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THE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Report 04.514

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Thursday, 12 August 2004 at 9.30am

Present

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

Officers Present

Messrs Darroch, Pryce, Sherriff, Skene, Van Schalkwyk, Waddy, Nicola Shorten, Luci Ryan and Dr Bradbury

Civil Defence Representation

Councillor Buchanan said he had received a letter dated 6 August 2004 from Mr K R Evans, Emergency Management Planner, Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management. The Ministry noted it had been a member of the Environment Committee for a number of years under the Civil Defence Act 1983 and had appreciated the involvement with the Environment Committee.

Mr Evans said that under the new Civil Defence and Emergency Management Environment the Ministry is involved with a number of meetings regarding Civil Defence matters within the Wellington region in particular the Wellington region's Civil Defence Emergency Management Group and the Co-ordinating Executive Group. Mr Evans said the Ministry's involvement in these committees was adequate and no longer needed representation on the Environment Committee.

Mr Evans thanked the Environment Committee for their past hospitality and formally advised that the Ministry had now resigned as a member of the Committee.

Councillor Buchanan said the resignation had been accepted.

During the review of the Terms of Reference of the Environment Committee in the next few weeks the function of Civil Defence will be closely examined to see whether it should remain as part of the Environment Committee.

Public Business

Procedural Items

E 325 Apologies

There were no apologies.

E 326 Public Participation

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

E 327 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved (Cr Buchanan/Cr Barr)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 24 June 2004, Report 04.387, be confirmed.

Harbour Matters

There were no Harbour matters for consideration.

Civil Defence Matters

Matter for Information

E 328 Community Survey into Emergency Preparedness

Report 04.443

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Resolved (Cr McDavitt/Cr Shields)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

Environmental Matters

Matter for Decision

E 329 Resignation of Wayne Chapman

Report 04.457

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Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Barr)

- (1) That it be noted that Mr Wayne Chapman has resigned his position as an Appointed Member of the Committee.*
- (2) That it be agreed that no replacement be sought at this time.*

Matters for Information

E 330 Divisional Manager's Report

Ara Tahī and Iwi Liaison

Members noted that the responsibility for Ara Tahī and Iwi Liaison has now been transferred to the Corporate area.

Councillor Shields noted that the Environment Division had completed a very good job and the transfer of the work to the Corporate area signified that Ara Tahī and Iwi Liaison now extended to all parts of Greater Wellington. Councillor Shields said the work of the Environment Division had been much admired and had set the parameters for the future.

RMA Improvement

Councillor Buchanan noted that the Government's RMA Improvement Programme had been delayed to enable officials to carry out further work before the final report is presented to Cabinet.

Report 04.426

File: E/06/18/03

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Barr)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 331 **Regional Policy Statement and Regional Plan Implementation 2003/2004**

Report 04.432

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Mr S Gulliver, Ministry for the Environment, was present to answer questions on carbon footprints.

Resolved (Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 332 **Update on Kapiti Groundwater Investigations**

Report 04.430

File: ENV/05/02/02

Resolved (Cr Turver/Cr Buchanan)

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

(2) *Note that in all but extended drought conditions shallow ground water supplies in the Kapiti plain are currently satisfactory.*

E 333 **Summary of Science and Research Support 2003/04**

It was agreed that we need to consider how we can better co-ordinate our science and research spending across the Council in time for the next LTCCP.

Resolved (Cr McDavitt/Cr Barr)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 334 **Waitohu Stream Study**

Report 04.450

File: N/06/30/08

Resolved (Cr McDavitt/Cr Barr)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 335 **An Investigation into Selected Contaminant Levels in Eels and Mussels, Waiwhetu Stream, Gracefield – May 2004**

Report 04.437

File: ENV/05/03/01

Resolved

(Cr Barr/Cr Turver)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 336 **Decisions on Non-notified Resource Consent**

Report 04.434

File: ENV/01/08/04

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr McDavitt)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 337 **Regional Council Input to Statutory Planning**

Report 04.431

File: X/26/1/1

Resolved

(Cr Barr/Cr McDavitt)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 338 **Pollution Control Report for the Period 22 May to 12 July 2004**

Report 04.435

File: ENV/17/02/01

Resolved

(Cr Barr/Cr Shields)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

Other Matters

E 339 **Questions**

There were no questions.

E 340 **General**

There were no matters of general business.

The meeting closed at 11.55am.

CR I BUCHANAN

Chairperson

Date: