



Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Thursday, 28 November 2002 at 9.30am

Present

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

Mr Evans, Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management, replaced Mr Rush

Officers Present

Messrs Darroch, Paula Hammond, Pryce, Sheriff, Nicola Shorten, Skene, van Schalkwyk, Waddy and Dr Bradbury

Public Business

Procedural Items

E 140 **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

E 141 **Public Participation**

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

E 142 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Yardley)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2002, Report 02.765 be confirmed.

Harbour Matters

There were no Harbour matters for consideration.

Civil Defence Matters

Matters for Decision

E 143 **Revision of the Wellington City Council Civil Defence Plan**

Report 02.706

File: Z/3/2/4

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr McDavitt)

That the Wellington City Council Civil Defence Plan be approved.

E 144 **Revision of the Carterton District Council Civil Defence Plan**

Report 02.752

File: Z/3/2/4

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Evans)

That the Carterton District Council Civil Defence Plan be approved.

E 145 **Revision of the Upper Hutt City Council Civil Defence Plan**

Report 02.705

File: Z/3/2/4

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Barr)

That the Chairperson, Wellington Regional Council, be authorised to approve the Upper Hutt City Council Civil Defence Plan once the plan has been approved by the Upper Hutt City Council on 11 December 2002.

Matters for Information

E 146 **Civil Defence Emergency Management Groups**

Report 02.707

File: Z/1/2/1

Resolved

(Cr Yardley/Cr Barr)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 147 **Exercise Phoenix Report**

Report 02.730

File: Z/4/3/1

Mr van Schalkwyk said he had just received a copy of the Operation Phoenix report and he will make a copy available to Councillors.

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Shields)

- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) That a report be prepared on how the findings of the Exercise Phoenix report will be achieved, including funding arrangements and especially regarding Regional Council utilities.*

Environmental Matters

Matter for Decision

E 148 **Air Discharge Permit Application to Discharge Contaminants to Air from the Operation of a Hot Dip Galvanising Process and Associated Activities**

Report 02.716

File: WGN 0001 10

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Mr Chapman)

That the Committee, under delegated authority of the Wellington Regional Council, grant, in accordance with Part II, sections 105 and 108 of the Resource Management Act 1991, the air discharge permit WGN000110 [20293], to New Zealand Galvanising Limited, subject to the conditions set out in Attachment 2.

Matters for Information

E 149 **Divisional Manager's Report**

Report 02.743

File: E/6/18/3

Waiwhetu Stream Diversion Scoping Study

Mr Skene said the report had only just arrived and copies are available on request.

Emergency Management

Members requested that the working group for the new Emergency Management structure and functions make linkages with Council documents, such as the Regional Land Transport Strategy, and also assess the implications of work currently going on eg water supply.

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Evans)

That the report be received and the contents noted..

E 150 **State of the Environment – Annual Summary**

Report 02.740

File: X/27/2/1

A copy of the State of Our Environment Annual Summary folder containing several leaflets on the reports was distributed. It was suggested the leaflets *Air Quality 2001/02*, *Biodiversity 2001/02*, *Coastal Water Quality 2001/02*, *Groundwater 2001/02*, *Pollution Complaints 2001/02*, *Soil Health 2001/02*, *River and Stream Quality 2001/02* and *Water Quality 2001/02* be the subject of a media briefing.

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Yardley)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 151 **Rivers State of the Environment Monitoring Review - 2002**

Report 02.721

File: ENV/5/3/1

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Evans)

(1) That the report be received and the contents noted.

(2) That staff further investigate the suitability of the IFIM and the WAIROA methods for determining minimum flow levels for rivers in the region.

Members noted the same report had also been considered and agreed by the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee.

E 152 **Instream Habitat Assessment for the Wainuiomata River**

Report 02.720

File: ENV/5/3/12

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Evans)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

Staff will now investigate the work consequences for the River.

E 153 **Take Care Groups for 2002-3**

Report 02.729

File: ENV 15/3/1

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Shields)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 154 **Amendments to the Resource Management Act 1991**

Report 02.724

File: ENV/10/2/3

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Barr)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 155 **Pollution Control Report for the Period 21 September to 10 November 2002**

Report 02.746

File: ENV/17/2/1

Resolved

(Cr Barr/Mr Chapman)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 156 **Regional Council Input to District Planning**

Report 02.733

File: X/26/1/1

Resolved

(Cr Evans/Cr McDavitt)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 157 **Decisions on Non-notified Resource Consent Applications**

Report 02.717

File: ENV1/8/4

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Yardley)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 158 **Pauatahanui Inlet Community Trust – Russell Plume (Chair of the Trust)**

Councillor Buchanan welcomed Mr Russell Plume, Chairperson, and other members of the Pauatahanui Inlet Community Trust.

Mr Plume said the Trust met for the first time on 4 November 2002. Business groups had been established with eight themes. Action plans were now under consideration. The Regional Council's Strategic Plan will be the basis for a future vision. Mr Plume said the Trust was especially grateful for the availability and assistance of Council officials.

Councillor Buchanan thanked Mr Plume for his comments and invited the Trust members to join Councillors and staff for lunch to be followed by a meeting with officers.

Other Matters

E 159 **Questions**

Councillor Turver requested information on the status of private airports for Civil Defence and where they sat in Civil Defence plans. Councillor Turver said there will shortly be no cross wind accessibility at Paraparaumu Airport and asked whether this had any significance for the Civil Defence Plan in Kapiti.

E 160 **General**

Councillor Evans said that while Council should have interactive and informative relationships with care groups, it should ensure the groups were to be a catalyst for communities taking over and engaging in environmental initiatives independent of the Regional Council.

Councillor Buchanan thanked officers for their professional and expert advice through the year and wished members and staff a happy Christmas and a sustainable and prosperous New Year.

The meeting closed at 12.10pm.

CR IM BUCHANAN
Chairperson

Date: