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Minutes of the Meeting of the Passenger Transport Committee held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Thursday, 12 February 2004 at 9.30am

Present

Councillors Turver (Chairperson), Aitken, Barr, Buchanan, Evans, Kirton, McDavitt, Shields and Thomas and Councillor Foster (WCC)

Also Present

Councillors Long and Werry

Officers Present

Messrs Campbell, Cross, Darroch, Grace, Carolyn Lefebvre, Karen Richardson and Dr Watson

Public Business

Procedural Items

PT 155 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Aitken)

That the apology from Councillor Laidlaw be confirmed.

PT 156 **Public Participation**

Mr J Ward. East by West Company

Mr Ward said the Eastbourne Market Research Report had concluded that the most likely improvement to bring new users to public transport in the greater Eastbourne area is the provision of more frequent ferry sailings.

Mr Ward said the East by West Company believes a second ferry is necessary and is prepared to invest in the significant capital cost of a new ferry if it has the support of the Greater Wellington Regional Council.

The Company is eager to develop additional routes including the trialing of a new commuter service from Petone to the City. Mr Ward asked whether Council officers would be prepared to look at options and costs.

Following questions Councillor Turver asked officers to investigate and report back on the East by West proposals at the March Passenger Transport Committee meeting.

Mr B Efford, Transport 2000+

Mr Efford said he agreed with the recommendations included in the agenda for today's meeting about the Fares Review Update. The restructured fares will encourage a greater use of public transport and this will result in environmental benefits and an improvement in traffic flows in the region.

Mr Efford also congratulated members for the progress on the new Petone Station development.

Mr Randle

Mr Randle said he was making representations on behalf of Mr Keay, organiser of the petition opposing the fare increases. Mr Keay had been unable to attend today's meeting. Mr Randle said while Council had accepted some of the points raised in the petition there was disappointment some children's fares will increase.

A copy of Mr Keay's letter of 12 February 2004 was circulated to members.

PT 157 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Aitken)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2003, Report 03.739, be confirmed.

Matter for Decision

PT 158 **Fares Review Update**

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Moved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Aitken)

- (1) *That the new fare boundaries and fares be implemented as agreed by the Committee on 12 June 2003, except that \$1.00 for adults and 50 cents for children be adopted as the standard one section cash fare throughout the Region, recognising that this may cost the Council as much as \$300,000 per annum in increased contract payments to operators, subject to the approval of the extra funding.*
- (2) *That the already-implemented changes to the proposals as described in section 5 above, be noted.*
- (3) *That all fares be reviewed in two year's time.*

Amendment

(Cr Barr/Cr Thomas)

That \$1.50 for adults and 70 cents for children be adopted as the Standard One Section cash fare throughout the region.

The above amendment was **LOST** on a show of hands 3 votes in favour and 6 opposed.

The motion as moved by Councillor McDavitt and seconded by Councillor Aitken was then put and **CARRIED** on a show of hands 7 votes in favour and 2 opposed.

Councillor Thomas dissented.

Councillor Turver said that having completed the fares review update would officers report to the next meeting on future proposals for passenger transport planning in the region.

Matters for Information

PT 159 **New Hutt Valley Bus Services – Post Campaign Evaluation**

Report 04.44

File: T/10/01/37

Mr Oulaghan and Liz Whitfield, TNS, gave a presentation on their recently completed Hutt Valley Bus Communication Market Research assignment including an evaluation of the promotional material and the public perception of the new services.

Dr Watson said he will carry out a cost benefit review of the new Hutt Valley Bus Services over the next two years including patronage increases and other benefits. Dr Watson said he will outline the evaluation process at the next meeting.

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Evans)

That the report be received.

PT 160 **Petone Station**

Report 04.45

File: TP/06/03/07

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Barr)

That the report be received.

PT 161 **Divisional Report**

Report 04.20

File: E/06/19/04

Patronage Funding Review

Dr Watson said he will include actual numbers as well as percentages when next presenting patronage funding statistics to the Committee.

Holiday Think Piece

It was agreed a full Council workshop be held to consider Dr Watson's think piece.

Wairarapa DHB

Carolyn Lefebvre said more work will be undertaken to provide alternative transport for people with disabilities who have no access to taxi services in the area.

Stagecoach Mini Conference - Telemarketing

Dr Watson said he will circulate the presentation material in the Councillors' Bulletin.

Porirua and Tawa Service Review Update

Dr Watson said he will consider a Quality Partnership Agreement with Porirua City Council and transport operators in the area to assist with improvements in the region.

Eastbourne Review

Resolved

(Cr Aitken/Cr McDavitt)

That officers prepare a report on the matters raised in The Eastbourne Market Research Report about increased ferry services and the views expressed by Mr Ward, Managing Director, East West Ferry Limited, at today's meeting.

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Aitken)

That the report be received.

Other Matters

PT 162 **Questions**

There were no questions.

PT 163 **General**

There were no matters of general business.

The meeting closed at 11.55am.

Cr C TURVER

Chairperson