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Report 00.666

30 August 2000

File: E/6/12/1

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, 29 August 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 and Southey.

Also Present:

Councillor Gibson

Officers Present:

S Blakemore, I Gunn, W O'Donnell, L Race, C Wright.

Procedural Items

RSW 230 Apologies

Resolved (Mr Southey/Cr Turver)

That the apologies from Cr Macaskill and Mr Dalziell be confirmed.

Members noted Cr Macaskill was absent on Council business.

RSW 231 Public Participation

Members noted that Mr Joe Taylor, Wairarapa Federated Farmers Executive, and resident of Riversdale Beach, would be permitted to speak during consideration of Items 8 and 9 in the order paper.

RSW 232 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved (Cr Shields/Mr Berkett)

That the minutes of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 18 July 2000 be confirmed.

Matter for Recommendation to Council

RSW 233 Section 230 Resolution – Surplus House, Stoney Creek

Report 00.586

File: Y/3/2/2/0

Resolved to Recommend (Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)

- (1) That pursuant to Section 230 of the Local Government Act, Council resolve that the land contained in Certificate of Title, Volume 43D, Folio 44, being Lot 4, DP 77392, be declared surplus to requirements and therefore available for sale.**
- (2) That subject to recommendation (1) being approved and pursuant to the requirements of Section 40 of the Public Works Act 1981, the property be first offered for sale to the current tenant at its assessed current market value and, failing a suitable sale to the current tenant, then be offered for sale on the open market.**
- (3) That the Council's Common Seal be affixed to the necessary documents to achieve the sale.**

Matters for Committee Decision

RSW 234 Proposed New Rating Classification – Waiohine River Management Scheme
Report 00.620 File: Y/1/1/2

Messrs D Bulman, Valuation Consultant, and I Heslop, Divisional Engineer, were present for the discussion on this item.

Cr Buchanan indicated that the review of the Waiohine River management scheme rating classification had been an excellent initiative and the process had most importantly involved representation from the local community, district council and rural landowners. As such the rating scheme classification identified was considered to be as close to the fairest system possible.

Resolved (Cr McQueen/Cr Buchanan)

- (1) *That the proposed new rating classification approach for the Waiohine River Management Scheme as the basis for a preliminary consultation programme be approved.*
- (2) *That the results of the preliminary consultation programme be reported back to the Committee, prior to approval being sought for the Special Order notification process under the Rating Powers Act.*

RSW 235 River Scheme Asset Management Plan Performance
Report 00.627 File: Y/1/8/2

Resolved (Mr Southey/Cr Shields)

- (1) *That the Wairarapa river management scheme asset management planning process to date be endorsed.*
- (2) *That the Asset Management Plan Performance Statements prepared for the Lower Wairarapa Valley Development Scheme; and the Waiohine-Mangatarere, Upper Ruamahanga, Waingawa, and Waipoua River Management Schemes, be received.*

- (3) *That the need for consultation with the Upper Ruamahanga floodplain community to address the gap between existing and desirable works programme levels be noted.*
- (4) *That the June 2000 Audit of River Management Asset Maintenance Standards for the Wairarapa be received.*

RSW 236 Hornwort – Lake Wairarapa Wetlands – Control Proposal

Report 00.642

File: Y/15/1/0

Members noted that the Council's regulatory role under the Regional Pest Management Strategy related only to inspections of Hornwort infestations and any resultant enforcement action to achieve its removal by landowners and occupiers.

Resolved

(Mr Southey/Cr Turver)

- (1) *That the proposal to seek a resource consent to trial the herbicide Endothall for the control of Hornwort in the Lake Wairarapa wetlands be approved.*
- (2) *That the initial trial to determine whether Endothall successfully controls Hornwort be funded by the Council and NIWA because of the experimental nature of this work.*
- (3) *That funding of \$38,400 for this initial trial be sought at the Council's six months review in February. Should this not be successful, the trial would then revert to being funded from the KNE biodiversity provision in the Biosecurity Department's budget.*

RSW 237 Motuwaireka Stream Water Quality Survey – Riversdale

Report 00.647

File: Y/12/3/3

Brett Stansfield, Water Quality Scientist, was present for the discussion on this item.

Mr Southey raised concerns regarding some aspects of the report. Members noted that the restorative measures put forward to achieve an improved water quality in the Motuwaireka Stream were purely options at this stage.

Resolved (Cr McQueen/Cr Turver)

- (1) *That the report be received.*
- (2) *That the restorative measures mentioned in Report 00.647 be considered as options to improve the water quality of the Motuwaireka Lagoon.*

Morning tea: 10.52 a.m.

Resumed at: 11.08 a.m.

RSW 238 Motuwaireka Lagoon Water Quality Improvement

Report 00.657

File: Y/12/2/0

Resolved (Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)

- (1) *That support be given to the following actions arising from Report 00.657 –*
 - (a) *A study of the hydraulics of the backwater lagoon be made and possible measures to upgrade and maintain its water quality identified.*
 - (b) *Investigation of the feasibility and benefits of targeted mechanical deepening of the lagoon outlet to the sea be made with the objective of improving ‘flushing’ of the lagoon and backwater.*
 - (c) *A firm timeframe from Masterton District Council be sought for the construction and commencement of a reticulated sewage scheme for Riversdale/Orui;*

or in the absence of such a commitment;

Establishment of a date by which all major activities at Riversdale/Orui will require consent for sewage discharge under Rule 8 of the Regional Plan for Discharge to Land. As part of this process, ensuring that there is no risk of waterway contamination through breakdown or malfunction of sewage and greywater disposal systems.

- (d) *Consideration of a riparian planting proposal in the catchment.*
- (2) *That actions under (1) be subject to further reporting back and recommendation to the Committee as appropriate.*
- (3) *That Council representatives meet with Masterton District Council and Riversdale Community representatives to present the findings of the study and to discuss possible implementation of the matters raised in the report.*

Matters Reported for Information

RSW 239 Divisional Manager's Report

Report 00.632

File: Y/21/1

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Mr Beetham)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 240 Implementing the Regional Policy Statement: the Private Land Protection Programme

Report 00.634

File: X/23/3/1

Members congratulated staff on the proposed approach taken to provide funding support for private landowners to protect important areas of indigenous biodiversity on their respective land.

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr McQueen)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 241 Proposed Solid Waste Management Plan for Wairarapa

Report 00.641

File: Y/11/7/1

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

RSW 242 Customer Satisfaction Survey – Consents**Report 00.607****File: Y/12/2/0**

Members noted the pleasing outcomes of the recent customer satisfaction survey in the Consents & Compliance area.

Resolved (Cr Shields/Cr Buchanan)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

RSW 243 End of Year Summary – Policy & Planning Section**Report 00.640****File: Y/11/2**

Resolved (Mr Berkett/Cr McQueen)

That the information be received.

RSW 244 Financial Report for the Twelve Months to 30 June 2000**Report 00.655****File: Y/2/1/1**

Resolved (Cr Buchanan/Mr Southey)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

RSW 245 Resource Consents (Non-Notified)**Report 00.638****File: Y/12/2/0**

Resolved (Mr Southey/Cr Buchanan)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 246 Statutory Planning**Report 00.626****File: Y/11/2**

Resolved (Mr Southey/Cr Buchanan)

That the information be received.

RSW 247 Catchment Works**Report 00.606****File: Y/0/4***Resolved**(Cr Shields/Mr Berkett)**That the schedule be received.***RSW 248 Questions**

Mr Berkett raised concerns relating to a Council letter regarding Ragwort infestations having been identified on his property and the letter in question being incorrectly addressed. Mr Berkett was concerned that other landowners could likewise be affected.

Mr O'Donnell stated that the slip-up related to a database problem and agreed to further follow the matter up.

RSW 249 General Business

Councillor Gibson raised his concerns over application of the Council's flood protection policy. He suggested that the committee appoint a delegated person or sub-committee to discuss the matter with one of the two lawyers who had prepared legal opinions for him on the subject. Cr Gibson considered the matter to be urgent.

Councillor Shields stated that it was inappropriate for Cr Gibson to bring a matter which affected the whole region to this committee without the appropriate background information making it difficult for appointed members to understand the issue raised.

*Resolved**(Cr McQueen/Cr Shields)*

That Cr Gibson be invited to present his concerns, with the legal opinions that he had obtained and the questions that had been put, to the Policy & Finance Committee meeting on 19 September.

Mr Berkett dissented.

RSW 250 Exclusion of the Public*Resolved**(Cr McQueen/Cr Turver)**That the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:**Discharge to Air Investigation**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>
<i>Discharge to Air Investigation</i>	<i>Prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences and the right to a fair trial.</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 (i.e. the right to a fair trial).</i>

*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 - Keinzley Agvet*

The open part of the meeting closed at 12.30 p.m.

Cr F R Long
Chairperson

Date:

Wellington Regional Council - 19 September 2000

To be moved

That the Report of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on Tuesday, 29 August 2000, Items RSW 230 to RSW 250 inclusive, and the recommendation contained therein, be adopted.