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Report 00.839

22 November 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, 21 November 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, Macaskill, McQueen, Shields and Turver.

Messrs Berkett, Beetham, Dalziell and Southey.

Officers Present:

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

Procedural Items

RSW 266 Apologies

Resolved

(Cr McQueen/Cr Turver)

That the apologies for lateness from Crs Macaskill and Shields be confirmed.

RSW 267 Public Participation**Mr Dan Riddiford**

The Chairperson advised that Mr Riddiford wished to speak during the public participation part of the meeting but had indicated that he would be late due to another commitment. The Committee agreed that Mr Riddiford would be permitted to participate later in the meeting.

Cr Macaskill arrived at 9.37 a.m.

RSW 268 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Mr Southey)

That the minutes of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 10 October 2000 be confirmed.

Cr Shields arrived at 9.40 a.m.

Matters for Committee Decision**RSW 269 Delegation of Resource Management Act 1991 Functions to Maori Hearings Commissioners**

Report 00.812

File: Y/12/1/4

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Mr Dalziell)

That pursuant to section 34(3) of the Resource Management Act 1991, and acting under authority delegated by the Wellington Regional Council under section 34(1), the following persons be appointed:

- *Liz Mellish*
- *Miria Pomare*
- *Te Akapikirangi Arthur*
- *Turoa Royal*

- (i) to hear and consider resource consent applications received by the Wellington Regional Council and the submissions on those applications, and*

- (ii) *to make a decision on the resource consent application under sections 104 and 105 of that Act, and*
- (iii) *when necessary, to jointly hear, consider, determine and recommend under section 102 of that Act any applications to any other council when these applications are being dealt together.*

**RSW 270 Regional Pest Management Strategy Review –
Sub-Committee Appointments**

Report 00.814

File: Y/19/0/4

Resolved

(Cr Macaskill/Cr Shields)

- (1) *That Councillors Buchanan, Long, McQueen, Turver and Mr Southey be the appointed representatives on the Sub-Committee to consider the various tasks required to progress the development and implementation of the new Regional Pest Management Strategy.*
- (2) *That the Sub-Committee be delegated the responsibility of determining membership of the Hearings Committee.*

**RSW 271 Regional Pest Management Strategies – Annual Reports
1999/2000**

Report 00.807

File: Y/19/0/4

Members complimented officers on the coloured illustrations and suggested they would greatly assist the public's awareness to readily identify various pest plants, particularly if used in a future Elements publication.

The Committee noted that Class A Plants remained a concern for Council. AgriQuality who are responsible for these plants were not publicising or providing identification descriptions to the general public and some species exist in the region.

Resolved

(Mr Southey/Mr Dalziell)

- (1) *That the Committee, as the delegated Management Agency, approve the Annual Reports on the implementation of the 1999/2000 Operational Plans for the Regional Pest Management Strategies.*

- (2) *That a copy of the Reports be forwarded to the Minister of Biosecurity.*
- (3) *That the Reports be made available for public inspection.*

RSW 272 Bovine Tb – Amendments to 2000/01 Programme

Report 00.803

File: Y/4/1/1

Resolved (Cr Turver/Mr Beetham)

- (1) *That the report be received.*
- (2) *That the proposed amendments to the 2000/01 vector control programme, including the re-investment of budgeted Bovine Tb funds, be approved.*

RSW 273 Default Work – Cost Recovery

Report 00.802

File: Y/15/5/2

Resolved (Cr McQueen/Mr Berkett)

- (1) *That the unusual situation be noted.*
- (2) *That the clearance of the infestations following expiry of the Notice of Direction, and the placement of a Statutory Land Charge under Section 129 of the Biosecurity Act 1993, be supported.*

RSW 274 Consent Charge Write-Off

Report 00.819

File: Y/12/2/4

Resolved (Mr Southey/Cr Buchanan)

That the outstanding debt of \$6404.88 plus GST from the Castlepoint East Coast Recreational Trust be written off.

The above motion was put and **Carried**, 5 votes in favour and 4 opposed after a division, as follows:

Ayes

Councillor Macaskill
Councillor Shields
Councillor Long
Councillor Buchanan
Mr Southey

Noes

Cr Turver
Mr Berkett
Mr Beetham
Mr Dalziell

Councillor McQueen took no part and did not vote on this item.

Public Participation

Mr Riddiford addressed the Committee on several issues including his submission requesting a reduction in consent fee charges for his boulder wall to \$420. He also raised the general philosophy and principles around consent fee charging, and his suggested co-operative model for the soil plan.

Morning tea: 10.40 a.m.

Resumed at: 11.05 a.m.

Matters for Information

RSW 275 Divisional Manager's Report

Report 00.801

File: Y/21/1

Concerning 3.10 – Hornwort

Cr Shields commented that she had recently attended the opening of the new ESR science centre in Keneperu where interesting new research work was being undertaken and suggested that it would be helpful for Committee members to observe the range of activities at an opportune time.

Concerning 4.4 – October Flood Damage Repairs

Mr Dalziell queried whether the current maintenance budget of \$1.3m per annum was adequate in relation to the extent of flood damage repair work required after the recent flood event.

Cr Buchanan believed the systems currently in place were appropriate in terms of asset maintenance programmes.

Members noted that the sub-committee set up to consider the Wairarapa flood damage schedules would be discussing the issue later in the day.

Concerning 5.9 – Proposed Plan Changes, South Wairarapa District Council

Members noted that where possible Council submissions would in future be included in Committee order papers as a matter for information in order to keep members better informed.

Concerning 5.7 – Castlepoint

Resolved (Mr Dalziell/Cr Buchanan)

That Council involvement with the Castlepoint Residents Committee be strongly supported.

Resolved (Cr McQueen/Mr Dalziell)

That Report 00.801 be received and its contents noted.

Cr Shields left the meeting at 11.20 a.m.

RSW 276 Financial Report for the Four Months to 31 October 2000

Report 00.816

File: Y/2/1/1

Resolved (Cr McQueen/Cr Turver)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

RSW 277 Regional Soil Quality Monitoring and Management

Report 00.808

File: Y/2/5/4

The Regional Soil Conservator was present for the discussion on this item.

Resolved (Cr Buchanan/Mr Berkett)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 278 Solid Waste Management Plan for Wairarapa

Report 00.809 **File: Y/11/7/1**

The Section Leader, Policy & Planning, was present for the discussion on this item.

Resolved (Cr McQueen/Cr Turver)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 279 Resource Consents (Non-Notified)

Report 00.805 **File: Y/12/2/0**

Resolved (Cr Buchanan/Mr Berkett)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 280 Statutory Planning

Report 00.804 **File: Y/11/2**

Resolved (Cr Buchanan/Mr Dalziell)

That the information be received.

RSW 281 Catchment Works

Report 00.806 **File: Y/0/4**

Resolved (Cr Turver/Cr McQueen)

That the schedule be received.

RSW 282 Questions

There were no questions.

RSW 283 General Business

The Divisional Manager gave a summary of the various issues raised by Mr Riddiford earlier in the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 12.55 p.m.

Cr F R Long
Chairperson

Date:

Wellington Regional Council – 7 December 2000

To be moved:

That the Report of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 21 November 2000, Items RSW 266 to RSW 283 inclusive, be adopted.