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Minutes of the First Meeting of the Triennium of the Wellington Regional Council held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Friday, 26 October 2001 at 11.00am

Present

Councillors Aitken, Barr, Buchanan, Evans, Kirton, Laidlaw (from 12 noon), Long, McDavitt, Shields, Thomas, Turver, Werry, Yardley

Officers Present

Messrs Darroch, Maguire and Stone

Iwi representatives of the Wellington Region welcomed the Councillors.

The ceremony began with a karanga by Kahu Katene (Ngati Toa), followed by a karakia and welcome by Bill Katene (Ngati Toa) with a whaikorero given by Miki Rikihana (Te Ati Awa ki Whakarongotai) finishing with a ruruku by Kura Moeahu (Te Ati Awa). Others in attendance included Jack Rikihana (Chariman of Te Runanga o Ati Awa ki Whakarongotai) and partner Margaret and Holden Hohaia (Ngati Maru) Director of Treaty Relationships at WCC.

- 01 An apology for lateness from Councillor Laidlaw was noted.

Introduction

Mr Maguire, Council Secretary, took the Chair until the election of the Chairperson of the new Council.

Mr Maguire welcomed Her Excellency Dame Silvia Cartwright, Governor General of New Zealand and Hon Marion Hobbs, Minister for the Environment and MP for Wellington Central, Councillors, their families, friends and guests and also other guests including Mayor Read, South Wairarapa District and previous Regional Councillors of Councillors.

02 **Electoral Officer's Declaration: 2001 Elections**

Report 01.758

File: E/9/7/5

The report was noted.

03 **Declaration by Councillors**

Report 01.756

File: E/9/7/5

In the presence of Her Excellency Dame Silvia Cartwright, Governor General of New Zealand and Hon Marion Hobbs, Minister for the Environment and MP for Wellington Central, all Councillors present, made and signed the Declarations required by the Local Government Act 1974.

04 **Election of Chairperson of Wellington Regional Council**

Procedure

1. Report 01.752

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Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Thomas)

That Council:

- (1) ***adopts**, in the event of there being more than two candidates for Council Chairperson, the procedures as set out in Wellington Regional Council Standing Order 9(d) for the election of the Chairperson;*
- (2) ***agrees** that, in the event of a tie between the highest polling candidates, the names of the candidates receiving an equal number of votes be placed in a container and the name of the person drawn out by an independent person deemed to be elected;*
- (3) ***agrees** that, in the event of a tie between the lowest polling candidates for the office in question, a vote of all members present and voting be taken to determine which of the tied candidates shall proceed to next round of voting; and*
- (4) ***follows** the same procedure as specified in Wellington Regional Council Standing Order 9(d) in regard to the election of the Council Deputy Chairperson and the Chairpersons of Standing Committees.*

2. Election

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Mr Maguire then called for nominations for the position of Chairperson of the Wellington Regional Council.

Councillor Shields was nominated by Councillor McDavitt and seconded by Councillor Buchanan.

There being no further nominations, Councillor Shields was declared the elected Chairperson of the Wellington Regional Council.

Members and all those present showed their appreciation by acclamation.

3. Declaration by Chairperson

Report 01.757

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In the presence of Her Excellency Dame Silvia Cartwright, Governor General of New Zealand and Hon Marion Hobbs, Minister for the Environment and MP for Wellington Central, Councillor Shields read and signed the Declaration, as Chairperson of the Regional Council pursuant to the Local Government Act.

4. Newly-Elected Chairperson to take Chair

Councillor Shields then took the Chair as the newly elected Chairperson of the Wellington Regional Council.

Councillor Shields thanked members for the confidence shown in electing her as Chairperson. Councillor Shields also said she was honoured by the presence of Dame Silvia Cartwright and the Hon Marion Hobbs and was privileged to be leading a Council that had been so well lead by Councillor Macaskill over such a long period. Councillor Shields said she was excited about the prospects for the next three years and had a splendid team of Councillors to complete the regional goals for the community. Councillor Shields also paid a special tribute to Mr Stone, General Manager and his staff.

Councillor Shields said she would give all her energy to dealing with the challenging issues facing the region.

05 Address by Her Excellency Dame Silvia Cartwright, Governor General of New Zealand

Her Excellency Dame Silvia Cartwright addressed the meeting.

Councillor Shields thanked Dame Silvia Cartwright for the significant thoughts she had shared with those present.

06 **Address by Hon Marion Hobbs, Minister for the Environment and MP for Wellington Central**

Hon Marion Hobbs then addressed the meeting.

Councillor Shields thanked Hon Marion Hobbs for the thoughts she had shared with those present.

07 **Statutory Briefing**

Report 01.754

File: E/1/1/9; E/5/1/1

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Turver)

That the information be noted.

08 **Councillor Laidlaw**

Councillor Laidlaw joined the meeting at 12 noon. Councillor Laidlaw read and signed the Declaration required by the Local Government Act 1974.

09 **Election of Deputy Chairperson, Wellington Regional Council**

Councillor Shields then proposed that the election of Deputy Chairperson take place.

Councillor Shields nominated, Councillor Turver seconded, Councillor McDavitt for the position of Deputy Chairperson of the Wellington Regional Council.

There being no further nominations, Councillor Shields declared Councillor McDavitt the elected Deputy Chairperson of the Wellington Regional Council.

10 **Committee Arrangements**

Report 01.741

File: E/6/2/2

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Thomas)

That Report 01.741 be received for information and referred for further consideration by Council when it reconvenes at 9.30am on 8 November 2001.

11 **Karakia**

Mr Bill Katene then performed a karakia to conclude the deliberations for the day.

The meeting adjourned at 12.05pm to resume at 9.30am on Thursday 8 November 2001.

Resumption: Thursday, 8 November 2001 at 9.30am

Present

Councillors Shields (Chairperson), Aitken, Barr, Buchanan, Evans, Kirton, Laidlaw, Long, McDavitt, Thomas, Turver, Werry, Yardley

Officers Present

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

12 **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

13 **Public Participation**

The Chairperson said that with leave of the meeting she would invite Rosalind Averton, ratepayer, to speak.

Rosalind Averton thanked members for the opportunity to speak as a representative of the ratepayers. Ms Averton said she had three points to make:

- There was concern about the Regional Council's relationship with Wellington City Council and said there should be more collaboration between officers and politicians in both organisations.
- Regional Councillors should regularly attend Community and Resident's meetings.
- The Regional Council should carefully consider the decision to consider some items in the public excluded part of the meeting.

The Chairperson thanked Ms Averton for her comments and said these were shared by all Councillors.

14 **Committee Arrangements**

Report 0.741

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Relationships with Territorial Authorities

Councillor Laidlaw suggested it would be timely for officers to report on the nature and functionality of the Regional Council's relationships with the territorial authorities from the perspective of the totality of the Regional Council's responsibilities.

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)

That the Council:

- (1) Receive the report*
- (2) Adopt the Committee structure comprising:*
 - (a) A Policy and Finance Committee of the whole Council, as a special committee, together with a Policy and Finance Subcommittee.*
 - (b) The following committees:*
 - Rural Services and Wairarapa*
 - Environment*
 - Regional Land Transport*
 - Passenger Transport*
 - Landcare*
 - Utility Services*
 - (c) That in the case of single member constituencies, where there are likely to be matters regularly coming before a committee which impact on that constituency, but the local Councillor is not a member of the Committee, another person from the constituency be appointed to the Committee.*
 - (d) Concerning individual committees, it is further recommended:*
 - (i) Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee:*
 - That the combined Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee be continued.*
 - That a subcommittee comprising the Regional Council members of the Rural Services and Wairarapa be constituted as subcommittee to carry out the necessary consultation and to make the appointments.*
 - (ii) Regional Land Transport Committee:*
 - The Chairperson of the RLTC be a member of the Regional Council who is not Chairperson of any other transport related committee.*
 - The number of Regional Councillors on the RLTC not exceed five.*
 - Servicing and resourcing of the RLTC remain in the hands of the Regional Council.*
 - Membership of the RLTC be restricted to no more than 21 people representing:*

- *Regional Council (up to five members)*
- *TLAs (eight members)*
- *Transit New Zealand*
- *Transfund*
- *Land Transport Safety Authority*
- *Police*
- *Road Transport Forum*
- *Automobile Association*
- *Wellington Regional Chamber of Commerce*
- *User groups (one member)*
- *“Ordinary” meetings of the RLTC be held no more than four times a year at venues around the region.*
- *That in the interests of improving communications Regional Land Transport Committee representatives develop appropriate mechanisms for briefing their own organisations and providing feedback to all Regional Land Transport Committee members.*
- *That the Chairperson of the Regional Land Transport Committee in the new triennium continue to provide written “outcome” reports to members of the Committee following each meeting.*
- *That potential members of the RLTC and members of other interested transport organisations be invited to attend a Forum before the end of the year to discuss RLTC process in the coming triennium and the forthcoming review of the RLTS.*
- *That an RLTC technical working group of officers representing the Regional Council, each Territorial Local Authority, Transit, Transfund and the LTSA be established to assist and advise the RLTC.*
- *That the RLTC technical working group report to the Forum on:*
 - *Reporting and communication protocols between agents and the RLTC*
 - *Processes to be used to identify regionally-significant transport issues and methods of addressing them*
- *Given the nature and infrequency of meetings of this Committee, its membership arrangements and the fact that it has no budgetary responsibilities, it be treated as a special committee, rather than as a standing committee of the Council.*

(iii) *Passenger Transport Committee:*

- *That the PTC continue as a standing committee; but generally meeting on a six-weekly basis.*

(iv) *Landcare Committee:*

- *That the Landcare Committee continue as at present.*

(v) *Utility Services Committee:*

- *That, for the mean time, the Utility Services Committee continue unchanged*
- *That City Council representation on the Utility Services Committee be reviewed.*

(vi) *Special and Joint Committees:*

- *That the Hutt River Advisory Committee continue but the incoming Landcare Committee consider the recommendations of the previous Council and report back to this Council.*

(e) *Ara Tahi:*

That Ara Tahi continue as present.

(f) *Council and Committees' Terms of Reference:*

That the Committees' terms of reference be referred to the new standing committees for consideration and recommendation to the Policy and Finance Committee, including the mode of operation, function and name of the Policy and Finance Committee, and that that Committee recommend consolidated terms of reference to the Council.

(g) *Meeting Timetable:*

That the new Council continue to hold ordinary meetings on a six-weekly meeting cycle with Committee meetings concentrated over three weeks in each cycle on Tuesdays and Thursdays with Council meetings held on a second Tuesday after the last Standing Committee meeting, with all meetings starting at 9.30am.

15 Elected Members' Remuneration

Report 01.740

File: E/5/2/3

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Buchanan)

That Council approves payment of the maximum rates of remuneration to elected members.

It was noted that the taxation for private use of the Chairperson's car would be reviewed.

16 **Appointments to Committees and Other Organisations**

Report 01.775

File: E/6/2/2

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Long)

That Council:

- (1) Appoint the Chairpersons, Deputy Chairpersons and members of Standing Committees as set out in Attachment 1 to these minutes.*
- (2) Note the information in Attachment 2.*
- (3) Appoint the persons shown in Attachment 3 to the other Committees and organisations.*

17 **Emergency Matters**

Report 01.753

File: E/6/9/2

Resolved

(Cr Long/Cr Laidlaw)

That the Report be received.

14 **Proposed Meeting Schedule for Remainder of 2001**

Report 01.755 (Amended)

File: E/6/2/2

Mr Maguire noted that the Capital Coast District Health Board held their meetings on Tuesdays and discussions were taking place to resolve the potential clash of dates between the Regional Council and the Board.

Members noted that an amended page outlining the proposed Meeting Schedule for the remainder of 2001 was circulated.

Councillor McDavitt advised that it was proposed to arrange a Transport Forum at the Westpac Trust Stadium on 12 December 2001.

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr McDavitt)

That Council confirms the meeting schedule, as proposed in paragraph 2(1) of Report 01.755.

15 **Local Government New Zealand Nominations****Report 01.776**

File: E/7/7/1

*Resolved**(Cr McDavitt/Cr Kirton)*

- (1) *That the information be received.*
- (2) *That the nomination of Mayor Read as Zone 4 representative on the National Council be supported.*

16 **Exclusion of the Public****Report 01.774***Resolved**(Chairperson/Cr Kirton)*

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

- (1) *Lambton Bus/Rail Interchange Funding*
- (2) *Contract 1203: 2001 – 2005 Log Harvest*

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>(1) Lambton Bus/Rail Interchange Funding</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>

- (2) *Contract 1203: To enable the Council to That the public conduct of the
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disadvantage, commercial
activities.)*

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) and (2)

The open part of the meeting closed at 10.30am.

Cr M K SHIELDS
Chairperson

Date: