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Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Thursday, 1 May 2003 at 9.30am

Present

Councillors Yardley (Deputy Chairperson), Barr, Evans, McDavitt, Shields, Turver and Messrs Chapman and Rush

Officers Present

Messrs Darroch, Paula Hammond, Pryce, Sheriff, Nicola Shorten, Skene, van Schalkwyk, Waddy and Dr Bradbury

Public Business

Procedural Items

E 178 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Evans/Cr McDavitt)

That the apology from Councillor Buchanan be confirmed.

E 179 **Public Participation**

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

E 180 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved (Cr Turver/Cr Barr)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2003, Report 03.195, be confirmed.

Harbour Matters

Matter for Decision

E 181 **Jody F Millennium Casualty Report – Implications for Regional Councils as Harbour Authorities**

Resolved (Cr Turver/Cr Evans)

- (1) *That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) *That Greater Wellington Regional Council request the Maritime Safety Authority to urgently assemble appropriate legislation to formalise a Port Maritime Safety Code and/or appropriate Maritime Rules.*

Civil Defence Matters

There were no Civil Defence matters for consideration.

Environmental Matters

Matter for Information

E 182 **Regional Meteorological Model**

Report 03.189 File: ENV/06/03/04

Resolved (Cr Turver/Cr Barr)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

Communication

It was agreed a press release should be prepared highlighting the practical implications of the model for the Council processes such as Resource Consents and public information.

Matters for Decision

E 183 **Summary Report on the Collection of Unwanted Agricultural Chemicals**

Report 03.188

File: ENV/18/02/02

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Barr)

- (1) *That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) *That the surplus from the unwanted agricultural chemical project be used to develop a mobile hazardous waste facility for use in the greater Wellington Region.*
- (3) *That officers be asked to investigate and report back on the value of running another region-wide collection of unwanted chemicals in two years.*

E 184 **The Future of *Take Action***

Report 03.217

File: ENV 19/02/01

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Mr Chapman)

- (1) *That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) *That the direction of the future development of the *Take Action* programme, as discussed in this report, be approved.*

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Barr)

- (3) *That officers be requested to seek a development partnership for resource materials with the Ministry of Education.*

Councillor Yardley voted against (3) above.

Matters for Information

E 185 **Divisional Manager's Report**

Report 03.215

File: E/6/18/3

Resolved

(Cr Barr/Cr Evans)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 186 **Regional Council Input to Statutory Planning**

Report 03.205

File: X/26/1/1

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Barr)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 187 **Progress Report on the Investigation of Chemical Contaminants in Shellfish**

Report 03.208

File: ENV/05/05/01

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Mr Chapman)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

Matter for Decision

E 188 **Heritage Management Update**

Report 03.100

File: X/25/01/01

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)

That the report be received and the actions suggested endorsed.

Matters for Information (continued)

E 189 **Decisions on Non-notified Resource Consent Applications**

Report 03.190

File: ENV/1/8/4

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Evans)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

Bore Construction

Councillor McDavitt said the next Local Government Conference will consider water allocation and the need for a strategic approach.

Paula Hammond said there had been a considerable number of bore applications within the region over the past few years. Investigations on the use and effect of ground water are continuing to occur. This information can then be used to review the allocation volumes and rules in regional plans.

E 190 **Pollution Control Report for the Period 24 February to 7 April 2003**

Report 03.187

File: ENV/17/02/01

Resolved

(Cr Evans/Mr Chapman)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

Other Matters

E 191 **Questions**

Silt Erosion

Councillor Barr referred to a recent incident in Newlands and asked what guidelines existed for silt erosion. Paula Hammond said the Regional Council responded to the pollution callout. Monitoring depended on the conditions of the resource consent.

E 192 **General**

Strategic Planning Framework

Councillor McDavitt requested a report on progress for the next meeting.

The meeting closed 12.10pm.

CR I YARDLEY
Deputy Chairperson