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Report 01.461

22 June 2001

File: E/6/12/1

Minutes of the Meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held in the Committee Room, Wellington Regional Council, 34 Chapel Street, Masterton, on Thursday, 21 June 2001, at 9.30 a.m.

Present:

Councillors Long (Chairperson), Buchanan, Macaskill, McQueen, and Turver.
Messrs Berkett, Beetham, and Southey.

Also Present:

Councillors Allen and Gibson.

Officers Present:

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

Procedural Items

RSW 346 Apologies

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Mr Berkett)

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

RSW 347 Public Participation

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

RSW 348 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Mr Berkett)

That the minutes of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 8 May 2001 be confirmed.

Matter for Recommendation to Council

RSW 349 Separate Scheme Rates and Balances

Report 01.413

File: Y/0/4

Resolved

(Mr Southey/Cr McQueen)

- (1) That the 2001/02 separate scheme rates, as scheduled, be approved.*
- (2) That a minimum rate of \$10.00 be applied to all rateable property as provided for under the Rating Powers Act 1988.*
- (3) That the Lower Wairarapa Valley Scheme Loans Nos. 1 & 2 totalling \$165,803 be repaid early on 16 July 2001.*

Matters for Committee Decision

RSW 350 Motuwaireka Lagoon Hydraulic Study

Report 01.425

File: Y/12/3/3

The Section Leader, Resource Investigations was present for the discussion on this item.

A copy of a letter dated 19 June 2001 from the Riversdale Beach Ratepayers Association was circulated advising that the Association offered their support and co-operation as required toward achieving reasonable water quantity standards in the Motuwaireka Stream.

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr McQueen)

- (a) That the Consultant's report be received and copies provided to interested parties.*
- (b) That the recommendations to improve the water quality of the backwater lagoon by desludging and cleaning the channel be accepted.*
- (c) That the previous recommendations to establish a riparian zone above the head of the lagoon be accepted.*
- (d) That meetings be held with the Masterton District Council, affected landowners, and the Riversdale Ratepayers Association, to discuss funding and cost sharing options for achieving this work.*
- (e) That consideration of a silt trap be deferred until the effects of (b) and (c) have been ascertained.*
- (f) That involvement in beach cutting, cleaning and other works associated with the main lagoon be declined.*
- (g) That the Ratepayers Advisory Committee and the Masterton District Council be informed of the conditions under which beach cutting is a permitted activity.*

RSW 351 Draft Riparian Management Strategy

Report 01.397

File: ENV/5/1/12

Kirsten Forsyth, Policy Advisor, was present for the discussion on this item.

Officers noted the suggestion of an executive summary to be incorporated as part of the draft strategy and further highlighting of the point that riparian management is not a silver bullet to reduce all effects of all land uses on streams.

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Mr Southey)

That the Draft Strategy for achieving riparian management in the Wellington Region be released for public consultation.

Matters Reported for Information

RSW 352 Divisional Manager's Report

Report 01.415

File: Y/21/1

Concerning 2.1 – Annual Plan

The Committee noted that the Council had allocated an additional \$110,000 to the implementation of the new Regional Pest Management Strategy 2001-2021 and an additional \$100,000 towards KNE/Mainland Island work for this and subsequent years.

Concerning 2.2 – Irrigation Study

Officers agreed to report to the Committee on the steering group's progress with the various studies being undertaken of the possible community schemes.

Concerning 3.4 – Gravel Extraction Licensing System

Copies of the proposed gravel extraction guidelines to be initiated with the operation of the new licensing system for gravel extraction in the Ruamahanga River system were tabled.

Resolved

(Mr Beetham/Cr Turver)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

Morning tea: 10.50 a.m.

Resumed at: 11.05 a.m.

RSW 353 Financial Report for the Eleven Months to 31 May 2001

Report 01.421

File: Y/2/1/1

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Mr Berkett)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

Cr Gibson left the meeting at 11.47 a.m.

RSW 354 Wellington Regional Tsunami Hazard Scoping Project

Report 01.374

File: X/13/3/6

The Hazard Analyst, Resource Policy, and the Section Leader, Hazards & Emergency Management were present for the discussion on this item.

Resolved

(Cr McQueen/Cr Buchanan)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 355 Resolution of Appeals to Environment Court

Report 01.414

File: Y/12/2/3/1

Resolved

(Cr McQueen/Mr Beetham)

That the report be received.

RSW 356 Regional Council Input into District Planning

Report 01.411

File: Y/11/2

Resolved

(Mr Southey/Cr Buchanan)

That the information be received.

RSW 357 Resource Consents (Non Notified)

Report 01.406

File: Y/12/2/0

Resolved

(Mr Southey/Cr McQueen)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 358 River and Catchment Works**Report 01.418****File: Y/0/4***Resolved**(Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)**That the schedule be received.***RSW 359 Questions**

There were no questions.

RSW 360 General Business

Cr Long referred to the Riversdale Beach Ratepayers Association letter tabled earlier in the meeting and said that landfill leachate on the Motuwaireka Stream was also a problem arising from the Riversdale closed landfill at the Homewood Road turnoff.

Mr Blakemore indicated that the leachate problem was being addressed as part of the Masterton District Council's resource consent process. Findings of their annual report on rural landfills and an assessment of the impact on the environment would be followed up.

RSW 361 Exclusion of the Public**Report PE 01.420***Resolved**(Cr Buchanan/Cr Macaskill)*

That the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

Rates on Land Under Multiple Maori Ownership

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>Rates on Land Under Multiple Maori Ownership</i>	<i>Because of the need to protect the privacy of natural persons.</i>	<i>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely</i>

to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist (i.e to protect the privacy of natural persons).

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 – Maori landowners

The open part of the meeting concluded at 12.07 p.m.

CR F R LONG
Chairman

Date: