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Report 02.449

10 July 2002

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held in the Committee Room, Wellington Regional Council, 34 Chapel Street, Masterton, on Tuesday, 9 July 2002, 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), McDavitt, Shields and Turver.
Messrs Benton, Dalziell, McQueen and Southey.

Officers Present:

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

Procedural Items

RSW 70 Apologies

Resolved

(Cr Long/Mr Southey)

That the apologies from Crs Buchanan and Kirton, and also the apologies for lateness from Messrs Benton and Dalziell, be confirmed.

RSW 71 Public Participation

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

Mr Benton arrived at 9.35 a.m.

RSW 72 Confirmation of Minutes**Matters Arising****Concerning RSW 68 – Committee Meeting Venues**

Officers were asked to report back to the Committee on meeting location suggestions for the holding of future Committee meetings in the Region.

Concerning RSW 61: Pest Plant Control – Wellington City Programme

Members were advised that Cr Andy Foster had now confirmed his appointment as the Wellington City Council representative on the Regional Pest Management Strategy Sub-Committee with Crs Buchanan, McDavitt and Mr McQueen, to consider the future of the Wellington City Pest Plants Control Programme. A meeting date would now be scheduled.

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Mr Southey)

That the minutes of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 28 May 2002 (Report 02.299) be confirmed.

RSW 73 Presentation – Waitangi Tribunal Claims

Rebecca O'Brien, Research Officer and Claims Facilitator for the Waitangi Tribunal, attended the meeting and gave an overview of the Wairarapa ki Tararua Inquiry process and summarised specific Wairarapa claims of interest to members.

The Waitangi Tribunal's claims process for Wairarapa during 2003 included the Claimants Final Statement of Claims (February), the Crown's Statement of Response (June), the Tribunal's Statement of Issues (September), with the Hearings scheduled to commence in November/December. Of note was the deadline schedule set out to 2010 for further research and completion of claims under the Tribunal's new approach.

Members commented on the tight timeframe that had been put in place in which the Waitangi Tribunal were expecting to settle the various claims, grievances, and administrative issues.

Mr Dalziell arrived at 9.55 a.m.

Matter for Recommendation to Policy, Finance & Strategy Committee

RSW 74 Riparian Management Strategy

Report 02.373

File: Y/2/5/6

Kirsten Forsyth (Policy Advisor, Resource Policy), Tim Porteous (Biodiversity Co-ordinator) and Geoff Skene (Environment Co-ordinator Manager) were present for the discussion on this item.

The report had also been considered by the Environment Committee at its June meeting.

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Mr Southey)

That the Strategy for Achieving Riparian Management in the Wellington Region be adopted, noting that implementation of riparian protection is subject to funding within the LTCCP.

Morning tea: 10.45 a.m.

Resumed: 11.00 a.m.

Matters for Committee Decision

RSW 75 Asset Management Plan for Pump Drainage Schemes

Report 02.395

File: Y/1/0

Ranjan Cyril, Engineer, was present for the discussion on this item.

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Mr McQueen)

- (1) That the Asset Management Plan for the Moonmoot, Te Hopai, Pouawha, Papatahi, and Onoke Pump Drainage Schemes, be adopted.*
- (2) That there is a need to give consideration to adopting the drainage schemes as Council infrastructure, including clarification of land ownership and access rights, as part of the upcoming Lower Wairarapa Valley Development Scheme review.*

RSW 76 Objection to Consent Condition – Discharge to Land Consent – Camp Anderson, Riversdale

Report 02.393

File: Y/12/2/8

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Mr Benton)

That the objection to condition 2 on Resource Consent WAR 010348 be upheld and a new condition 2 substituted, as follows:

“(2) The location, design, implementation and operation of the treatment and disposal system shall be in accordance with the consent application and its associated plans and documents lodged with the Wellington Regional Council on 9 November 2000 and subsequent amendments. Specifically that the following provisions are installed by 1 October 2002:

- (i) an emergency wastewater storage facility of no less than 3m³ capacity, and*
- (ii) a high level warning light positioned in a communal part of the camp”.*

Cr Turver left at 11.30 a.m.

Matters Reported for Information

RSW 77 Acting Divisional Manager’s Report

Report 02.392

File: Y/21/1

Concerning 2.3 – Waiohine Bridge Replacement

Members were advised that Transit New Zealand’s request for Council’s contribution of \$300,000 towards the construction of a new Waiohine Bridge on SH2 would be referred to the Waiohine Floodplain Advisory Committee for its consideration.

Concerning 5.4 – Pukaha Restoration Programme, Mt Bruce

The Committee were advised that the Council Chairperson had recently attended the launch of the release of the music CD “Pukaha – songs from the Forest” at the Mt Bruce Wildlife Centre and had taken the opportunity to advise of the Council’s contribution of \$68,000 for 2002/03 to fund a predator control programme on private land adjacent to the Mt Bruce Scenic Reserve.

Concerning 5.10 - High Profile Operations

Updates were given on the High Court injunction application against the aerial component of the Mangaroa-Kaitoke 1080 operation by the Upper Hutt anti-1080 action group.

Mr Benton said that he would like to see Council taking a more proactive role with media article responses, particularly in relation to the current anti 1080 views and misinformation that was occurring in south Wairarapa.

Resolved *Mr Southey/Mr Benton)*

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 78 Financial Report for the Eleven Months to 31 May 2002

Report 02.374 **File: Y/2/1/1**

Resolved *Mr Benton/Mr Dalziell)*

That the report be received and the contents noted.

RSW 79 Current Iwi Projects in the Wairarapa

Report 02.391 **File: Y/11/11/0**

Jason Kerehi, Maori Policy Advisor, was present for the discussion on this item.

It was noted that an Iwi projects viewing day was proposed for 25 September 2002 to which Committee members would be invited to take part.

Resolved *(Mr Dalziell/Mr McQueen)*

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 80 Groundwater Quality of the Riversdale Shallow Aquifer

Report 02.385 **File: Y/13/2/0**

Raelene Hurndell was present for the discussion on this item and gave a presentation on the key results of the groundwater quality survey she had undertaken at Riversdale.

Resolved *Cr McDavitt/Mr Benton)*

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 81 Wairarapa Dust Deposition Investigation

Report 02.386

File: Y/12/2/7

This report had also been considered by the Environment Committee at its June meeting.

Resolved

Cr McDavitt/Mr Southey

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 82 Summary of Flood Event – 18 June 2002

Report 02.394

File: Y/13/1/5

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Mr Benton)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 83 Regional Council Input into District Planning

Report 02.384

File: Y/11/2

Resolved

(Mr McQueen/Cr Shields)

That the information be received.

RSW 84 Resource Consents (Non Notified)

Report 02.380

File: Y/12/2/0

Resolved

(Mr Southey/Cr Shields)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 85 Catchment Works

Report 02.376

File: Y/0/4

Resolved

Cr McDavitt/Mr McQueen

That the schedule be received.

RSW 86 Questions

There were no questions.

RSW 87 General Business

Mr Benton briefly commented on the recent notified resource consent hearing in relation to an application to establish an aquaculture facility for the storage of live crayfish in holding tanks at Tora on the south Wairarapa coast, and said that the officer's input into the hearing process had been well presented.

RSW 88 Exclusion of the Public

Moved (Cr Shields/Mr McQueen)

That the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of the meeting, namely - Rates on Maori Land, Multiple Ownership - because of the need to protect the privacy of natural persons.

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Members then discussed the issue of taking Report PE 02.358 in open meeting with the attached schedule to the report containing the individual ratepayers details remaining in public excluded.

RSW 89 Rates on Maori Land – Multiple Ownership

Report PE 02.358

File: Y/23/1

Resolved (Mr McQueen/Cr Shields)

That the annual rate and additional penalty charges on fifteen Maori freehold properties totalling \$987.47 GST exclusive be remitted.

Resolved (Mr McQueen/Cr Shields)

That the details of the individual ratepayers contained in the attached schedule to Report PE 02.358 remain in public excluded because of the need to protect the privacy of natural persons.

Resolved (Mr Southey/Mr McQueen)

That the Committee Chairperson and Divisional Manager, Wairarapa be granted delegated authority to remit rates on Maori freehold land under multiple ownership where no revenue is being generated.

The meeting closed at 12.48 p.m.

CR F R LONG
Chairperson

Date: