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Report 01.639

23 August 2001

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Wellington Regional Council held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Thursday, 23 August 2001 at 11.50am.

Present

Councillors Macaskill (Chairperson), Allen, Bonner, Buchanan, Gibson, Long, McDavitt, McQueen, Shaw, Shields, Thomas, Turver and Werry

Officers Present

Messrs Allard, Benham, Cutler, Darroch, Forlong, Maguire, Schollum Stone and Wright and Drs Bradbury and Watson

Public Business

Procedural Items

452 Apologies

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Shields)

That the apology from Councillor Laidlaw be confirmed.

453 Public Participation

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

454 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Buchanan)

- (1) *That the public and public excluded minutes of Ordinary Council, Report 01.587 and PE01.499, of 10 July 2001 and the public and public excluded record of Special Policy and Finance Committee meeting, Report 01.496 and PE 01.498 of 10 July 2001, be confirmed, the public excluded business to remain confidential.*
- (2) *That the public minutes of Emergency Council, Report 01.546, of 20 July 2001 be confirmed.*
- (3) *That the public and public excluded minutes of Special Council, Report 01.571 and PE01.576, of 2 August 2001 and the public minutes of Emergency Council meeting, Report 01.573 of 2 August 2001, be confirmed.*
- (4) *That the public minutes of Special Council, Report 01.589, of 15 August 2001 and the public and public excluded record of Special Policy and Finance Committee meeting, Report 01.588 and PE 01.595 of 15 August 2001, be confirmed, the public excluded business to remain confidential.*

455 **Chairman's Report**

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Local Government (Rating) Bill

Mr Maguire said the closing date for submissions on the above Bill was now 26 September 2001.

Society of Local Government Managers (SOLGM) Conference

Councillor Shaw was added to the list of Councillors attending the SOLGM Conference.

Biodiversity Workshop

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Gibson)

That the invitation from the Ministry for the Environment to host the Masterton Workshop, with Councillor Buchanan acting as Chair, be accepted.

Chairman's Report

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Long)

That the Report be received.

Reports of Committees

456 Policy and Finance Committee – 23 August 2001

Report 01.598

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Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Turver)

That the recommendations of the Policy and Finance Committee meeting held on 23 August 2001, be adopted, the public excluded business to remain confidential.

457 Landcare – 26 July 2001

Report 01.547

File: E/6/16/2

Members agreed the item about the Hutt River Floodway Management Plan be taken separately.

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Bonner)

That the report of the meeting of the Landcare Committee held on 26 July 2001, Items LC259 to LC261 and Items LC263 to LC272 inclusive, be adopted.

Hutt River Floodplain Management - 12 July 2001

Report 01.501

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Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Macaskill)

That Council:

- (1) Adopts the Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan*
- (2) Recommends that the new Council continues the Advisory Committee, to be known as the Hutt River Advisory Committee, and that it operates under revised terms of reference as proposed in Attachment 1 to Report 01.487 and as suggested by members at the Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan Advisory Committee meeting.*

Councillor Macaskill said it was a day of great significance for the Regional Council to have approved the Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan. Councillor Macaskill specially

thanked Mr Paul and the Landcare Division staff. There had been a huge consultation with residents and the Regional Council deserves to be very proud of the final result.

458 **Environment – 7 August 2001**

Report 01.574

File: E/6/18/2

Resolved

Cr Buchanan/Cr Gibson

That the report of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on 7 August 2001, Items E 402 to E 421 inclusive, be adopted.

Concerning Paragraph E408 the Opportunities for Increased Use of Indigenous Plants Species in River Control Work

Recommendation (3) in the above paragraph was changed as follows:

Resolved

Cr Buchanan/Cr Gibson

That the decision be referred to the Committees responsible for the implementation of the new policy for their comment and referral to the Policy and Finance Committee.

459 **Rural Services and Wairarapa – 31 July 2001**

Report 01.570

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Resolved

Cr Long/Cr Buchanan

That the report of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 31 July 2001, Items RSW 364 to RSW 367 inclusive, and Items RSW 369 to RSW 382 inclusive, be adopted.

460 **Passenger Transport – 2 August 2001 & 6 August 2001**

Report 01.568

File: E/6/19/2

It was agreed item PT 182 re Lambton Bus/Rail Interchange be considered separately.

Resolved

Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver

That the report of the meeting of the Passenger Transport Committee held on 2 and 6 August 2001, Items PT 179 to PT181 and PT 183 to PT 191 inclusive, be received.

Lambton Bus/Rail Interchange

Report 01.490

File: TP/6/4/1

Dr Watson circulated a copy of a letter from Transfund New Zealand dated 20 August 2001 to Mr Stone, Chief Executive Officer, Wellington Regional Council and Mr. Poole, Chief Executive Officer, Wellington City Council, about Funding of Wellington Lambton Interchange and Kick-start Funding Application

*Resolved**(Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)*

- (1) *That the letter of 20 August 2001 from Transfund New Zealand and Report 01.490 be received.*
- (2) *That the Transfund Board be asked to reconsider its decision to require the Regional Council to forgo \$2.738 million of future patronage growth funding resulting from construction of the Lambton Bus/Rail Interchange.*
- (3) *That the Chairperson of Council and the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of the Passenger Transport Committee request an urgent meeting with the Transfund New Zealand Board seeking an early resolution of the Board's decision to capitalise patronage funding payments to pay for the Lambton Bus/Rail Interchange.*
- (4) *That in noting the letter to the Hon Mark Gosche, Minister of Transport, from the Auckland Regional Council, dated 2 August 2001, that the Wellington Regional Council write to the Minister of Transport asking that the Minister be involved with the Transfund New Zealand Board supporting a change to the Board's policy on this matter.*

Matters of Consideration461 **Use of Official Seal****Report 01.593**

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*Resolved**(Cr McQueen/Cr McDavitt)**That the Report be received.*462 **Question Time – Councillor Turver****Report 01.597**

File: E/6/1/1

Council noted the above Report 01.567 without dissent.

463 **Confirmation of Bovine Tb Vector Control Rate Revocation Special Order****Report 01.585**

File: Y/23/30, E/6/1/8

*Resolved**(Cr Long/Cr Buchanan)*

(1) *The Wellington Regional Council hereby resolves, by way of Special Order, pursuant to Section 87 of the Rating Powers Act 1988, Section 716B of the Local Government Act 1974, and all other provisions enabling it in that behalf, that the system of differential rating set out below for Bovine Tb Vector Control shall be revoked from 1 July 2001:*

- (a) *The differentiated works and services rate, known as the Bovine Tb Vector Control Rate, made and levied by the Wellington Regional Council pursuant to section 44 of the Rating Powers Act 1988 on the area of all rateable property in excess of 10 hectares in that part of the Wellington Region determined by the Council to be the area of benefit of the pest destruction work, such that the rate made and levied in respect of any specified category of property shall vary from the rate made and levied in respect of any other specified category of property.*

Currently the properties in the area of benefit and the differentials have been divided into the following categories:

Category 1 - Operational Areas

Rateable land receiving a direct benefit from Council's Bovine Tb vector control works, being land situated in those areas designated on Classification Roll 1, contributing 90% of the total revenue required.

Category 2 - Non-Operational Areas

Rateable land receiving an indirect benefit from Council's Bovine Tb vector control works, being land situated in those areas designated on Classification Roll 2, contributing 10% of the total revenue required.

- (2) *That the Council publicly notify its intention to make a uniform land area rate, to be known as the Bovine Tb Vector Control Rate, on all rateable properties over 10 hectares within operational areas defined by the Council.*

464 **Exclusion of the Public****Report 01.599***Resolved**(Chairperson/Cr Allen)*

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

1. *Report of the public excluded part of the Landcare Committee meeting held on 26 July 2001*
 - (1) *Hutt River Mouth Extraction –Grant of Licence to Winstone Aggregates Ltd*
 - (2) *Purchase of Land, Waikanae River*

2. *Report of the public excluded part of the Passenger Transport Committee meeting held on 6 August 2001*
 - (1) *Contract 1198: Real Time Information System Results of Tender*
 - (2) *Tranz Metro Wellington Sales and 2001/02 Contract*

3. *Tranz Metro Acquisition Process*

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>
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<i>1.(1) Hutt River Mouth Extraction –Grant of Licence to Winstone Aggregates Ltd</i>	<i>To enable the Council to carry on negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage</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 (ie to enable the Council to carry on negotiations (including commercial negotiations) without prejudice or disadvantage.)</i>
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<i>1.(2) Purchase of Land, Waikanae River</i>	<i>To enable the Council to carry on negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage</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</i>
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| <p>2.(1) <i>Contract 1198: Real Time Information System Results of Tender</i></p> | <p><i>To enable the Council to carry on negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage</i></p> | <p><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 (ie to enable the Council to carry on negotiations (including commercial negotiations) without prejudice or disadvantage.)</i></p> |
| <p>2.(2) <i>Tranz Metro Wellington Sale Issues and 2001/02 Contract Negotiation</i></p> | <p><i>Because of the need to carry on negotiations (including commercial)</i></p> | <p><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 (ie to carry on commercial negotiations).</i></p> |
| <p>(3) <i>Tranz Metro Acquisition Process</i></p> | <p><i>To enable negotiations by the public authority without prejudice or disadvantage.</i></p> | <p><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 (ie to enable negotiations by the public authority without prejudice or disadvantage.)</i></p> |

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 of 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 1. (1) and (2) and 2. (1) and (2)and (3)

The open part of the meeting closed at 11.50am.

Cr S A MACASKILL

Chairperson

Date: