

**Report of the Meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held in the Committee Room, Wellington Regional Council, 34 Chapel Street, Masterton, on Tuesday, 8 February 2000, at 9.30 a.m.**

**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, McQueen, Shields and Turver.  
Messrs Berkett, Beetham, Dalziell and Southey.

**Officers Present:**

S Blakemore, D Cameron, W O'Donnell, L Race, C Wright.

**Procedural Items**

**RSW 148 Apology**

*Resolved*

*(Cr McQueen/Mr Dalziell)*

*That the apology from Cr Macaskill be sustained.*

**RSW 149 Public Participation**

**Jim Hedley**

Mr Jim Hedley spoke of his concerns with various aspects of the Whakawiriwiri Drain resource consent hearing held in December 1999. Members noted that the Council had been granted a resource consent by independent commissioners to undertake works in the Whakawiriwiri Stream.

**RSW 150 Confirmation of Minutes**

**Matter Arising –**

**Concerning RSW 137 – Regional Pest Management Strategies: Annual Reports 1998/99**

Members were advised that publicity costs in the form of pamphlets, newspaper articles and posters, of former Class A noxious plants were approximately \$6,800. Shared funding opportunities had been sought with MAF and the issue was also to be discussed at a Pest Management Advisory Committee meeting on 11 February.

It was agreed that a report would be prepared for the Committee on the outcome of pursuing Government funding for publicity of former Class A noxious plants.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Turver/Cr Shields)*

*That the Committee's concerns be conveyed to the Pest Management Advisory Committee on the need for a national publicity programme for former Class A noxious plants.*

*Resolved*

*(Cr Shields/Mr Southey)*

*That the minutes of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 18 November 1999, be confirmed.*

**Matter for Recommendation to Policy & Finance Committee**

**RSW 151 Charges for Council Responses to Environmental Incidents**

**Report 00.49**

**File: K/4/3/4**

This matter has been reported separately to the Policy and Finance Committee.

## **Matter for Committee Decision**

### **RSW 152 Annual Freshwater Quality Programme**

#### **Report 00.35**

**File: Y/12/3/3**

Gretchen Robertson and Brett Stansfield, Water Quality Scientists, were present for the discussion on this item.

It was noted that a joint regional review of the surface water quality programme was to be undertaken and would be reported back to the Committee in due course.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Shields/Cr Turver)*

- (1) That the report be received.*
- (2) That the suggested changes to the baseline water quality monitoring programme be considered in the current network review.*

## **Matters Reported for Information**

### **RSW 153 Divisional Manager's Report**

#### **Report 00.29**

**File: Y/21/1**

#### **Concerning 4.6 – Water Hyacinth (former Class A Noxious Weed)**

Members considered that publicity material to assist with the public's identification awareness of Water Hyacinth was needed given the recent infestation discovered in Waikanae.

#### **Concerning 5.8 - Communication**

Members discussed the recent consultation meeting held at Castlepoint relating to the landscape guidelines.

Mr Southey enquired as to the consultants' costs involved with the guidelines process and officers were accordingly asked to report back to the Committee.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Shields/Cr Turver)*

*That the report be received and its contents noted.*

**RSW 154 Magpie Research Programme**

**Report 00.36**

**File: Y/4/2**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Buchanan/Cr McQueen)*

*That the report be received.*

**RSW 155 Resource Consents (Non-Notified)**

**Report 00.31**

**File: Y/12/2/0**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Shields/Cr McQueen)*

*That the report be received and its contents noted.*

**RSW 156 Statutory Planning**

**Report 00.30**

**File: Y/11/2**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Buchanan/Cr McQueen)*

*That the information be received.*

**RSW 157 Questions**

There were no questions.

**RSW 158 General Business**

Cr Turver raised the suggestion of Committee meetings being held in other parts of the region from time to time as a public awareness and educational approach to Committee activities.

It was agreed that the March meeting of the Committee be held at Otaki.

The meeting closed at 11.46 a.m.

Cr F R Long  
Chairman

Date:

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*To be moved*

<p><b>That the Report of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee meeting held on 8 February 2000, Items RSW 148 to RSW 150, and RSW 152 to RSW 158, be adopted.</b></p>
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