



Report 04.284

30 April 2004

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held in the Committee Room, Greater Wellington Regional Council, 34 Chapel Street, Masterton, on Thursday, 29 April 2004 at 9.30 a.m.

Matters for Council decision are shown in bold type and enclosed in a box.
Other matters for information of Council only are in italic type.

Present:

Councillors Long (Chairperson), Buchanan, Kirton, McDavitt, and Turver.
Messrs Benton, Dalziell, McQueen and Southey.

Also Present:

Councillors Barr and Werry.

Officers Present:

S Blakemore, I Gunn, B Harris, W O'Donnell, L Race, D Walker, C Wright.

Procedural Items

RSW 292 Apology

Resolved

(Mr Southey/Cr Turver)

That the apology from Cr Shields be confirmed.

RSW 293 Public Participation

Mr Joe Taylor, Federated Farmers (Wairarapa) Inc

Mr Taylor referred to the Draft Regional Action Plan (Item 4 on the order paper) and the reference to the implementation actions by Greater Wellington for dairy herd stream crossings. Mr Taylor said that he would not like to see anyone who takes an earlier initiative penalised if waiving of resource consent costs takes place later.

Cr Buchanan said that the methodology and charging as set under the consents charging policy would need to be addressed. It formed a public process and it was therefore not possible to make an ad hoc decision. However, Mr Taylor's point would be noted when the next scheduled review of the consents charging policy takes place.

RSW 294 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved *(Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)*

(a) That the minutes of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 16 March 2004 (Report 04.151) be confirmed.

Resolved *(Mr McQueen/Mr Benton)*

(b) That the minutes of the meeting of the Orui Consent Sub-Committee held on 16 March 2004 (Report 04.158), be confirmed.

Cr Kirton arrived at 9.37 am.

Matters for Recommendation

RSW 295 Isolated River Works

Report 04.224

WO/02/40/01

The Committee noted the desirability of a river management scheme for the Mangatarere River.

Officers were requested to consider such a scheme as other workloads allowed.

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Kirton/Cr Buchanan)

- (1) That additional funding of \$14,000 be provided in the 2003/04 financial year to complete the isolated river works requested since the February floods.*
- (2) That an additional \$8,000 be provided in the isolated river works budget in 2004/05.*
- (3) That staff investigate alternative funding options such as the Government's flood relief package.*

RSW 296 Regional Action Plan for the Dairying and Clean Streams Accord

Report 04.210

ENV/12/08/01

Kirsten Forsyth, Policy Advisor, was present for the discussion on this item.

The Committee noted that implementation of the Accord would require a co-operative approach from the Council.

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)

- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) That the Policy, Finance & Strategy Committee approve the Regional Action Plan for the Wellington Region.*

Cr Kirton recorded his vote against the recommendation

Morning tea: 10.58 am

Resumed at: 11.10 am

Cr Kirton left the meeting at 10.58 am.

Matters for Committee Decision

RSW 297 Amendments to the Proposed Bovine Tb Vector Control Programme 2004/05 – 2006/07

Report 04.223

WB/03/01/15

The Committee discussed at length the Animal Health Board's advice that the proposed national total exceeded the available budget by \$14m and therefore their request to reduce the proposed 2004/05 programme which would significantly impact on the vector control areas for the following three years. Issues with the future timing of the vector control programmes were also discussed.

Mr Dalziell explained the Board's position and understood the concerns. He indicated that the Animal Health Board held two Board meetings per year throughout the regions and their next scheduled meeting was to be held in the Wairarapa on 27/28 May to which there was opportunity for Committee members to meet with Board members and discuss their concerns.

Resolved

(Mr Southey/Cr Turver)

- (1) That the report be received and the information noted.*
- (2) That staff be requested to communicate the Council's concerns to the Animal Health Board regarding the major decrease in the proposed 2004/05 vector control programme.*
- (3) That staff discuss with the Animal Health Board the processes and timing of the vector control programme development in order to ensure that Regional Councils and the Animal Health Board achieve a budget timetable which fits all parties involved.*

RSW 298 Animal Health Board Vector Management Contract

Report 04.221

WB/03/01/18

Committee members expressed considerable concern at the likelihood of future contestability for vector management and the short two year term for the proposed vector management contract.

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)

That the report be received and the Committee note that the Council's Chief Executive will only sign the new Vector Management Contract when satisfied that all material issues have been resolved.

Matters Reported for Information

RSW 299 Divisional Manager's Report

Report 04.204

File: WS/08/05/01

Concerning 4.4 – Road Closures

Cr McDavitt commented on the nature of the February flood events and indicated that flood events needed to be taken into account as to whether an event has moved from local to regional or wider. He believed that discussions needed to involve more than just Greater Wellington staff with civil defence personnel, road and rail services also included to ensure all systems are in place at the time of any flood event emergency.

Concerning 5.2 - Barrage Gates

Members were advised that a media release was proposed prior to the commencement of the duck shooting season on 1st May to draw duck hunters awareness to the low water levels in Lake Wairarapa due to recent low rainfall and the painting of the Barrage Gates.

Resolved

(Mr Southey/Mr McQueen)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 300 Financial Report for the Nine Months to 31 March 2004

Report 04.220

File: WS/08/05/01

Resolved

(Mr McQueen/Mr Dalziell)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

RSW 301 Regional Council Input Into District Planning

Report 04.

File: WP/02/14/02

Resolved

(Mr Southey/Cr Turver)

That the information be received.

RSW 302 Resource Consents (Non Notified)

Report 04.211

File: WP/03/06/01

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Mr McQueen)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 303 Catchment Works

Report 04.209

File: WO/03/30/01

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr McDavitt)

That the schedule be received.

RSW 304 Questions

Mr Benton said that he had recently attended a Kahutara flood debrief meeting where he had been asked to raise with the Committee the matter of flood data information that Greater Wellington currently collected and indicated that it would be useful if this data was frequently updated for landowners information.

Mr Wright indicated that Greater Wellington was currently upgrading its website where it was proposed that data information such as flood height levels data would be available.

RSW 305 General Business

There were no items of general business.

The meeting closed at 12.42 pm.

CR R LONG
Chairperson

Date: