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Report 02.551

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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, 25 July 2002 at 9.30am

Present

Councillors Buchanan (Chairperson), Barr, Evans, McDavitt, Shields, Turver and Yardley and Mr Chapman

Officers Present

Mrs Hammond, Messrs Darroch, McLea, Pryce, Sheriff, Skene, van Schalkwyk and Waddy and Dr Bradbury

Public Business

Procedural Items

E 84 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Barr)

That the apologies for lateness from Councillors McDavitt and Turver, who were absent on other Council business, and Mr Rush be confirmed.

E 85 **Public Participation**

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

E 86 Confirmation of Minutes*Resolved**(Cr Shields/Cr Yardley)*

That the minutes of the meeting held on 24 June 2002, Report 02.408, be confirmed.

Harbour Matters

There are no Harbour matters for consideration.

Civil Defence Matters**E 87 Presentation on the Jenin Mission by Rian Van Schalkwyk**

Mr Schalkwyk, as a member of the United Nations Disaster Assessment and Co-ordination (UNDAC) team, gave assistance in the humanitarian crisis in the occupied Palestinian territory in Jenin from 20 April 2002 to 14 May 2002.

Mr Schalkwyk explained that following damage assessment work and other activities, the reports of the team were to be presented to a Conference for emergency response purposes. Mr Schalkwyk concluded that the international community is facing a medium to long term humanitarian crisis in the West Bank and Gaza.

Environmental Matters**Matters for Decision****E 88 Review of Commissioner Appointments – Delegation of Resource Management Act 1991 Functions to New Hearings' Commissioners****Report 02.431**

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*Resolved**(Cr Evans/Cr Yardley)*

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, appoint the following Commissioners to hear and consider resource consent applications received by the Wellington Regional Council and the submissions on those applications, and make a decision on the resource consent application under section 104 and 105 of that Act and, when necessary, jointly hear, consider, determine and recommend under section 102 of the Act any applications to any other council when these applications are being dealt together:

Robert Batty
 Michael Crozier
 Robin Gunston
 Michael Gross
 Stuart Kinnear
 David Lean
 John Lumsden
 David McLernon
 Euan McQueen
 Rob Munro
 Conrad Pharazyn
 Robert Sowman
 Bill Wasley
 Jane Whitlock

Brent Cowie
 Malcolm Douglass
 Ken Graham
 Warwick Heal
 Roger Lane
 Barry Loe
 Jack McConchie
 Dave McPherson
 Karl Mischewski
 Stephen Palmer
 Jim Saunders R
 Donald Turley
 Bob Wear
 Derek Wilshere

E 89 **Regional Policy Statement and Regional Plan Implementation 2001/2002**

Report 02.444

File: X/8/3/1

Resolved

(Cr Barr/Cr Evans)

That the report as evidence of the Council's implementation of the Regional Policy Statement and Regional Plans for 2001/2002 be accepted.

Further Action

A report on issues that result from the Regional Policy Statement Implementation that may need follow-up for the Long Term Council Community Plan will be presented to the next meeting of the Committee.

Matters for Information

E 90 **Divisional Manager's Report**

Report 02.445

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Resource Management Law Association Conference

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Yardley)

That no formal nomination be made to attend the 2002 Resource Management Law Association Conference but that the Chairperson of the Council and the Chairperson of the Environment Committee jointly have the delegated power to nominate a Councillor if they so wish.

Project Phoenix

Councillor Yardley said she was presently participating in Operation Phoenix which will provide both the information and framework for future Emergency Management Planning and Organisation. Councillor Yardley said she offered her warmest congratulations to all those involved and especially the Regional Council's civil defence staff. All Councillors should be proud of the work that is being done in Emergency Management.

Morning tea: 10.40am

Resumption: 10.55am

It was agreed to now take Item 8 on the agenda concerning the Consents Customer Satisfaction Survey.

E 91 Consents Customer Satisfaction Survey

Report 02.432

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Councillor McDavitt arrived at 11.00am.

Tracey Marchment, A C Nielsen, gave a presentation on the outcomes of the Consents Customer Satisfaction Survey.

A copy of the presentation was circulated to members.

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Evans)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

E 90 Divisional Manager's Report

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Report 02.445

File: E/6/18/3

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Yardley)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

E 92 Meteorological Hazards and the Potential Impacts of Climate Change in Wellington Region

Report 02.427

File: X/13/12/1

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Mr Chapman)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

- E 93 **Options for Managing Risks from Tsunami in the Wellington Region**
Report 02.428 File: X/13/3/6
- Councillor Turver arrived at 11.30am.
- Resolved* (Cr Yardley/Cr Barr)
- That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- E 94 **Update on Wellington Regional Environment Agency**
Report 02.437 File: ENV/15/2/3
- Resolved* (Cr Yardley/Cr Barr)
- That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- E 95 **Freshwater Fish Survey of the Wellington Region**
Report 02.439 File: ENV/5/1/15
- Resolved* (Cr McDavitt/Cr Shields)
- That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- E 96 **Decisions on Non-notified Resource Consent Applications**
Report 02.429 File: ENV/1/8/4
- Resolved* (Cr Shields/Cr Barr)
- That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- E 97 **Regional Council Input to District Planning**
Report 02.438 File: X/26/1/1
- Resolved* (Cr McDavitt/Cr Evans)
- That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- E 98 **Incident Response Report**
Report 02.430 File: ENV/17/2/1
- Resolved* (Cr Yardley/Mr Chapman)
- That the report be received and the contents noted.*

Other Matters

E 99 **Questions**

There were no questions.

E 100 **General**

Transmission Gully

Following an enquiry earlier in the meeting Ms Sanders said that the Paremata Residents Association had requested the designation period be reduced from 15 years to 5 years in the expectation that this would hasten the project. Ms Sanders said that such a change could result in a new consent being required after the 5 year period and therefore made more sense for a 15 year period as requested by Transit New Zealand. This matter will be resolved in due course.

The meeting closed at 11.45am.

CR IM BUCHANAN
Chairperson

Date: