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Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Thursday, 7 September 2000 at 9.30am

Present

Councillors Buchanan, (Chairperson), Allen, McQueen, Gibson, McDavitt, Turver and Mr Earl

Acting Chairperson

It was noted by the meeting that Councillor McQueen was attending as the Acting Chairman of Council. Councillor McQueen said that as he was also Chairman of the Utility Services Committee, which considered operational matters, he would speak but not vote on matters of regulation.

Officers Present

Messrs Darroch, Forlong, McLea, Pryce, Skene, Sherriff, Van Schalkwyk Waddy and Dr Bradbury.

Public Business

Procedural Items

E 273 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Allen)

Guardians offer their assistance in the implementation of the Action Plan and hoped a working group, supported by the Regional Council, will be established.

Lynette Wharfe, Advisory Group, Pauatahanui Inlet

Lynette Wharfe said the completion of the Action Plan was the beginning of the next phase and trusted there will be a process to implement the recommendations of the Action Plan.

Councillor Buchanan, Chairperson, Environment Committee

Councillor Buchanan said the Regional Council would not have progressed as far as it has today without the support of the local community and gave an assurance the Action Plan will be progressed. An Advisory Group will be established similar to groups already working successfully in the Wairarapa.

Environmental Matters

Matter for Recommendation

E 277 **Vision Statement and Action Plan for the Pauatahanui Inlet**

Report 00.656

File: X/23/5/7

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Allen)

That the Vision Statement and Action Plan for the Pauatahanui Inlet, “Towards Integrated Management – Pauatahanui Inlet Action Plan”, be adopted.

Matters for Decision

E 278 **The Use of Heritage Orders in the Coastal Marine Area**

Report 00.659

File: ENV/13/1/1

Resolved

(Cr Gibson/Cr Turver)

That the report be received and the information noted.

Members noted that, if necessary, the issue would be revisited once the present Boatshed Hearings had concluded.

E 279 **Delegation of Resource Management Act 1991 Functions to Hearing Commissioners**

Report 00.636

File: WGN000178, WGN010003

Resolved

(Cr Allen/Cr McDavitt)

That pursuant to section 34(3) of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Environment Committee, acting under authority delegated by the Wellington Regional Council under section 34(1) of that Act, appoints:

- *Cr Michael Briggs (Marlborough District Council)*

To jointly hear and consider resource consent applications WGN000178 received by the Wellington Regional Council from Telstra Saturn Ltd, the submissions on those applications, and make a decision on those resource consent applications under section 102, 104, and 105 of that Act.

AND

That pursuant to section 34(3) of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Environment Committee, acting under authority delegated by the Wellington Regional Council under section 34(1) of that Act, appoints:

- *Cr Annette Maine (Horizons.mw)*

To jointly hear and consider resource consent applications WGN010003 received by the Wellington Regional Council from Telstra Saturn Ltd, the submissions on those applications, and make a decision on those resource consent applications under section 102, 104, and 105 of that Act.

E 280 **Eastern Bays Little Blue Penguin Foundation – Request to Remit Consent Processing Charges**

Report 00.677

File: WGN000160

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Buchanan)

That the Costs listed in paragraph 2 of Report 00.677 for the Eastern Bays Little Blue Penguin Foundation's consent processing charges remain the same but the Commissioners fees be calculated the same as if regional councillors had sat on the Hearing.

Matters for Information

E 281 **Divisional Manager's Report**

Report 00.678

File: E/6/18/3

Waiwhetu Stream-Action Plan Launch

Members noted the launch on 22 September 2000 had been postponed and a new date will be advised as soon as possible

Regional Plans User Guide

Councillor Buchanan said the completion of the User Guide was a huge step forward and asked officers to look at ways to promote the guide in the community especially in the rural areas involving farmers and other citizens.

Resolved (Cr Buchanan/Cr Allen)

That the reports from the Divisional Manager, the Departmental Managers and the Divisional Accountant, be received.

E 282 **Environmental Education Initiative: The Community Connections Care Group Programme**

Report 00.675

File: ENV/15/3/1

Resolved (Cr Turver/Cr Allen)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 283 **Implementing the Regional Policy Statement: the Private Land Protection Programme**

Report 00.634

File: X/23/3/1

Resolved (Cr Gibson/Cr McDavitt)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 284 **Compliance Monitoring – Resource Consents**

Report 00.611

File: K/4/3/2

Resolved (Cr Allen/Cr Turver)

That the report be received and the information noted.

E 285 **Decisions on Non-notified Resource Consent Applications**

Report 00.610

File: Various

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Gibson)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 286 **Annual Coastal Water Quality Report 1999/2000**

Report 00.612

File: K/5/5/5

Resolved

(Cr Gibson/Cr Turver)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 287 **Incident Response Report**

Report 00.613

File: K/4/6/1

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/ Cr Allen)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 288 **Regional Council Input to District Planning**

Report 00.646

File: X/26/1/1

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Allen)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

Other Matters

E 289 **Questions**

There were no questions.

E 290 **General**

There were no matters of general business.

The meeting closed at 11.50am.

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Chairperson

Date: