

Report 99.761
9 December 1999

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**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Wellington Regional Council
held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, The Regional
Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Thursday, 9
December 1999 at 12.45pm**

Present

Councillors Macaskill (Chairperson), Allen, Bonner, Buchanan, Gibson, Laidlaw, Long, McDavitt, Shaw, Shields, Thomas, Turver and Werry

Officers Present

Messrs Allard, Annakin, Benham, Darroch, Maguire, Schollum, Stone and Wright and
Drs Bradbury and Watson

Public Business

Procedural Items

172 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Turver)

That the apology from Councillor McQueen be confirmed.

173 **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public who participated in the meeting.

174 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Turver)

- (1) *That the public and public excluded minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting, Report 99.644 and Report PE99.655, of the 2 November 1999, and the public and public excluded record of the Special Policy and Finance Committee Meeting, Report 99.643 and Report PE99.647, of the 2 November 1999, be confirmed.*
- (2) *That the public minutes of the Special Council Meeting, Report 99.703 and the public record of the Special Policy and Finance Committee meeting, Report 99.702, of the 23 November 1999, be confirmed.*

175 (1) **Chairman's Report**

Report 99.734

File E/6/1/5

Appointment of Hearing Committees and Amendments to Delegations

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Gibson)

- (1) *That the Council approve the following amendments to delegations:*
 - (a) *Power to determine the appropriate composition of each Hearing Committee for the Wairarapa Constituency, given that it be drawn from the full Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee (this includes the power to appoint Committee members as required).*

Delegated to Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee Chairperson and Divisional Manager, Wairarapa jointly.
 - (b) *Power to determine the appropriate composition of each Hearing Committee for the Wellington, Kapiti, Lower Hutt, Upper Hutt and Porirua Constituencies.*

Delegated to Environmental Committee Chairperson and Divisional Manager, Environment jointly.
 - (c) *Power to select any appointed Hearings Committee member to act as the Hearings Committee Chairperson for the Wellington, Lower Hutt, Upper Hutt, Porirua and Kapiti Constituencies; this power becoming effective when the Chairperson of the Environment Committee is not available or is not appointed to the Hearings Committee.*

Delegated to Environmental Committee Chairperson and Divisional Manager, Environment jointly.

- (d) *Power to select any appointed Hearings Committee member to act as the Hearings Committee Chairperson for the Wairarapa; this power becoming effective when the Chairperson of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committees is not available or is not appointed to the Hearings Committee.*

Delegated to Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee Chairperson and Divisional Manager, Wairarapa jointly.

- (e) *Power to determine composition of each Hearing Committee established for the purpose of hearing submissions and making recommendations on any regional policy statement or regional plan.*

Delegated to Environment Committee Chairperson and Divisional Manager, Environment jointly.

- (2) *That the Council Chairperson shall approve all instances where it is proposed to appoint the Environment Committee Chairperson or the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee Chairperson to a Hearings Committee.*

- (3) *That the previous delegations be repealed.*

Ara Tahi

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Long)

- (a) *That Councillors Shields and Gibson be appointed as Deputies for the Chairperson of Council and Councillor Buchanan at meetings of Ara Tahi.*
- (b) *That both be formally authorised to attend all meetings of Ara Tahi.*

Shirley Moore

Councillor Macaskill said that Shirley Moore, his secretary, was retiring and thanked Shirley for her valued contribution. Councillor Macaskill said he owed Shirley a huge debt of gratitude and wished her well in her retirement.

Councillor Shields said she was sorry Shirley was retiring. Shirley was an efficient and effective secretary and her integrity and warmth will be missed.

Councillor Gibson said Shirley had been especially helpful in assisting members of his family when they had visited the Council premises.

Councillor Bonner said Shirley had always been willing and good natured and especially comforting in times of difficulty.

Councillors and officers thanked Shirley by acclamation and Councillor Macaskill invited Shirley to join members for lunch.

The Chairperson concluded his report by wishing members and officers the very best for Christmas and new year and trusted everyone would return with enthusiasm for the year 2000.

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Turver)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

The meeting adjourned for lunch and resumed at 2.15pm.

Apologies were received from Councillor Laidlaw and Councillor Turver.

At 2.25pm the Chairperson declared an interest in the next item and said he would leave the Chamber and invited Councillor Shields, Deputy Chairperson to take the Chair. Mr Maguire, Council Secretary, said he would also leave the Chamber. Councillor Shields then took the Chair.

(2) Proposed Study Tour

Report 99.748

File E/6/1/5

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Allen)

- (1) That approval in principle be given to the Chairman to undertake a study tour relating to regional government in the UK during July 2000.*
- (2) Note that Councillor Macaskill would be accompanied by Mr Maguire.*
- (3) Note that a detailed itinerary and budget would be submitted for Council approval early in 2000.*

Councillor Macaskill and Mr Maguire returned and Councillor Macaskill resumed the Chair on completion of the previous item at 2.30pm.

Reports of Committees

176 Policy and Finance Committee – 9 December 1999

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Werry)

That the recommendations of the Policy and Finance Committee meeting on 9 December 1999 be adopted, the public excluded business to remain confidential.

177 Rural Services and Wairarapa – 18 November 1999

Report 99.688

File: E/6/12/1

Resolved

(Cr Long/Cr Buchanan)

That the Report of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 18 November 1999, Items RSW 134 to RSW 147 inclusive, and the recommendation contained therein, be adopted.

178 Landcare – 23 November 1999

Report 99.706

File: E/6/16/2

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Shaw)

That the Report of the Landcare Committee held on 23 November 1999, Items LC110, LC112 and LC114 to LC124 inclusive, be adopted.

179 Passenger Transport – 25 November 1999

Report 99.704

File: E/6/19/2

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Allen)

That the Report of the Passenger Transport Committee held on 25 November 1999, Items PT 58 to PT 71 inclusive, be adopted.

180 **Environment – 2 December 1999****Report 99.733**

File: E/6/18/2

Sustainable Communities and Local Agenda 21*Resolved**(Cr Buchanan/Cr Shields)*

That Dr Bradbury report to the first meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee in 2000 about Sustainable Communities and Local Agenda 21.

*Resolved**(Cr Buchanan/Cr Allen)*

That the Report of the Environment Committee held on 2 December 1999, Items E 156 to E 172 inclusive, be adopted.

181 **Regional Land Transport – 7 December 1999****Report 99.756**

File: E/6/8/1

Transmission Gully

Councillor Bonner left 2.55pm

Councillor Allen left 3.00pm

*Moved**(Cr Shaw/Cr Gibson)**That the Council:*

- (a) Notes that strong support for Transmission Gully was shown by the Willingness to Pay Survey and that the Western Corridor Implementation Plan is being written at present.*
- (b) Adopts a policy of “Support for the Immediate Planning of the Transmission Gully Road Co incident with the improvements to public transport contained in the Regional Land Transport Strategy”.*
- (c) Invites the WRC Chairperson to approach Government and members of Parliament with a view to having introduced to Parliament the legislation necessary to enable the building of the Transmission Gully Road.*

The above motion was put and **lost** 3 votes in favour and 6 votes opposed after a division as follows:

	Ayes		Noes
Councillors:	Gibson Shaw Shields	Councillors:	Buchanan Long Macaskill McDavitt Thomas Werry

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Allen)

That the Report of the Regional Land Transport Committee held on 7 December 1999, Items RLT 31 to RLT 42 inclusive, be adopted.

182 Utility Services – 8 December 1999

Report 99.751

File: E/6/17/2

Resolved

(Cr Shaw/Cr Werry)

That the Report of the Utility Services Committee held on 8 December 1999, Items US 81 to US 90 inclusive, be adopted.

183 Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee – 6 December 1999

Report 99.741

File: E/6/10/6

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Thomas)

That the Report of the Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee held on 6 December 1999, Items HRF 63 to HRF 71 inclusive, and the recommendation contained therein, be adopted.

Matters for Consideration

184 Notices of Motion

(1) Report 99.630 – Councillor Gibson

Moved

(Cr Gibson/Cr Thomas)

That the General Manager arrange for advice to be presented to the Council concerning a possible “Kiwi-share” type of arrangement in relation to the Council’s current policy that it might, under certain circumstances, sell its shares in CentrePort Limited.

The above Notice of Motion was put and **lost** 4 votes in favour and 5 votes opposed on the casting vote of the Chairperson after a division as follows:

Ayes		Noes	
Councillors:	Buchanan Gibson McDavitt Thomas	Councillors:	Long Macaskill Shields Werry Chairperson (casting vote)

(2) **Report 99.742– Councillors Shaw and Thomas**

First Notice of Motion

Resolved

(Cr Shaw/Cr Thomas)

*That officers report on the inclusion of a **Charter of Ethics and Social Responsibility** for WRC Holdings Ltd and subsidiary companies.*

Second Notice of Motion

Councillor Shaw said that he did not wish to proceed.

Third Notice of Motion

Councillor Shaw said that he did not wish to proceed with this Notice of Motion at this stage.

185 **Questions**

There were no questions

186 **Use of Official Seal**

Report 99.722

File: E/4/2/2

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Long)

That the Report be received.

187 **General**

There were no matters of general business.

188 **Exclusion of the Public****Report 99.743***Resolved**(Cr Chairperson/Cr Shields)**That the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:**(1) Report of the Public Excluded part of the Landcare Committee meeting held on 23 November 1999:**(1) Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Property Purchase 56 Connolly Street**(2) Otaki Floodplain Management Plan: Chrystalls Bend Stopbank Upgrade**(2) Report of the Public Excluded part of the Passenger Transport Committee meeting held on 25 November 1999:**Wellington Urban Rail Draft Long-Term Contract**(3) Report of the Public Excluded part of the Utility Services Committee meeting held on 8 December 1999:**Contract No 1181: Te Marua 900mm Pipeline: Cement Mortar Lining**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 matter</i>	<i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
<i>(1)(1)Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Property Purchase 56 Connolly Street</i>	<i>To enable the Council to carry on negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage</i>	<i>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 (ie to enable the Council to carry on negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage).</i>

- (1)(2) *Otaki Floodplain Management Plan: Chrystalls Bend Stopbank Upgrade* *To enable the Council to carry on negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage* *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 (ie to enable the Council to carry on negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage).*
- (2) *Wellington Urban Rail Draft Long-Term Contract* *Because of the need to carry on negotiations (including commercial)* *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 (ie to carry on negotiations).*
- (3) *Contract No 1181: Te Marua 900mm Pipeline: Cement Mortar Lining* *Because of the need to carry on negotiations (including commercial)* *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 (ie to carry on negotiations).*

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1) (a) 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, or section 6 or section 7 or section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

Wellington Regional Council (1, (2) and (3)

The open part of the meeting closed at 3.35pm.

CR S A MACASKILL
Chairperson

Date: