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**Report 01.699**

13 September 2001

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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, 13 September 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, Shields and Turver and Ms Duncan and Mr Morrison

**Also Present**

Councillor McQueen

**Officers Present**

Ms Cunningham, Mr Darroch, Ms McLachlan, Messrs Pryce, Sheriff, Skene and Waddy and Drs Bradbury and Hastie

**Public Business**

**Procedural Items**

E 422      **Apologies**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Buchanan/Cr Allen)*

*That the apology for lateness from Councillor Turver be confirmed.*

E 423 **Public Participation**

**Brian Pidford, Appellant, RMA 810/00**

Mr Pidford said he was one of the appellants seeking a coastal permit to use his Boatshed for overnight stays. Mr Pidford said he did not wish to litigate the details of the proceedings for the Court of Appeal but asked, when considering the item at today's meeting, for the Committee to allow him the opportunity to talk to officers of the Environment Division outside the legal process.

Following questions Councillor Buchanan said Mr Pidford's request will be considered later in the meeting.

E 424 **Confirmation of Minutes**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Buchanan/Cr Gibson)*

*That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 August 2001, Report 01.634, be confirmed.*

**Harbour Matters**

There are no Harbour matters for consideration.

**Civil Defence Matters**

There are no Civil Defence matters for consideration.

**Environmental Matters**

**Resolved to Recommend**

E 425 **Proposed Change to Resource Policy Department Operating Plan 2001-2010**

**Report 01.659**

File: X/2/1/1

Councillor Turver arrived at 9.35am.

**Resolved to Recommend**

**(Cr Shields/Cr Allen)**

**That Council:**

- 1. Changes the Resource Policy Department's Operating Plan 2001-2010 to remove the requirement to produce Planwell.**
- 2. Transfers the budget for Planwell to the Regional Policy Statement and the regional plan implementation.**

**Matters for Decision****E 426 RMA 810/00: Pidford & Others v Wellington Regional Council****Report 01.615**

File: WGN000183, WGN000187  
WGN000188, WGN000191  
WGN000194

Members discussed the request from Mr Pidford and decided as follows:

*Resolved*

*(Cr Buchanan/Cr McDavitt)*

*That the Committee, under the delegated authority of the Wellington Regional Council, pursue Appeal RMA 810/00 to the Environment Court, and that this approach not preclude dialogue between the parties concerned.*

**E 427 Environment Presentation by Otari School**

At 10.00am Councillor Buchanan welcomed Verena Wilson, deputy Principal and six children aged from 5 to 7 years old from Otari School.

The children gave a presentation about the Kaiwharawhara Stream and using the Catchment pictures and drawings explained:

- (1) The Start of the Stream,
- (2) The route through Galloway Park, Wadestown and Trellissick Park and finally the Harbour

The children also explained the importance of a good clean environment to maintain the quality of the stream.

Jo Campbell, Environmental Education Officer, said the childrens' presentation showed the value of the Council's *Take Action for Water* programme which had now been circulated to every school in the region.

Councillor Buchanan thanked the Deputy Principal and pupils and said that the presentation showed the value of Council's environment education programmes.

Morning tea: 10.00am

Resumption: 10.30am

**E 428 Delegation of Resource Management Act 1991 Functions to Hearings Commissioners**

**Report 01.616**

File: WGN 010151

*Resolved*

*(Cr Allen/Cr Macaskill)*

*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:*

- *Barry Butcher*

*To jointly hear and consider resource consent applications WGN010151 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 sections 102, 104, and 105 of that Act.*

**E 429 Annual Coastal Water Quality Report 2000/2001**

**Report 01.618**

File: K/5/5/5

*Resolved*

*(Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)*

*(1) That the report be received and the Committee endorse the future action.*

*(2) That a review report be prepared for the next meeting including:*

*(a) a recommended new programme and costs and*

*(b) a public reporting and communication programme for water quality so that the public understand the issues and remedial actions which are required and are in place.*

**E 430 Soil Quality Monitoring 2000/2001**

**Report 01.631**

File: ENV 14/3/1

## **Communication**

Public information will be included in the 'Communications Strategy' presently under preparation.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Gibson/Cr Allen)*

- (1) *That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) *That additional funding be sought at the six month review to enable the soil quality monitoring programme to progress according to the original timetable.*

## **Matters for Information**

E 427 **Take Action for Water Update**  
(contd)

**Report 01.678**

File: ENV/15/4/1

A **Take Action for Water Folio** entitled *Take Charge: Environmental Solutions that Work for You: for Business and Industry in the Wellington Region* which included:

- (1) A complete guide for teachers to help 8-10 year olds to undertake and care for freshwater in the Wellington region and:
- (2) A Take Charge leaflet entitled "Environmental Solution that Works for You", for business and industry in the region.

was distributed. Copies will also be made available to all Councillors.

## **Schools' Participation**

Councillor McDavitt asked officers to think about:

- (a) overcoming barriers within schools to participation in the 'Take Action for Water' programme and:
- (b) co-ordination actions for best effect eg within a catchment

*Resolved*

*(Cr Gibson/Cr Allen)*

*That Report 01.678 be received and the contents noted.*

E 432 **Take Charge Update**

**Report 01.679**

File: ENV/15/2/2

*Resolved*

*(Cr Turver/Cr Allen)*

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

E 433 **Divisional Manager's Report**

**Report 01.687**

File: E/6/18/3

**Resource Management Law Association Conference**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Buchanan/Cr Gibson)*

*That Councillor Buchanan and Councillor Turver attend the Resource Management Law Association Conference.*

**End of the Triennium**

Dr Bradbury thanked the Committee for giving more resources to the Division and said this had enabled staff to take a new direction and vision. Dr Bradbury said Councillor Macaskill will be missed as he had always given staff calm and encouraging support during his membership of the Committee.

Councillor Gibson said he endorsed the comments of Dr Bradbury and congratulated Mr Stone and Dr Bradbury for the quality of the staff in the Environment Division.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Buchanan/Cr Gibson)*

*That the report be received and the contents noted*

E 434 **Survey of Environmental Behaviour**

**Report 01.676**

File: ENV 15/5/6

Councillor Buchanan requested that other Regional Council's be contacted about the survey.

*Resolved*

*(Cr McDavitt/Cr Allen)*

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

E 435 **Porirua Stream Water and Sediment Quality**

**Report 01.514**

File: K/8/12/1

*Resolved*

*(Cr McDavitt/Cr Macaskill)*

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

E 436 **Porirua Stream Water and Sediment Quality**

**Report 01.514**

File: K/8/12/1

*Resolved*

*(Cr McDavitt/Cr Macaskill)*

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

E 437 **Annual Freshwater Quality Report 2000**

**Report 01.619**

File: ENV 5/1/1

A copy of the Report was tabled.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Turver/Cr Allen)*

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

E 438 **Annual Compliance Monitoring Report 2000/01**

A copy of the report was circulated.

**Territorial Authorities**

Members noted that Territorial Authorities, which hold consents for activities which have potential for significant environmental impact, continue to be disproportionately represented in the non-complying ratings.

While staff were considering ways to improve, members also agreed there was a need to meet regularly with counterparts in the new Triennium.

**Report 01.651**

File: Y/12/2/0

*Resolved*

*(Cr Gibson/Cr Shields)*

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

E 439 **Update on Wellington Regional Environmental Agency**

**Report 01.694**

File: ENV/8/1/2

*Resolved* (Cr Gibson/Cr Turver)

*That the report be received.*

E 440 **Annual Incident Report 2000/2001**

**Report 01.620** File: K/4/6/1

*Resolved* (Cr McDavitt/Cr Allen)

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

E 441 **Decisions on Non-notified Resource Consent Applications**

**Report 01.624** File: K/3/6/12

*Resolved* (Cr Turver/Cr Buchanan)

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

E 442 **Incident Response Report**

**Report 01.617** File: K/4/6/1

*Resolved* (Cr Shields/Cr Allen)

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

E 443 **Regional Council Input to District Planning**

**Report 01.677** File: X/25/1/1

*Resolved* (Cr Turver/Cr Shields)

*That the report be received.*

E 444 **Transmission Gully – Update on Environmental Matters**

**Report 01.669** File: X/26/17/1

*Resolved* (Cr Turver/Cr Shields)

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

E 445 **Strategic Urban Planning Conference: 3-4 September 2001**



**Report 01.727**

File: E/7/9/29

*Resolved*

*(Cr McDavitt/Cr Allen)*

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

**Other Matters**

E 446      **Questions**

There were no questions.

E 447      **General**

**Councillor McQueen**

Councillor McQueen said he had admired the Environment Committee for introducing significant changes during the past three years.

**Councillor Buchanan**

Councillor Buchanan said he endorsed the earlier comments by Councillor Gibson and thanked members for their input and deliberation and Dr Bradbury and her team for the way the Division had taken the opportunity to implement new policies during the past three years.

Councillor Buchanan in noting that Councillor Macaskill and Councillor McQueen were not standing in the forthcoming elections thanked both Councillors for their wise counsel and support.

Councillor Macaskill was presented with a gift, a Resource Consent discharge permit with a number of conditions, and this was received by acclamation.

The meeting closed at 12.45pm.

CR IM BUCHANAN  
Chairperson

Date:

**Wellington Regional Council – 27 September 2001**

*To be moved:*

**That the Report of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held on 13 September 2001, Items E 422 to E 447 inclusive, and the recommendations contained therein, be adopted.**