

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Wellington Regional Council held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Tuesday, 18 May 1999 at 9.30am

Present

Councillors Macaskill (Chairperson), Allen, Bonner, Buchanan, Gibson, Laidlaw, Long, McDavitt, Shaw, Shields, Thomas, Turver and Werry

Officers Present

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

Public Business

Procedural Items

84 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Thomas)

That the apology from Councillor McQueen be confirmed.

85 **Public Participation**

Mr DTS Riddiford

Members noted a written copy of the matter Mr Riddiford would be covering had been distributed to members prior to the meeting.

Mr Riddiford commenced by saying that rates for hill country farmers should be proportional to the benefits received from the local authority and then he read from the previously circulated written submission. Mr Riddiford concluded that differences of opinion are best addressed by discussion and negotiation rather than litigation.

Following questions from members the Chairperson thanked Mr Riddiford and then adjourned the meeting at 10.00am to commence the Policy and Finance Committee meeting.

The meeting reconvened at 12.34pm.

86 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Plantation and Reserve Forestry: An Exit Strategy

Members noted that paragraph PEP&F 9 recommendation (1) should be corrected to read as follows:

***Reaffirm** that the Council's current policy in respect of its Plantation Forestry and Reserve Forestry investments, that it is a seller of cutting rights at the right price rather than a holder at all costs.*

It was also noted that the minutes on public business of the special meeting of the Council held on 29 April 1999 had been renumbered.

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Werry)

- (1) That the minutes of the Council and Policy and Finance Committee meetings held on 8 April 1999 as amended above, the public excluded parts to remain in public excluded, be confirmed.*
- (2) That the minutes of the Special meeting held on 29 April 1999 be confirmed.*

87 **Chairman's Report**

Report 99.244

File: E/6/1/5

Local Government New Zealand Conference

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Allen)

That Councillor Laidlaw be the third WRC representative to attend the LGNZ Conference.

Conference on the Future of the New Zealand Constitution

Resolved

(Cr Long/Cr Turver)

That Councillor Gibson attend the Conference on the future of the New Zealand Constitution.

Chairman's Report (in total)

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Thomas)

That the report be received and recommendations adopted as above.

Reports of Committees

88 Policy and Finance Committee – 18 May 1999

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Shaw)

That the recommendations of the Policy and Finance Committee meeting (as recorded in Reports 99.247 and 99.248) held on 18 May 1999, the public excluded part to remain in public excluded, be adopted.

89 Landcare – 20 April 1999

Report 99.203

File: E/6/16/2

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Turver)

That the report of the Landcare Committee meeting held on 20 April 1999, Items LC44 to LC57 inclusive, and the recommendations contained therein, be adopted.

90 Rural Services and Wairarapa – 22 April 1999

Report 99.190

File: E/6/12/2

Resolved

(Cr Long/Cr Buchanan)

That the report of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee meeting held on 22 April 1999, Items RSW46 to RSW61 inclusive, and the recommendations contained therein, be adopted.

91 **Regional Land Transport – 29 April 1999**

Report 99.224

File: E/6/11/2

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Shields)

That the report of the Regional Land Transport Committee meeting held on 29 April 1999, Items RLT11 to RLT19 inclusive, be adopted.

92 **Environment– 6 May 1999**

Report 99.229

File: E/6/18/2

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Gibson)

That the report of the Environment Committee meeting held on 6 May 1999, Items E 65 to E 85 inclusive, be adopted.

93 **Utility Services – 7 May 1999**

Report 99.223

File: E/6/17/2

Resolved

(Cr Shaw/Cr Werry)

That the report of the Utility Services Committee meeting held on 7 May 1999, Items US 37 to US 44, and the recommendations contained therein, be adopted.

94 **Gateway Project Steering – 28 April 1999**

File: E/6/9/33

Victoria University Architectural Centre – Vision for the Northern Gateway

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Shields)

That officers further investigate ways to gain support for the Victoria University Architectural Centre's Northern Gateway Project and report through the Annual Plan process.

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Shields)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

Matters for Consideration

95 **Chairman's Report Ara Tahi – 6 April 1999** File: X/16/5/9

Resolved (Cr Buchanan/Chairperson)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

96 **Section 230 Resolutions**

(1) Land Adjacent to Tawa Station

Report 99.197 File: T/8/2/1

Resolved (Cr Buchanan/Cr Shields)

- (1) *That pursuant to Section 230 of the Local Government Act, Council resolve that the commuter carparking site adjacent to Tawa Station – off Melville Street Tawa extending to 861 square metres, being contained in Certificate of Title Volume 39B Folio 676 and legally described as Lot 1 DP 71843 be declared surplus to requirements and available for sale.*
- (2) *That subject to recommendation 1 being approved a Section 40 Clearance Certificate to obtained from the Wellington Regional Council General Manager.*
- (3) *Subject to recommendations 1 and 2 being approved, the carparking site be transferred to the Wellington City Council for a nominal sum of \$1.00.*
- (4) *That the Council Common Seal be affixed to the necessary documents to achieve sale.*

(2) Land Sale – Otaki “Quarry”

Report 99.238 File: N/50/3/12

Resolved (Cr Shields/Cr Turver)

- (1) *That pursuant to Section 230 of the Local Government Act, Council resolve that the land contained in certificates of title volume 20A folio 1287 and volume 52D folio 889 be declared surplus to requirements and available for sale.*

- (2) *That subject to recommendation (1) being approved and pursuant to the requirements of Section 40 of the Public Works Act 1981, the properties be offered for sale at their respective current market values as assessed by a registered valuer, or at any lesser price to be set by the General Manager, to the persons from whom they were acquired.*
- (3) *That the proceeds from the sale of land be applied to the retirement of debt incurred in the same area of benefit as the quarry.*
- (4) *That the Council Common Seal be affixed to the necessary documents to achieve sale.*

97 **Questions**

Councillor Gibson tabled the following written questions:

- (1) What is the funding policy of Auckland Regional Council for the **net** costs of contracted transport services?
- (2) How does this compare with the Wellington Regional Council's policy for such services?
- (3) Is there an anomaly between our funding policy of obtaining 70% funding for gross public transport services from user charges, on the one hand, and, on the other hand, proposing a 65% fare recovery ratio target in our draft Transport Strategy discussion document?

These questions will be answered at another time.

98 **Use of Official Seal**

Report 99.240

File: N/50/3/12

Resolved

(Cr Long/Cr McDavitt)

That the report be received.

99 **General**

Communications – Councillor Turver

Councillor Turver asked whether a “communications” item could be added at the end of each meeting agenda. Councillor Shaw suggested that the item be included in each Report. Mr Stone said he would consider ways to implement the suggestions.

100 **Exclusion of the Public***Resolved**(Chairperson/Cr Long)**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 Landcare Committee meeting held on 20 April 1999*

Appointment of Kapiti Representative on the Landcare Committee

- (2) *Report of the public excluded part of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee meeting held on 22 April 1999*

Whakawiriwiri Drain Alternative Proposal

That 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>
(1) <i>Appointment of Kapiti Representative on the Landcare Committee</i>	<i>Because of the need to protect the privacy of natural persons</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 protect the privacy of natural persons).</i>
(2) <i>Whakawiriwiri Drain Alternative Proposal</i>	<i>Prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the 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>

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 or 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:

- (1) *Wellington Regional Council*
- (2) *Wellington Regional Council – J Hedley
J Barton*

The open part of the meeting closed at 1.30pm.

Cr S A MACASKILL
Chairperson

Date