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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Thursday, 30 November 2000 at 9.30am**

**Present**

Councillors Buchanan, (Chairperson), Allen, Gibson, Macaskill, McDavitt, Shields and Turver and Messrs Earl and Morrison

**Officers Present**

Messrs Darroch, Forlong, Pryce, Sherriff, Skene, Van Schalkwyk, Waddy and Drs Bradbury and Hastie

**Public Business**

**Procedural Items**

E 308      **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

E 309      **Public Participation**

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

E 310 **Confirmation of Minutes**

**Matters Arising**

**Paragraph E 297                      Divisional Manager's Report**

It was agreed by the meeting that Councillor Gibson's request that Councillor Buchanan's comments from the last meeting about the Pauatahanui Boatshed consent decisions should be included in the minutes as follows:

"In response to the Consents Manager's report on appeals related to the Pauatahanui Boatshed consent decisions, Councillor Buchanan stated his view that, as the decision was to decline all consents, there appeared to be nothing to negotiate. Further, that officers should take steps to expedite the appeals through the Environment Court. Committee members agreed with this view".

*Resolved*

*(Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)*

*That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 October 2000, Report 00.771, as amended, be confirmed.*

**Harbour Matters**

There are no Harbour matters for consideration.

**Civil Defence Matters**

There are no Civil Defence matters for consideration.

**Environmental Matters**

**Matters for Decision**

E 311 **Presentation by Karen Wallace, Wellington City Council, re Lambton Harbour**

Councillor Buchanan welcomed Karen Wallace to the meeting.

Karen Wallace then gave a summary of the activities of the Waterfront Leadership Group. This included process, timelines, key principles, themes, connections and area by area decisions.

Karen Wallace also explained the Wellington Regional Council issues relating to the Coastal Plan and the City and regional transport network relating to the Regional Land Transport Strategy.

Councillor Macaskill offered space in the regional newspaper Elements as a way of increasing publicity.

Following questions Councillor Buchanan thanked Karen Wallace for the way the Regional Council was being involved in the process and members looked forward to a further update on progress in the new year.

E 312 **Regional Council Submission on Taputeranga Marine Reserve**

**Report 00.827**

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*Moved*

*(Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)*

*That the Regional Council make a submission on the Taputeranga Marine Reserve Proposal, asking that the issues identified in Section 10 be given further consideration and provided for.*

Amendment

*(Cr Gibson/Cr Macaskill)*

That the Regional Council make a submission generally supporting the Taputeranga Marine Reserve proposal in principle, but asking that the issues identified in Section 10 be given further consideration and provided for.

**LOST**

The motion was then put and **CARRIED**.

E 313 **Delegation of Resource Management Act 1991 Functions to Hearing Commissioners**

**Report 00.794**

File: WGN010006 & WGN010007

*Resolved*

*(Cr Shields/Cr Allen)*

*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, appoints:*

- *Helen Tobin*
- *Russell Howie; and*
- *Richard Fowler*

*To jointly hear and consider resource consent applications WGN010006*

*and WGN010007 received by the Wellington Regional Council from Transit New Zealand, the submissions on those applications, and make a decision on those resource consent applications under section 102, 104 and 105 of that Act.*

E 314      **Delegation of Resource Management Act 1991 Functions to Maori Hearings Commissioners**

**Report 00.813**

File: K/3/2/4

*Resolved*

*(Cr Shields/Cr Gibson)*

*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 following Commissioners to hear and consider resource consent applications received by the Wellington Regional Council and the submissions on those applications and make a decision on the resource consent applications under section 104 and 105 of that Act and, when necessary, jointly hear, consider, determine and recommend under section 102 of the Act any applications to any other council when these applications are being dealt together:*

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

Councillor Allen dissented.

Councillor Buchanan noted that officers would now continue discussion with the Territorial Authorities about the appointment of Maori hearings commissioners for future joint hearings.

**Matters for Information**

E 315      **Divisional Manager's Report**

**Report 00.583**

File: E/6/18/3

**Implementing the Regional Policy Statement Ecosystems and Biodiversity Programme**

Mr Skene, Manager Environment Co-ordinator, said that plans were proceeding to inform the public through appropriate signage during the implementation of the above programme.

### **Iwi Matters – Tracey Whare**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Turver/Cr Shields)*

*That members thank Tracey Whare for her valuable and helpful advice during her time with the Wellington Regional Council.*

### **Ohiro Bay Sewerage Spillage**

John Sherriff, Manager Resource Investigations, reported on the recent pollution at Ohiro Bay. Members noted that appropriate protocols, processes and delegations were in place for officers to make the right judgements as their investigation into the spillage continued. There will be further ongoing enquiries and officers will report to the Committee when these have been completed.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Buchanan/Cr McDavitt)*

*That the reports from the Divisional Manager, the Department Manager and the Divisional Accountant be received.*

### **E 316 Pukerua Bay Landfill – Follow Up Surface Water Quality Investigation**

**Report 00.797**

File: K/9/2/3

*Resolved*

*(Cr Shields/Cr Allen.)*

*That the report be received and the information noted.*

### **E 317 Incident Response Report**

**Report 00.798**

File: K/4/6/1

*Resolved*

*(Mr Morrison/Cr Allen)*

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

### **E 318 Regional Council Input to District Planning**

**Report 00.828**

File: X/25/1/1

*Resolved*

*(Cr Macaskill/Cr Turver)*

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

E 319 **Decisions of Non-notified Resource Consent Applications**

**Report 00.799**

File: K/3/6/12

*Resolved*

*(Cr Buchanan/Cr McDavitt)*

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

E 320 **Annual Environment Report 2000**

**Report 00.837**

File: K/5/7/4

Mr Denton, Policy Advisor, Resource Policy, tabled and circulated copies of the Draft Annual Environment Report 2000. Copies of the draft document were available to members on request.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Turver/Cr Shields)*

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

**Other Matters**

E 321 **Questions**

Councillor Buchanan read a written question from Councillor Gibson and then ruled that it was not an appropriate matter for consideration by the Environment Committee.

E 322 **General**

**Blue Penguins.**

Councillor Allen said he had attended a recent public meeting in Eastbourne about protection for the blue penguins. Citizens are divided and Councillor Allen asked whether the Regional Council could have discussions with the Hutt City Council about a home for the blue penguins in the Eastbourne area. Councillor Allen suggested that there could be suitable land near the entrance to the East Harbour Regional Park.

It was agreed that officers have discussions with the Hutt City Council and report back.

**Happy Christmas!**

Councillor Buchanan thanked members for their contributions during the year and for the spirit and way the Committee conducted its business. Councillor Buchanan said he

always enjoyed the meetings and thanked Dr Bradbury, managers and especially the staff who regularly visited the Committee to speak to their reports.

The meeting closed at 12.10pm.

CR I BUCHANAN

Chairperson

Date: