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Minutes of the Meeting of the Utility Services Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Tuesday, 25 March 2003 at 9.30am

Present

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

Officers Present

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

Public Business

Procedural Items

US 70 Apologies

There were no apologies.

US 71 Public Participation

Mr Huckstepp

Mr Huckstepp said that he had a simple proposal without ambiguity to paint a smiley face on the top surface of Greater Wellington's Ngauranga Reservoir. If the Regional Council supported the proposal in principle the Wellington region will then have an opportunity to voice an opinion on the proposal through a resource consent process.

Mr Walker

Mr Walker said a smiley face on the Ngauranga Reservoir would have an adverse effect on the quality of life for people living near the area. There were no economic benefits or cultural advantages and the smiley face would only be seen from the air by 1.7% of travellers in and out of Wellington airport.

Mr Wright

Mr Wright said he was a resident of Broadmeadows since 1974. He had a wonderful panoramic view and until now authorities had done everything possible to disguise the presence of the Ngauranga reservoir. Mr Wright produced photos for viewing by members. Mr Wright said the concrete on the reservoir had weathered and the colouring now blended in with the environment on the hillsides. Mr Wright noted that of those residents who can see the reservoir from their properties, 26 opposed and 9 supported the smiley face.

Mr Wright tabled the following documents:

- A letter dated 13 December 1995 from Dialogue Consultants Ltd to Mr Wright
- A page providing figures by Wellington Airport Company on arrivals and departures
- A copy of a report 02.443 dated 16 July 2002 from Andrew Samuel, Marketing Analysis Manager, Water Supply to the Utility Services Committee entitled *Private Proposal for a Mural for the Council's Ngauranga Water Reservoir*
- A letter dated 18 March 2003 to Mr Walker from Mr Samuel, Greater Wellington Water

US 72 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr McDavitt)

That the public and public excluded minutes of the meeting of 26 November 2002, Report 02.796 and Report PE02.797, be confirmed.

Matters for Decision**US 73 Smiley Face Mural Consultation – Result and Further Requirements**

Report 03.150

File: B/44/01/02

Moved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Aitken)

That Greater Wellington's further support for painting the proposed mural on Ngauranga Reservoir be declined, in light of the survey results and Wellington City Council's viewpoint.

The above motion was **LOST**, three votes in favour and five opposed.

Moved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Shields)

That the Committee:

- (1) Notes that resource consent approval is now required, under Wellington City Council's District Plan, before the proposed Smiley Face mural could be painted on Ngauranga Reservoir.*
- (2) Notes that Wellington City Council does not support the proposed mural being painted on Ngauranga Reservoir.*
- (3) Notes the results of the Greater Wellington-run survey of opinion about the proposal, conducted in the Broadmeadows area, be noted.*

CARRIED

Moved

(Cr Long/Cr Shields)

Reaffirms Greater Wellington's support for the proposed mural, subject to the proposer gaining the appropriate resource consent from Wellington City Council, be reaffirmed.

The above motion was **LOST**, 4 votes in favour and 4 votes opposed on the casting vote of the Chairperson.

When voting had been completed on the above item Councillor Thomas asked about the status of Councillor McDavitt when he attended meetings of the Utility Services Committee both as a member of the Committee and Deputy Chairperson of Council.

Mr Darroch said the Council Chairperson and the Council Deputy Chairperson are not members of the Utility Services Committee when considering Wellington Bulk Water Supply matters. Also the Deputy Council Chairperson does not vote when the Council Chairperson is present.

Following discussion the meeting agreed to proceed to the next item of business.

US 74 **Review of Charges for Private Water Supplies**

Report 03.136

File: B/5/3/1

Resolved

(Cr Long/Cr Laidlaw)

- (1) That the retention of the current supply charge of 42.6 cents per cubic meter for the 2003/04 financial year be approved.*
- (2) That the new scale of fixed charges set out in Attachment 2 be approved.*

Matters for Information

US 75 Possible Kaitoke Water Main Diversion – State Highway 2 to State Highway 58

Report 03.146

File: B/09/02/02

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Shields)

- (1) That the risks associated with the segment of the Kaitoke water main between SH2 and SH58, be noted.*
- (2) That \$40,000 is included in the draft capital works programme for 2003/2004 for investigation and design of the diversion be noted.*
- (3) That \$1.8 million is included in the draft capital works programme for the construction of the diversion in 2004/2005 be noted.*
- (4) That the diversion does not completely eliminate the risk of damage to the water main, and emergency materials and appropriate emergency planning are to be put in place be noted.*

US 76 Annual Review of the Microbiological Quality of Drinking Water in NZ: 2001

Report 03.137

File: B/2/7/5

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Laidlaw)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

US 77 Divisional Report

Report 03.147

File: O/02/01/10

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Kirton)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

US 78 Questions

There were no questions.

US 79 General

There were no matters of general business.

The meeting closed at 10.55am.

The meeting reconvened at 11.00am.

Procedural Matter

Councillor Werry said officers had advised that Councillor McDavitt, Deputy Chairperson of Council and an ex officio member of the Utility Services Committee should not have voted on the smiley face item while Councillor Shields, Chairperson of Council, was present. Councillor Werry suggested that it would be prudent for the Committee to reconsider the matter given the closeness of the voting.

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Shields)

That the item: Smiley Face Consultation, Result and Further Requirements be recommitted.

Matter for Decision

Smiley Face Consultation, Result and Further Requirements

Report 03.150

File: B/44/01/02

Moved

(Cr Aitken/Cr Thomas)

That further support for painting the proposed mural on Ngauranga Reservoir be declined in light of the survey results and Greater Wellington Council's viewpoint.

The above motion was **LOST**, 3 votes in favour and 4 opposed.

The meeting closed at 11.10am.

CR R J WERRY
Chairperson