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Report 01.674

5 September 2001

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, 4 September 2001, 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, and Turver.
Messrs Berkett, Beetham, Dalziell and Southey.

Officers Present:

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

Procedural Items

RSW 383 Apology

Resolved

(Cr McQueen/Cr Turver)

That the apology from Cr Shields be confirmed.

RSW 384 Public Participation

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

RSW 385 Confirmation of Minutes*Resolved**(Mr Southey/Cr Turver)*

That the minutes of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 31 July 2001 (Report 01.583) be confirmed.

Matter for Recommendation to Policy & Finance Committee**RSW 386 Opportunities for Increased Use of Indigenous Plant Species in River Control Work****Report 01.557****File: ENV/12/7/3**

Members noted that the report had previously been considered by the Environment Committee and had been referred to the Rural Services & Wairarapa and Landcare Committees for consideration and comment back to the Policy & Finance Committee.

Resolved to Recommend**(Cr McQueen/Cr Turver)**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) That the report be received and its contents noted. (2) That the strength of the evidence for the continuing use of willows as a primary defence for riverbank protection be noted. (3) That the trials involving the use of native species, both as a back up and as frontline defence, be continued and monitored. (4) That long term decisions about the use of planting options take into account the result of these trials, both in financial and effectiveness terms. |
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Matters for Committee Decision**RSW 387 River Scheme Asset Management Plan Performance****Report 01.623****File: Y/1/1/4**

The Divisional Engineer was present for the discussion on this item.

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr McQueen)

- (1) *That the Wairarapa river management scheme Asset Management Planning process to date be endorsed.*
- (2) *That the Asset Management Plan Performance Statements prepared for the Lower Wairarapa Valley Development Scheme; and the Waiohine-Mangatarere, Upper Ruamahanga, Waingawa, and Waipoua River Management Schemes, be received.*
- (3) *That the need to consult with the Upper Ruamahanga floodplain community to address the gap between existing and desirable works programme levels be noted.*
- (4) *That the June 2001 Audit of River Management Asset Maintenance Standards for the Wairarapa be received.*

RSW 388 Scheme Reserves

Report 01.653

File: Y/1/1/0

Y/1/1/8

Members discussed the priority rankings of funding for river schemes and commented on the payment to both scheme reserve funds based on up-to-date annualised damages taking higher priority over new capital works.

Resolved

(Cr McQueen/Cr Turver)

- (1) *That the proposed reserve targets for the Scheme Reserve Targets and Major Flood Damage Reserve Fund be adopted.*
- (2) *That the proposed priorities of funding for the river schemes, as outlined in Report 01.653, be adopted.*
- (3) *That the full annual contributions to reserves be implemented once a scheme has repaid its current deficit or goes into further deficit.*

Morning tea: 10.52 a.m.

Resumed at: 11.05 a.m.

RSW 389 Divisional Manager's Report

Report 01.645

File: Y/21/1

Concerning 2.1 – Last Meeting

As this was the final Committee meeting for the triennium, the Divisional Manager extended his good wishes to those members who were seeking re-election, and to Crs Macaskill and McQueen who were retiring. Congratulations

were also conveyed to Crs Turver and Shields on their return to the Council unopposed.

Concerning 2.2 – Last Financial Year

Cr Macaskill advised that in relation to the annual plan performance, he was delighted to report that the Audit Office had graded the Council 'excellent' in five different categories this year which was the first time that this had occurred. This achievement was extremely pleasing given the huge increase in activity levels undertaken by staff.

Concerning 2.7 – Wairarapa Irrigation Study

The Divisional Manager gave a presentation on the three proposed community scheme concepts from stage one of the irrigation study being undertaken for the Wairarapa.

Resolved (Mr Southey/Mr Dalziell)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 390 Financial Report for the Twelve Months to 30 June 2001

Report 01.656 **File: Y/2/1/1**

Resolved (Mr Dalziell/Mr Berkett)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 391 Progress Report on Iwi Projects in the Wairarapa

Report 01.646 **File: Y/21/6**

The Maori Policy Advisor was present for the discussion on this item.

Resolved (Mr Dalziell/Cr McQueen)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

RSW 392 Poplar Planting Audit

Report 01.655 **File: Y/2/5/2**

Resolved (Cr Buchanan/Mr Dalziell)

That the report be received and the potential impacts on future Council activities be noted.

RSW 393 Willow Sawfly Research

Report 01.654

File: Y/2/5/4

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)

That the report be received.

RSW 394 Annual Compliance Monitoring Report 2000/01

Report 01.651

File: Y/12/2/0

The Senior Resource Advisor was present for the discussion on this item.

Members noted that the report was to be also considered by the Environment Committee.

Resolved

(Cr McQueen/Cr Turver)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 395 Annual Freshwater Quality Report 2000

Report 01.658

File: Y/12/3/3

The Water Quality Scientist was present for the discussion on this item.

Resolved

(Cr McQueen/Cr Buchanan)

That the report be received.

RSW 396 Wetland Demonstration Project, Oporua Floodway

Report 01.523

File: ENV/5/1/13

The Field Supervisor and Policy Advisor were present for the discussion on this item.

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Mr Southey)

That the information be received and noted.

RSW 397 Proposed Hazardous Waste Collection Strategy

Report 01.650

File: ENV/4/2/1

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Macaskill)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

RSW 398 Regional Council Input into District Planning

Report 01.647

File: Y/11/2

Resolved

(Mr Dalziell/Cr McQueen)

That the information be received.

RSW 399 Resource Consents (Non-Notified)

Report 01.648

File: Y/12/2/0

Resolved

(Mr Beetham/Mr Berkett)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 400 River and Catchment Works

Report 01.644

File: Y/0/4

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)

That the schedule be received.

RSW 401 Questions

Mr Dalziell asked for an example of a native tree that has a root system equivalent to that of a willow tree.

Mr Gunn replied that native vegetation could never be a substitute for willows on all sites.

RSW 402 General Business

The Chairperson extended his personal thanks and appreciation to elected and appointed members of the Committee, and officers, for their friendship, support and valuable contribution over the past three years.

In particular, Cr Long conveyed his gratitude to Cr Macaskill and Cr McQueen for their contribution and support both at Committee and Council meeting levels and said they would be greatly missed both for their knowledge and professional wisdom.

Cr McQueen thanked the Chairperson and said that his six years on the Committee had been an enjoyable experience with its diversity and professionalism.

Cr Macaskill extended his personal thanks and indicated he would miss Committee members and his visits to the Wairarapa which had been a special part of his time on the Council. He commented that the inclusion of the Wairarapa at the time of the local government reform had been well received and the special skills and values expressed by Committee members had been a pleasure to take back to Wellington.

Members expressed their very best wishes for Cr Macaskill's and Cr McQueen's retirement.

The meeting closed at 1.04 p.m.

CR F R LONG
Chairperson

Date:

Wellington Regional Council - 27 September 2001

To be moved

<p>That the Report of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 4 September 2001, Items RSW 383 to RSW 402 inclusive, and the recommendation contained therein, be adopted.</p>
