



Report 07.357

11 May 2007

File: E/6/12/2

Minutes of the Meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held in the Committee Room, Greater Wellington Regional Council, 34 Chapel Street, Masterton, on Thursday, 10 May 2007, at 9.30am.

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), Baber, Buchanan, Kirton, Turver.
Messrs Dalziell, Read, and Southey.

Officers Present:

D Benham, G Dick, N Corry, M Kennedy, G Campbell, D Cameron, I Gunn,
W O'Donnell, L Race, C Robertson, T Taylor.

Public Business

Procedural Items

RSW 177 Apology

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Mr Southey)

That the Committee

Accepts the apology for absence from Mr McQueen.

RSW 178 Public Participation

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

9.34am Cr Kirton arrived.

9.35am The meeting was adjourned to go into a workshop.

10.10am The meeting was reconvened.

RSW 179 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved (Mr Southey/Cr Turver)

That the Committee:

Confirm the public and public excluded minutes of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 20 March 2007 (Reports 07.189 and Report PE 07.190).

Matter for Recommendation to Council

RSW 180 Didymo Long Term Management Programme

Report 07.271

File: WB/01/15/02

Resolved to Recommend (Cr Baber/Cr Buchanan)

That the Council:

- (1) *Agrees to be a partner with Biosecurity NZ and other agencies in the future management of the aquatic pest Didymo within the Wellington region.*
- (2) *Notes that Biosecurity NZ has some funding available in 2007/08 for social marketing and other activities to be undertaken by Regional Councils.*
- (3) *Notes that future ongoing costs related to the proposed partnership are currently being assessed and are intended to be available for consideration at the June 2007 Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee.*

Matter for Committee Decision

RSW 181 Targeted Scheme Rates and Balances

Report 07.260

File: WS/08/05/01

Mike Longworth, Acting Team Leader, Flood Protection, was present for the discussion on this item.

Members were updated on the amendments to the current and recommended rates in the attachment to Report 07.260.

The Committee extended their congratulations to staff of the Flood Protection and Land Management Departments on their input into the various river and catchment scheme advisory meetings and indicated that there was a positive attitude towards Greater Wellington and the operation of the various river and catchment schemes.

Resolved

(Mr Read/Mr Southey)

That the Committee:

- (1) Note the information in the report.*
- (2) Approve Councillors Buchanan and Long forming a sub-committee to approve the final scheme rates schedule to be submitted to the formal Council meeting at its meeting on 12 June 2007.*

Matters Reported for Information

RSW 182 Key Native Ecosystems – Pest Plant Management Update

Report 07.252

File: WB/01/11/01

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Kirton)

That the Committee:

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

The meeting was adjourned between 10.45am and 10.57am for morning tea.

RSW 183 Divisional Managers' Report

Report 07.203

File: WS/08/05/01

Nigel Corry updated the Committee on the implementation of the Building Act requirements for the building of dams. It was noted that a report was to be considered by Council at its June meeting concerning the possible transfer of Greater Wellington functions, or contracting out, to Environment Waikato to process dam consent applications on Greater Wellington's behalf.

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Baber)

That the Committee:

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

RSW 184 Questions

There were no questions.

RSW 185 General Business

There were no items of general business.

RSW 186 Exclusion of the Public

Report 07.279

File: E/06/12/01

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Mr Southey)

That the Committee:

Exclude the public from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

Future Implementation of the Bovine Tb Programme in the Wellington Region

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:

<i>General subject of each matter to be considered:</i>	<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each</i>	<i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
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The future implementation of the Bovine Tb Programme in the Wellington Region including work completed under contract by Greater Wellington.

Release of this report would disadvantage the Council in its negotiations with the Animal Health Board to renew its Vector Management contract, and may prejudice the discussions over the vector control work presently undertaken by the BioWorks business unit. The Council has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override this prejudice.

Release of information included in the report would also prejudice the privacy of employees of Greater Wellington by disclosing details relating to their employment. Greater Wellington has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override the privacy of Greater Wellington's employees.

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 under sections 7(2)(a) and 7(2)(i) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e to protect the privacy of natural persons and to enable Greater Wellington to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations).

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1) 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 which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as specified above.

The open part of the meeting closed at 11.05am

Cr F R Long
CHAIRMAN

Date: