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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Wellington Regional Council
held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, 142
Wakefield Street, Wellington on Thursday, 30 October 2003 at
9.30am**

Present

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

Officers Present

Messrs Allard, Benham, Cutler, Darroch, Forlong, Harris, Schollum, and Wright and
Drs Bradbury, Hastie and Watson

Public Business

Procedural Items

314 **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

315 **Public Participation**

Mr R Byrne, 23 McKenzie Avenue, Raumati South

Mr Byrne said he was a resident of Raumati South and was concerned at the prospect of motor sport at Queen Elizabeth Park. Councillors and staff had been making statements in their dealings with the motor sport lobby and he was confused about Greater Wellington's policy for the Park.

The Chairperson said officers will reply to Mr Byrne in writing answering the questions raised in his letter including an explanation of the process for the review of the plan for Queen Elizabeth late in 2004.

A copy of Mr Byrne's representations were circulated.

The meeting adjourned at 9.34am and reconvened at 11.30am.

316 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Barr)

That the minutes of the ordinary Council meeting, Report 03.538 of 16 September 2003, and the record of the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee meeting, Report 03.537 of 16 September 2003, be confirmed.

317 Chairperson's Report

Report 03.620

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Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Barr)

(1) That the report be received.

(2) That the Council grant leave of absence to Councillor Yardley for the period 6-24 November 2003.

Reports of Committees

318 Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee – 30 October 2003

Report 03.525

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Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Thomas)

That the recommendations of the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee meeting held on 30 October 2003, including the public excluded part, be adopted.

319 Rural Services and Wairarapa – 30 September 2003

Report 03.579

File: E/6/12/2

Resolved

(Cr Long/Cr Kirton)

That the report of the Meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 30 September 2003, Items RSW 222 to RSW 241 inclusive, be adopted.

320 **Landcare – 7 October 2003**

Report 03.587

File: E/6/16/2

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Evans)

That the report of the meeting of the Landcare Committee held on 7 October 2003, Items LC 147 to LC 157 inclusive, be adopted.

321 **Passenger Transport – 9 October 2003**

Report 03.595

File: E/6/19/2

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Thomas)

That the following words be added to the Report of the Passenger Transport Committee meeting held on 9 October 2003 in paragraph PT 145 General -

“The Transport Division had no mandate from the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee to spend \$40,000 on the Booz Allen Hamilton consultant’s report on the Costing of an All Bus Alternative to Urban Rail.”

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Aitken)

That the Report of the Meeting of the Passenger Transport Committee held on 9 October 2003, Items PT 135 to PT 145 inclusive, as amended, be adopted.

322 **Utility Services – 14 October 2003**

Report 03.603

File: E/6/17/2

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Aitken)

That the Report of the Meeting of the Utility Services Committee held on 14 October 2003, Items US 101 to US 108 inclusive, be adopted.

323 **Environment – 16 October 2003**

Report 03.605

File: E/6/18/2

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Barr)

That the Report of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held on 16 October 2003, Items E 237 to E 249 inclusive be adopted.

Matters for Consideration

324 WRC Holdings Group Meeting – 30 September 2003

Report 03.610

File: M/30/03/03

Resolved

(Cr Barr/Cr Yardley)

That the Report be received and the contents noted.

Members noted that future reports will have a list of attendees.

325 Question Time

There were no questions.

326 General

Foreshore and Seabed

Councillor Evans said that although the Government had not yet announced the proposed new Foreshore and Seabed policy there will be significant consequences for Regional Councils including Greater Wellington. There were also important jurisdictional issues to be resolved between the High Court and the Maori Land Court.

It was noted that Greater Wellington had supported the LGNZ submission which affirmed community access to the seabed and foreshore and community rights. It was agreed the officers keep a watching brief on any Government initiatives and report to Council when the new policy is announced.

Standing Orders

Councillor Thomas said it would be useful for Councillors to have a better understanding of Standing Orders.

Dr Hastie said while a new set of Model Standing Orders had been published a further revision was now underway to include the provisions of the new Local Government Act 2003. Dr Hastie said he will follow up Councillor Thomas' suggestion once the current review had been completed.

Report on Walking Access in the New Zealand Outdoors

Councillor Barr said a report by the Land Access Reference Group, chaired by Mr J Ackland, had just been released by the Hon J Sutton, Minister of Rural Affairs and asked whether Greater Wellington should make a submission. Mr Harris said officers will investigate and report back.

327 **Exclusion of the Public****Report 03.613***Resolved**(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Barr)*

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

- (1) *Report of the public excluded part of the Meeting of the Rural Services & Wairarapa Committee held on 30 September 2003*

Masterton Interim Sewage Discharge Consent Condition

- (2) *Report of the public excluded part of the Meeting of the Landcare Committee held on 7 October 2003*

- (a) *Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan (HRFMP) Contract 1223: Belmont Edge Protection Improvements – Tender Acceptance*
 (b) *Offer of Land for Addition to East Harbour Regional Park*

- (3) *Report of the public excluded part of the Meeting of the Utility Services Committee held on 14 October 2003*

Plantation Forestry Annual Report and Proposals

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) Masterton Interim Sewage Discharge Consent Condition</i>	<i>Prejudice the maintenance of law, including prevention, investigation, and detection of offences and the right to a fair trial</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 (the right to a fair trial).</i>

- (2)(a) *Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan (HRFMP) Contract 1223: Belmont Edge Protection Improvements – Tender Acceptance* *To enable the Council to carry on negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage.* *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 (including commercial negotiation, without prejudice or disadvantage).*
- (2)(b) *Offer of Land for Addition to East Harbour Regional Park* *To enable the Council to carry on negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage.* *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 (including commercial negotiation, without prejudice or disadvantage).*
- (3) *Plantation Forestry Annual Report and Proposals* *Because of the need to allow the carrying out of, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities* *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 allow the carrying out of, without prejudice or 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:

The Greater Wellington Regional Council (1), (2)(a) and (b) and (3) and Masterton District Council (1)

The open part of the meeting closed at 12 noon.

Cr M K SHIELDS

Chairperson

Date: