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Report of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Tuesday, 3 April 2001 at 9.30am

Matters for Council Decision are shown in bold type and enclosed in a box.

Matters for Information of Council are in italic type

Present

Councillors Buchanan, (Chairperson), Allen, Gibson, Macaskill, McDavitt and Turver

Officers Present

Paula Bullock, Mr Darroch, Margaret McLachlan, Messrs Pryce, Sherriff, Skene, Van Schalkwyk and Waddy and Drs Bradbury and Hastie

Public Business

Procedural Items

E 349 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Gibson)

That the apologies from Councillor Shields and Mr Morrison be confirmed.

E 350 **Public Participation**

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

E 351 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved

(Cr Allen/Cr Turver)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 February 2001, Report 01.184, 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 Information

With leave of the meeting it was agreed to first consider Items 10 and 11 on the agenda as Mr Peterson, Policy Advisor, Statutory, the author of the reports, was required to leave early on other Council business.

E 352 **Transport Policy in Wellington's CBD**

Report 01.167

File: x/26/2/1

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Allen)

That the report be received and the information noted.

E 353 **Regional Council Input to District Planning**

Report 01.168

File: X/25/1/1

Wellington City Council

Councillor McDavitt said that if the imminent Environment Court decision on the Inner City Bypass further delayed progress on the Bypass there would be an urgent need to review traffic movements through the city, and especially the capacity of the motorway around the waterfront. This would have a significant impact on the harbour

development and the Regional Council should have urgent discussions with the Wellington City Council and the Waterfront Leadership Group about this possibility.

Resolved

(Cr Gibson/Cr Turver)

That the report be received and the information noted.

Councillor Buchanan noted that Mr Peterson would be leaving the Regional Council and wished him well.

Matters for Decision

E 354 Review of Resource Consent Condition for Moa Point Treatment Plant

Report 01.160

File: WGN900025

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Macaskill)

That the Committee, under the delegated authority of the Wellington Regional Council, in accordance with sections 104, 105, 108, 131, and 132 of the Resource Management Act 1991, amends condition 7 the Restricted Coastal Activity [20847], reads as follows;

7. *That on completion of the commissioning of the plant the following effluent criteria shall apply.*

(a) *Biochemical Oxygen Demand*

The geometric mean of 90 consecutive daily BOD5 values shall not exceed 20g/ms and no more than 10% of 90 consecutive daily values shall exceed 45g/m³.

(b) *Suspended Solids*

The geometric mean of 90 consecutive daily SS values shall not exceed 30 g/m³ and no more than 10% of 90 consecutive daily values shall exceed 68g/m³.

7A *The grantee shall take a grab sample of the effluent Monday to Friday between the hours of 1.00pm and 4.00pm and on Saturday, Sunday and public holidays between the hours of 11.00am and 4.00pm and analyse the sample to ensure compliance with the following levels. The geometric mean of 90 consecutive daily faecal coliform values shall not exceed 200 per 100 millilitres and no more than 10% of 90 consecutive daily samples shall exceed 950 per 100 millilitres.*

- 7B (a) *Results of monitoring for compliance with condition 7 and results of monitoring for condition 7A above shall be reported monthly to the Regional Council, or at such greater frequency upon request by the Regional Council.*
- (b) *Notwithstanding the above, the grantee shall report to the Regional Council immediately in the event that the running geometric mean and/or the running 90%ile calculated from the monitoring programme exceeds the values relating the 90%ile stipulated in Condition 7 or 7A for more than three consecutive days; such report shall include any reason for the exceedence, and measures to be undertaken by the Grantee to remedy the situation.*
- 7C *The Regional Council may review condition 7A hereof by giving notice of its intention to do so pursuant to section 128 (1)(a) of the Resource Management Act 1991 at any time during each year commencing one year from the date of this permit is first exercised for the purpose of ensuring that the sampling provision of condition 7A is adequate.*

All other conditions to stand.

E 355 **Waiwhetu Stream Action Plan**

Councillor Buchanan welcomed Mr Les Roberts, a member of the Waiwhetu Stream Working Group.

Mr Roberts said he was deputising for the Chairperson of the Working Group, Lorna Sanderman. Mr Roberts said it was appreciated the way the Regional Council had been supporting the Working Group. There were problems to be addressed especially the removal of the contaminated sediments. The community expectations had been raised and the Working Party will work to the best of their ability, in conjunction with the officers of the Wellington Regional Council, to improve the quality of the Stream. Mr Roberts pointed out that if the Waiwhetu Stream could be cleaned up, it would pose a significant challenge to other regions as we were dealing with the “worst” first!

Councillor Gibson suggested a copy of the Regional Plant Guide be sent to each member of the Working Group.

Councillor Buchanan thanked Mr Roberts and acknowledged the great progress made in the Action Plan and Council looked forward to working with the Group in the future.

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Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/CrMacaskill)

That the Waiwhetu Stream Action Plan be adopted by the Council.

Matters for Information (Continued)

E 356 Divisional Manager's Report

Report 01.214

File: E/6/18/3

Training for Sustainable Development

It was agreed that a Councillor Workshop be held later in the year on Sustainable Development. At that time ideas for Councillor training will be presented.

Following the Workshop a report will be prepared for the Policy and Finance Committee with recommendations for the new Council.

Community Environmental Care Programme

Mr Skene, Manager Environment Co-ordinator, said dates were now being set for the Care Groups. The April edition of Elements will feature the Care Programme and Councillors wishing to attend any of the meetings should contact Mr Skene.

Wellington Region Activities

Councillor Turver requested that Regional Councillors be given prior advice whenever activities were taking place in their constituencies.

Regional Plans

Councillor Gibson requested a schedule of historical and heritage buildings in Wellington city. Dr Hastie said he would forward a list to Councillor Gibson.

Silt Guidelines

A report will be forwarded to the next meeting of the Committee following a joint Workshop with Porirua City Council.

Farewell

The Committee wished Mr Andrew Smith, Resource Policy, best wishes for his future career in Kyrgyzstan.

Resource Investigations, Maungapouri Stream

Councillor Turver requested a report on the result of dye testing at the Maungapouri Stream and any proposals to improve the quality of the stream. Mr Sherriff said he would report to the next meeting.

Water Restrictions Minor Streams

Councillor Buchanan requested officers to investigate the policy for minor streams when as a result of drought conditions the Regional Council imposes restrictions on the use of water for the major rivers as recently occurred on the Kapiti Coast for the Otaki and Waikanae Rivers.

Consents Management

Officers agreed to report the outcome of Resource Consent appeals with a short report in the Councillors' Bulletin.

Resolved (Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)

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

E 357 2000 Annual Air Quality Monitoring Report

Report 01.163

File: ENV/6/1/3

Councillor Gibson left at 11.15am.

Resolved (Cr Turver/Cr Allen)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

E 358 Paraparaumu Shallow Groundwater Investigation Update

Report 01.166

File: K/8/1/1

Resolved (Cr Allen/Cr Turver)

That the report be received and its contents noted

E 359 Incident Response Report

Report 01.165

File: K/4/6/1

Resolved (Cr McDavitt/Cr Allen)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 360 **Decisions on Non-notified Resource Consent Applications**

Report 01.164

File: K/3/6/12

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

Other Matters

E 361 **Questions**

Possible Resource Consent Hearings – Transmission Gully

Councillor Gibson asked to what extent members of the Environment Committee had prejudiced their position ahead of any hearings on Transmission Gully given their declared policy statements on this topic.

Councillor Buchanan said that in keeping with operational activities undertaken by the Regional Council any hearings would be heard by commissioners appointed from outside the Regional Council.

E 362 **Notice of Motion – Councillor Gibson**

Not proceeded with.

E 363 **General**

Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan and Environmental Strategy

Councillor Gibson asked why the above documentation had not been considered at one of the Environment Committee meetings. Councillor Buchanan said Dr Bradbury, Divisional Manager, Environment and himself would discuss the question with Councillor Werry, Chairperson Landcare Committee and Mr Annakin, Divisional Manager, Landcare and would report to the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 11.45am.

CR I BUCHANAN

Chairperson

Date:

Wellington Regional Council – 19 April 2001

To be moved:

That the Report of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held on 3 April 2001, Items E 349 to E 363 inclusive, be adopted.