



Report 06.134

15 March 2006

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Report of the Meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held in the Committee Room, Greater Wellington Regional Council, 34 Chapel Street, Masterton, on Tuesday, 14 March 2006, at 9.30 am.

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.
Messrs Dalziell, Read, McQueen, and Southey.

Officers Present:

D Benham (Chief Executive), G Dick, I Gunn, W O'Donnell, L Race, C Robertson, S Hill, N Shakespeare (until 10.48am), T Taylor.

Public Business

Procedural Items

RSW 94 Apologies

Resolved

(Mr Southey/Mr Dalziell)

That the Committee

Accept the apologies for absence from Crs Baber, Kirton, and Turver.

RSW 95 Public Participation

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

RSW 96 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved

(Mr Read/Mr Southey)

That the Committee:

Confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee (Report 05.702) held on 24 November 2005.

Matters Arising

RSW 86 – Awhea-Opouawe Catchment Scheme Classification Review – following the presentation by Stephen Franks at the November Committee meeting Committee members were advised that the issues raised were being addressed.

Officers will report back to a future meeting.

Matter for Committee Decision

RSW 97 Regional Bovine Tb Vector Control Programme – Funding Reductions 2006/07 – 2008/09

Report 06.41

File: WB/03/01/09

The Committee was advised that there was considerable concern with the potential impact of the recent funding reductions on the vector control programme. The reduced funding had implications for meeting the Animal Health Board's goals and as importantly the capacity to maintain the gains achieved in lowering possum numbers incurred through the Bovine Tb programme.

Members discussed whether there was an opportunity to look at a sole supplier contract option for vector control and so maintain our capacity to undertake this work.

Members were advised that the Animal Health Board had reprioritised significant spending to the West Coast to get on top of rising Bovine Tb levels. The contestability model was part of the funding agreement with the Crown.

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Mr Southey)

That the Committee:

Request officers to report back to the Committee on options available to Greater Wellington in responding to the Animal Health Board's budgetary situation.

Matters Reported for Information

RSW 98 Bovine Tb Vector Control – Status of Contracting Industry

Report 06.40

File: WB/03/01/05

Additional information to Report 06.40 was tabled.

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Mr Dalziell)

That the Committee:

- (1) Receives the report.*
- (2) Notes the contents of the report.*

RSW 99 Scheme Rate Reviews

Report 06.68

File: WO/02/20/01

File: WO/03/30/01

A presentation was given on the proposed rating classification for the Lower Wairarapa Valley Development Scheme.

The Committee noted that following Stephen Frank's presentation at the previous Committee meeting a further submission had been received reinforcing his concerns with the proposed classification for the Awhea-Opouawe Catchment Scheme. Members were advised that officers

proposed to recommend a different option to the forthcoming Advisory Committee meeting.

Reference was made to the ongoing problems at Usshers Hill in the Awhea-Opouawe Catchment Scheme. It was noted that staff needed to ensure Council policies were implemented consistently.

Resolved

(Mr Southey/Cr Buchanan)

That the Committee:

- (1) Receives the report*
- (2) Notes the contents of the report.*

Morning tea: 10.48am

Resumed: 11.00am

RSW 100 Divisional Manager's Report

Report 06.49

File: WS/08/05/01

Resolved

(Mr Dalziell/Mr Read)

That the Committee

- (1) Receive the report.*
- (2) Note the contents of the report.*

RSW 101 Regional Council Input into District Planning

Report 06.67

File: WP/02/14/02

Resolved

(Mr Read/Mr Southey)

That the Committee

Receive the information.

RSW 102 Resource Consents (Non Notified)

Report 06.66

File: WP/03/06/01

Resolved

(Mr Southey/Mr Dalziell)

That the Committee

(1) Receive the report.

(2) Note the contents of the report.

RSW 103 Questions

There were no questions.

RSW 104 General Business

There were no items of general business.

Members noted that a LTCCP presentation would be given at the conclusion of the meeting.

11.24am The meeting closed.

Cr F R Long
CHAIRMAN

Date:

Greater Wellington Regional Council - 27 April 2006

To be moved

That Council

Adopt the Report of the Meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 14 March 2006, RSW 94 to RSW 104 inclusive.