



**Report 04.497**

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Wellington Regional Council  
held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, 142  
Wakefield Street, Wellington on Tuesday, 24 August 2004 at  
11.45am**

**Present**

Councillors Shields (Chairperson), Barr, Buchanan, Evans, Kirton, Long, McDavitt, Thomas, Turver and Werry

**Officers Present**

Messrs Benham, Cutler, Darroch, Forlong, Harris and Schollum and Drs Hastie and Watson

**Public Business**

**Procedural Items**

435 **Apologies**

*Resolved*

*(Chairperson/Cr Turver)*

*That the apologies from Councillors Aitken and Laidlaw be confirmed.*

436 **Public Participation****Mr P Butler**

Mr Butler said that Government was revisiting floodplain management policies following the recent floods in the Bay of Plenty.

Mr Butler also wished all members success in the forthcoming elections in October.

437 **Confirmation of Minutes**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)*

*That the public and public excluded minutes of the Council meeting, Report 04.404, and Report PE 04.405 of 13 July 2004, and the public record of the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee meeting, Report 04.403 of 13 July 2004 be confirmed, the public excluded business to remain confidential.*

438 **Chairperson's Report****Report 04.481**

File: E/06/01/05

*Resolved*

*(Chairperson/Cr Turver)*

*(1) That the report be received.*

*(2) That Councillor Evans be granted leave from 9 September to 6 October 2004.*

**Reports of Committees**439 **Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee – 24 August 2004****Report 04.474**

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*Resolved*

*(Cr McDavitt/Cr Buchanan)*

*That the recommendations of the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee meeting held on 24 August 2004, be adopted, the public excluded part to remain public excluded.*

440 **Rural Services and Wairarapa – 22 July 2004****Report 04.438**

File: E/6/12/2

*Resolved*

*(Cr Long/Cr Kirton)*

*That the report of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 22 July 2004, Items RSW 307 to RSW 325 inclusive, be adopted.*

441 **Landcare – 3 August 2004**

**Report 04.447**

File: E/6/16/2

*Resolved*

*(Cr Barr/Cr Evans)*

*That the report of the meeting of the Landcare Committee held on 3 August 2004, Items LC 207 to LC 223 inclusive, be adopted.*

442 **Passenger Transport – 5 August 2004**

**Report 04.451**

File: E/6/19/2

*Resolved*

*(Cr Turver/Cr Barr)*

*That the report of the meeting of the Passenger Transport Committee held on 5 August 2004, Items PT 193 to PT 203 inclusive, be adopted.*

443 **Utility Services – 10 August 2004**

**Report 04.456**

File: E/6/17/2

*Resolved*

*(Cr Kirton/Cr Thomas)*

*That the report of the meeting of the Utility Services Committee held on 10 August 2004, Items US 143 to US 148 inclusive, be adopted.*

444 **Environment – 12 August 2004**

**Report 04.464**

File: E/6/18/2

*Resolved*

*(Cr Buchanan/Cr Evans)*

*That the report of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on 12 August 2004, Items E325 to E340 inclusive, be adopted..*

445 **Regional Land Transport – 17 August 2004**

**Report 04.472**

File: E/6/11/2

*Resolved*

*(Cr McDavitt/Cr Buchanan.)*

*That the report of the meeting of the Regional Land Committee held on 17 August 2004, Items RLT 153 to RLT 162 inclusive, and the recommendations contained therein, be adopted..*

## Matters for Consideration

446 Ara Tahi – 14 July 2004

**Report 04.428**

File: E/06/21/03

*Resolved*

*(Cr Buchanan/Chairperson)*

*That the report be received and the contents noted.*

447 **Delegation of Resource Management Act 1991 Functions to Hearing Commissioners**

**Report 04.455**

File: WAR/04/00/57

*Resolved*

*(Cr Evans/Cr McDavitt)*

*That pursuant to section 34A of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Council appoints*

- *James D Lynch*

*to jointly hear and consider with Mr R Lane, the resource consent application WAR 040057 received by the Wellington Regional Council from East Leigh Ltd, the submissions on the application, and make a decision on the resource consent application, and to rule on all incidental and related matters including but not limited to those under sections 42A, 102, 104 (including s.104A and s.104B), and 105 of that Act, at a hearing date yet to be confirmed.*

448 **Questions**

**Councillor Thomas**

Councillor Thomas said that residents in the Hutt Valley were concerned about the lack of action in flood mitigation works for the Waiwhetu Stream. Mr Forlong said that a scoping report had been forwarded to the Hutt City Council for comment and a report would be presented to the Landcare Committee on 23 November 2004.

449 **General**

**Councillor Aitken**

Councillor Turver noted that Councillor Aitken had apologised for the present meeting but had not apologised for her non-attendance at the Policy, Finance and Strategy meeting, and asked whether a retrospective apology could be lodged for the earlier meetings. The Chairperson said this was not possible but the meeting would note Councillor Turver's request.

Councillor Evans left at 12.10pm.

**Greg Schollum, Chief Financial Officer**

The Chairperson said that she wished to acknowledge that this would be Greg Schollum's last meeting with Councillors. Greg had accepted a position at the Office of the Auditor General. The Chairperson said that Mr Schollum had made a phenomenal contribution to Greater Wellington. No one in the organisation would say a bad word about Greg and his work methods ensured that everyone felt comfortable in the tasks required by the Finance Department.

The Chairperson said that Greg took a special joy and satisfaction with the completion of the financial arrangements for the new Stadium in Wellington.

The Chairperson thanked Greg for his great contribution and this was acknowledged by **ACCLAMATION**.

Councillor Kirton said that as Mayor of Upper Hutt City Council he had known Greg Schollum when he had worked in Audit. Greg's advice had always been very helpful and professional and Greg had been an outstanding officer. Councillor Kirton said that in the short time he had been with Greater Wellington as a Councillor he noted that Mr Schollum had continued his outstanding service with his great organisational and presentation skills. Councillor Kirton concluded, "*you have done a good job mate*".

Councillor Turver said that Mr Schollum had represented the organisation in a very professional way.

Councillor Buchanan said he will miss the annual discussions with Mr Schollum about the accounts surplus and Councillor Buchanan said he endorsed the comments of the Chairperson. Mr Schollum had engendered confidence in all Councillors in the way he had presented his work to Council.

Councillor Long said that Mr Schollum had given Councillors huge confidence in the Greater Wellington Regional Council.

**Reply by Mr Greg Schollum**

Mr Schollum thanked members for their kind remarks. He noted that there was one thing worse than a surplus and that was a solid deficit.

Mr Schollum said Greater Wellington had a quality group of managers and staff and was an acknowledged leader in its field. Fundamental to the success of the organisation was the quality linkage between politicians and managers and he hoped that this relationship would stay positive. That relationship made the place so successful and such a good place to work.

Mr Schollum concluded that he had always tried to write clear reports that could be understood by any person. Mr Schollum wished Councillors all the best in the immediate future and hoped that all would be re-elected.

Mr Schollum's remarks were received with **ACCLAMATION**.

450 **Exclusion of the Public**

**Report 04.475**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Kirton/Cr Werry)*

*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 Meeting of Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 22 July 2004*
- (2) Report of the public excluded part of the Meeting of Landcare Committee held on 3 August 2004*

*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:*

<b><i>General subject of each matter to be considered:</i></b>	<b><i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each</i></b>	<b><i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i></b>
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<i>(1) Grant of Lease – Section 98 Turanganui District – Turanganui River</i>	<i>To enable the Council to carry on negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage</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 to enable the Council to carry on negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage (including commercial negotiations).</i>
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<i>(2) Report of Hutt River Advisory Committee – 24 June 2004</i>	<i>To enable the Council to carry on negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage</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 to enable the Council to carry on negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage (including commercial negotiations).</i>
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*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 of 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:*

*The Greater Wellington Regional Council (1) and (2)*

The open part of the meeting closed at 12.25pm.

Cr M K SHIELDS  
Chairperson

Date: