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Report 00.705
19 September 2000

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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, 19 September 2000 at 12.30pm.

Present

Councillors Shields (Acting Chairperson), Buchanan, Gibson, Laidlaw, Long, McDavitt, McQueen, Shaw, Thomas, Turver and Werry.

Officers Present

Messrs Allard, Benham, Bodnar, Darroch, Gunn, Hutt and Stone and Drs Bradbury and Watson.

Public Business

Procedural Items

306 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr McQueen)

That the apologies from Councillor Allen, Councillor Bonner and Councillor Macaskill and the apology for lateness from Councillor Werry, be confirmed.

307 **Public Participation**

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

308 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved (Cr Turver/Cr Buchanan)

- (1) *That the public and public excluded minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting, Report 00.589 and PE 00.590, and the public and public excluded record of the Special Policy and Finance Committee meeting, Report 00.587 and PE 00.588, of 3 August 2000 be confirmed, the public excluded business to remain confidential.*

Resolved (Cr Shields/Cr Buchanan)

- (2) *That the public minutes of the Special Council meeting, Report 00.650, and the public and public excluded record of the Special Policy and Finance Committee meeting, Report 00.649 and PE 00.658, of 22 August 2000 be confirmed, the public excluded business to remain confidential.*

Resolved (Cr Shields/Cr Buchanan)

- (3) *That the public minutes of the Special Council meeting, Report 00.653, and the public and public excluded record of the Special Policy and Finance Committee meeting, Report 00.651 and PE 00.652, of 24 August 2000 be confirmed, the public excluded business to remain confidential.*

309 **Chairman's Report**

Report 00.696

File: E/6/1/5

- (1) **Local Government New Zealand**

Regional Sector Group

Resolved (Cr Shields/Cr Turver)

That Mayor Gerald Hope be the Wellington Regional Council nomination for office of Regional Sector Representative to the National Council, Local Government New Zealand.

Members' Meeting

Resolved (Cr Shields/Cr Turver)

That Local Government New Zealand be advised that the members' meeting should be held in March 2001.

Councillor Werry arrived at 12.30pm.

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr McQueen)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

Reports of Committees

310 Policy and Finance Committee – 19 September 2000

Report 00.698

File: E/6/3/2

Resolved

(Cr Long/Cr Shaw)

That the recommendation of the Policy and Finance Committee held 19 September 2000 be adopted, the public excluded part to remain in public excluded.

Councillor Gibson dissented.

311 Landcare – 24 August 2000

Report 00.663

File: E/6/16/2

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Thomas)

That the report of the meeting of the Landcare Committee held on 24 August 2000, Items LC190 to LC201 inclusive, and the recommendations contained therein, be adopted.

312 Rural Services and Wairarapa – 29 August 2000

Report 00.666

File..E/6/12/1

Resolved

(Cr Long/Cr Buchanan)

That the report of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 29 August 2000, Items RSW 230 to RSW 250 inclusive, and the recommendation contained therein, be adopted.

313 Regional Land Transport – 31 August 2000

Report 00.674

File: E/6/11/2

*Resolved**(Cr McDavitt/Cr McQueen)*

That the report of the meeting of the Regional Land Transport Committee held on 31 August 2000, Items RLT 60 to RLT 76 inclusive, be adopted.

314 **Utility Services – 5 September 2000****Report 00.683**

File: E/6/17/2

Access to the Wainuiomata-Orongorongo Water Collection Area

Councillor Buchanan said he had a potential conflict of interest in the above item and will refrain from discussion when it is discussed.

*Resolved**(Cr Werry/Cr Shaw)*

That the report of the meeting of the Utility Services Committee held on 5 September 2000, Items US 144 to US152 inclusive, and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

315 **Environment – 7 September 2000****Report 00.685**

File: E/6/18/2

Care Groups

Councillor Shaw queried the place of Community Care Groups in the Regional Council. It was agreed officers should be asked to prepare a report for the Policy and Finance Committee.

*Resolved**(Cr Buchanan/Cr Shaw)*

That the report of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on 7 September 2000, Items E273 to E290 inclusive, and the recommendation contained therein be adopted.

316 **Passenger Transport – 14 September 2000****Report 00.695**

File: E/6/19/2

*Resolved**(Cr McDavitt/Cr Gibson)*

That the report of the meeting of the Passenger Transport Committee held on 14 September 2000, Items PT 117 to PT126 inclusive, and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

Matters for Consideration

317 **Wellington Conservation Board Meeting – 11 August 2000**

Report 00.676

File: E/7/10/7

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr McQueen)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

318 **Notices of Motion**

(1) Report 00.699

File: E/5/1/53 & E/6/1/1

Moved

(Cr Shaw/Cr Werry)

Hutt-Porirua Direct Road and Rail Link

“That the Wellington Regional Council officers report to the appropriate committee on the Hutt-Porirua direct (shortest) link road proposal, including the rail link, having regards to:

- (a) the economic benefit to the region,*
- (b) the commuter patterns between the three node points (Porirua/Hutt/Wellington central business districts),*
- (c) the movement of cargo within and beyond the region, and*
- (d) the positive and negative environmental impacts particularly the impacts on the Belmont Regional Park and established private property”.*

Amendment

Cr Buchanan/Cr Laidlaw)

That the reference to the rail link be deleted.

The above amendment was **Lost** on a show of hands 5 votes in favor and 6 opposed.

The notice of motion was then put and **Carried**.

(2) Report 00.703

File: E/5/1/53 & E/6/1/1

Resolved

(Cr Shaw/Cr Long)

New Zealand's Ports and Regional Development

"That the Wellington Regional Council:

- (a) notes recent reports argue for a rationalisation of the port industry,*
- (b) notes that the local government sector has an ownership interest in a number of ports throughout New Zealand and there is a strong national interest in the industry being efficient,*
- (c) agrees that a workshop for all councillors be held on local government's responsibilities in relation to ports and whether there is any action we, as owners, can usefully take at this time.*

Notices of Motion

Mr Stone said that while he respected the right of Councillors to propose Notices of Motion there was a management issue to consider in relation to potential impact on the program agreed in the Annual Plan and the Long Term Financial Strategy.

319 **Use of Official Seal**

Report 00.697

File: E/4/2/2

Resolved

(Cr Long/Cr McQueen)

That the information be received.

320 **Question Time**

Councillor Shaw, Transmission Gully

Councillor Shaw asked for confirmation that any Regional Council decisions about Transmission Gully be first discussed with Councillors. Councillor Shields said relevant decisions will first be discussed with Councillors.

Councillor Gibson - Environmental Court

Councillor Gibson asked whether Councillor Shields' recent appearance in the Environment Court about the Resource Consents for Transmission Gully was in her role as a Regional Councillor. Councillor Shields replied she was representing a local group with which she had a long association in her personal capacity. Councillor Shields said she gave a clear explanation in the Court and her status at the Court had been misreported.

321 **General****Transmission Gully**

Councillor McDavitt noted there will be Select Committee consideration of Transmission Gully this week at which the Council had been asked to appear.

322 **Exclusion of the Public****Report 00.700***Resolved**(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Shields)*

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 Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee meeting held on 29 August 2000*

Discharge to Air Investigation

- (2) *Report of the Public Excluded part of the Utility Services Committee meeting held on 5 September 2000*

Review of Performance for Year Ended 30 June 2000

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 matter</i>	<i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
(1) <i>Discharge to Air Investigation</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>
(2) <i>Review of Performance for Year Ended 30 June 2000</i>	<i>Because of the need to carry on commercial negotiations</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</i>

of information for which good reason for withholding would exist (ie ie to carry on commercial negotiations).

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:

Wellington Regional Council (1) and (2) and Keinzley Agvet

The open part of the meeting closed at 1.15pm.

CR M SHIELDS
Acting Chairperson

Date: