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Confirmed Minutes of the meeting of the Regional Sustainability Committee held in the Council Chamber, the Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street on Tuesday, 4 August 2009 at 9.36 am

Present

Councillors Laidlaw (Chairman), Aitken, Bruce, Burke, Donaldson, Kirton, and Wilde. and Mr McKenzie.

Also present

Councillors Buchanan and Lamason

Business

RS 119 **Apologies**

Moved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Wilde)

That the Committee accepts the apologies for absence from Mrs Mellish.

RS 120 **Conflict of Interest declarations**

In respect of Item 9 Councillor Burke advised the meeting that he Chaired a Trust that made grants towards energy efficiency installations in homes. He did not believe this to be a conflict of interest. However, that Trust wholly owned a company that installed products in homes to make them energy efficient and he felt that this may result in a conflict of interest at some future time. He declared there would be no personal benefit to him.

RS 121 **Public participation**

Ian Shearer spoke on the importance of local government input to the United Nations Climate Change Conference in December this year.

Tony Pearson of Proven Energy spoke about the merits of incentives to invest in small scale renewable energy generation.

RS 122 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Moved

(Cr Wilde/Cr Bruce)

That the Committee confirms the minutes of the meeting of 18 June 2009, Report 09.362.

RS 123 **“Health and Wellbeing Benefits of Parks – a Masters research project undertaken at Belmont Regional Park to examine usage and perceptions of park visitors”**

Mary McIntyre, Friends of Belmont Regional Park, gave a *Powerpoint* presentation on behalf of Masters student Flavia Prospero.

RS 124 **Proposal to merge Greater Wellington and Department of Conservation awards**

Report 09.418

File: ENV/27/02/01

Moved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Donaldson)

That the Committee:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content of the report.*
- 3. Approves, **in principle**, the proposed merger of Greater Wellington’s Environmental Awards with the Department of Conservation Wellington Region Awards to take effect from 2010, **subject to the Committee receiving a report-back from officers on the integration of the two sets of awards.***

Noted

Text in bold was added to recommendation 3.

RS 125 **Presentation on potential use of wood waste**

Barry Leonard, Manager Forestry, gave a *Powerpoint* presentation.

The meeting was adjourned between 10.46 am and 11.01 am for morning tea.

RS 126 Energy Work Programme Update Status

Bruce Geden gave a *Powerpoint* presentation.

Report 09.424

File: ENV/22/04/10

Resolved

(Cr Donaldson/Cr Aitken)

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*

RS 127 Proposed Insulation and Clean Heating Retrofit Scheme

Report 09.395

File: CFO/24/05/01

Resolved

(Cr Aitken/Bruce)

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Approves Greater Wellington entering into the EECA scheme under the terms and conditions noted in this report, specifically a maximum amount per ratepayer of \$2,600 (including GST) and a total dollar cap per annum of \$3 million.*
4. *Authorises the Chief Financial Officer or the Manager, Finance to approve grants to qualifying ratepayers, in accordance with recommendation 3 above.*
5. *Authorises the Chief Financial Officer or the Manager, Finance to enter into contracts with ratepayers in accordance with section 10 of this report.*
6. *Authorises the Chief Financial Officer to enter into contracts between EECA and the approved service providers.*

Noted

Councillors complimented the officers involved in the formulation and development of this scheme.

RS 128 **Divisional report for period ended 30 June 2009**

Report 09.419

File: E/06/32/03

Resolved

(Cr Burke/Bruce)

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*

RS 129 **Communities for Climate Protection Programme**

Report 09.464

File: CP/19/07/13

Resolved

(Cr Kirton /Cr Burke)

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Approves withdrawal of Greater Wellington Regional Council from the CCP-NZ programme.*
4. *Authorises the Chair and CEO to pursue the development of a local government alternative to the CCP-NZ programme and report back to the Committee.*

RS 130 **Exclusion of the public**

Report 09.458

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Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Burke)

That the Committee

Excludes the public from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

Electricity supply agreement tender options

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reasons for passing this resolution in relation to the 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 the matter to be considered:</i>	<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter</i>	<i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
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<i>Electricity supply agreement tender options</i>	<i>The information contained in this report relates to Greater Wellington entering into a one year contract for the supply of electrical energy to Water Supply and The Regional Council Centre. The preferred supplier has not yet been chosen. The report outlines terms of the proposed contract which may still be negotiated. Having this part of the meeting open to the public would disadvantage the Council if further negotiations were to take place as it would reveal the Council's negotiation strategy. The Council has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override this prejudice.</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 under section 7(2)(i) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e to enable Greater Wellington to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations).</i>
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This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1) 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 which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as specified above.

The meeting closed at 12.10 pm.

Cr C R LAIDLAW
Chairman
Date: