

Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Thursday, 25 March 1999 at 10.30am

Present

Councillors Buchanan (Chairperson), Allen, Gibson, McDavitt, Shields and Turver and Mr Morrison

Officers Present

Messrs Darroch, Forlong, Pryce, van Schalkwyk, Skene, Sherriff and Waddington and Drs Bradbury and Hastie

Public Business

Procedural Items

E 47 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Allen)

That the apologies from Councillor Macaskill and Mr Earl, and the apology for lateness from Councillor McDavitt, be confirmed.

Members noted that Councillor Macaskill was absent on other Council business.

E 48 **Public Participation**

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

E 49 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 February 1999 and the special meeting held on 1 March 1999 be confirmed.

Matters Arising

Mr Morrison should be added to those present for the 16 February 1999 meeting.

Harbour Matters

Matters for Information

E 50 **Pleasure Boat Safety Advisory Group Interim Report**

Report 99.129

File: J/3/1/10

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Shields)

That the report be received and the information noted.

E 51 **Maritime Safety Authority Report into the Grounding of the Vessel Te Hukatai on 9 December 1998 in Porirua Harbour**

Report 99.132

File: J/3/1/2

Councillor McDavitt arrived at 10.42am.

Resolved

(Cr Allen/Cr Turver)

That the report be received and the information noted.

E 52 **Presentation on Navigation Aids by Captain Mike Pryce**

Members thanked Captain Pryce for a very interesting presentation and suggested the media be contacted when the Porirua Harbour light is replaced.

Civil Defence Matters

There are no Civil Defence matters for consideration by the Committee.

Environmental Matters

Matters for Decision

E 53 **Amendments to the RPS Implementation Plan**

Report 99.124

File: X/8/3/1

Water Management Methods

Councillor Buchanan said there are a number of issues under Waste Management and asked officers for a status report for consideration by the Committee.

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Allen)

That the attached amendments to the Regional Policy Statement Implementation Plan be approved..

Councillor Shields left at 11.20am

E 54 **ProMall Ltd: Possible Delegation of Powers to Upper Hutt City Council**

Report 99.115

File: WGN 990148

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr McDavitt)

That, pursuant to section 34(3) of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Environment Committee, acting under authority delegated by the Wellington Regional Council under section 34(1) of that Act, appoint the Councillors of the Upper Hutt City Council to jointly hear and consider resource consent applications WGN 990148 received by the Wellington Regional Council from ProMall Limited, the submissions on those applications, and make a decision on those resource consent applications under section 102, 104 and 105 of that Act.

E 55 **Application for a Building Consent by Blackbridge Trust**

Report 99.125

File: WGN 990166

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)

That a building consent be granted to Peter Keenan, on behalf of Blackbridge Trust, for alterations to Boatshed S36 as described in the attached plans.

E 56 **Climate Change and the Implications for the Wellington Regional Council of the Ministry for the Environment's Domestic Policy Options Statement**

Report 99.128

File: X/13/6/1

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Allen)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

E 57 **Presentation on Domestic Policy Options for Climate Change by the Ministry for the Environment**

Murray Ward, Co-ordinator, Climate Change Programme, Ministry for the Environment, gave a presentation on the Domestic Policy Options for Climate change flowing from the Government's adoption of the 1997 Kyoto Protocol.

Mr Ward said the Ministry is calling for Submissions in the Policy Options Statement and would be interested in the views of the Regional Council. Submissions close on 16 April 1999.

Dr Bradbury said a draft submission would be prepared for consideration by members.

Councillor Buchanan thanked Mr Ward for his presentation.

Matters for Information

E 58 **Divisional Manager's Report**

Report 99.118

File: E/6/18/3

Appointments to Hearings

Councillor Gibson asked how Councillors were appointed to Hearing Committees. Councillor Buchanan said as Chairperson of the Environment Committee he had delegated authority with the Divisional Manager, Environment to approve appointments. These were finalised after discussion with members and officers taking into account workloads, availability and the location of the application. Appointments were made as early as possible and included in the Councillors' Information Bulletin.

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Allen)

That the reports from the Divisional Manager, the Departmental Managers and the Divisional Accountant be received.

E 59 **Marine Reserves**

Report 99.111

File: ENV/13/4/1

Resolved

(Cr Allen/Cr Turver)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 60 **Regional Council Input to District Planning**

Report 99.110

File: X/26/1/1

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr McDavitt)

That the report be received and the information noted.

E 61 **Hulls Creek Water Quality Investigation**

Report 99.114

File: K/5/5/4

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Allen)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

E 62 **Decisions on Non-notified Resource Consent Applications**

Report 99.113

File: Various

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Gibson)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

E 63 **Questions**

There were no questions.

E 64 **General**

There were no matters of general business.

The meeting closed at 1.20pm.

CR I BUCHANAN

Chairperson

Date