakeholders seeking registration.*

RSW 112 Proposed Moratorium on Groundwater Takes from the Kahutara Aquifer

Report 02. 588

File: Y/12/3/4

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Mr Benton)

- (1) That the report be received.*

- (2) *That the Committee approve a moratorium be placed on the consenting of new or increased groundwater takes from aquifers 2 and 3 of the Kahutara sub-area of the Lower Valley groundwater zone.*

Resolved (Cr Turver/Cr Kirton)

- (3) *That a targeted educational programme be undertaken to discourage the unnecessary use on groundwater takes by irrigation users within the aquifers.*

Mr Benton dissented.

Matters Reported for Information

RSW 113 Divisional Manager's Report

Report 02.590

File: Y/21/1

Concerning 2.4 – Staffing

The Committee agreed that a letter be forwarded to Ian Heslop, Divisional Engineer, expressing their sincere thanks and appreciation for his significant input and services to the Council over the past 11 years, and wishing him well in his new appointment.

Resolved (Cr Kirton/Cr Buchanan)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 114 Financial Report for the Two Months to 31 August 2002

Report 02.599

File: Y/21/1

Resolved (Cr Turver/Cr Buchanan)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

RSW 115 Regional Council Input into District Planning

Report 02.589

File: Y/11/2

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr McDavitt)

That the report be received.

RSW 116 Resource Consents (Non Notified)

Report 02.591

File: Y/12/2/0

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr McDavitt)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 117 Catchment Works

Report 02.592

File: Y/0/4

Resolved

(Mr Dalziell/Cr Buchanan)

That the schedule be received.

RSW 118 Questions

There were no questions.

RSW 119 General Business

Cr Turver raised the suggestion and sought the Committee's interest in acknowledging members of the public who have performed outstanding contributions and assistance to Council activities.

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Mr Benton)

That the Committee take a leadership role in initiating a recognition system to worthy recipients for their contribution to Council activities.

The meeting closed at 12.30 p.m.

CR F R LONG
Chairperson

Date: