



**Report 06.333**

21 June 2006

File: E/6/12/2

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held in the Otaki Information Centre, Kapiti Coast District Council, Main Street, Otaki, on Tuesday, 20 June 2006, at 9.30am.**

**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, Turver.  
Messrs Dalziell, McQueen, Read and Southey.

**Officers Present:**

G Dick, N Corry, I Gunn, M Kennedy, W O'Donnell, L Race, C Robertson, T Taylor.

**Public Business**

**Procedural Items**

**RSW 118 Apology**

*Resolved*

*(Mr Southey/Cr Kirton)*

*That the Committee*

*(1) Accept the apology for absence from Cr Baber.*

**RSW 119 Public Participation**

The Chairman welcomed four members of the Kapiti Coast community to the meeting.

**RSW 120 Confirmation of Minutes**

*Resolved*

*(Mr Southey/Mr Dalziell)*

*That the Committee:*

*Confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee (Report 06.233) held on 22 May 2006.*

**Matters for Committee Decision**

**RSW 121 Review of the Regional Pest Management Strategy 2002-2022**

**Report 06.269**

**File: WB/01/11/01**

Wayne O'Donnell reported that a draft Discussion Document was to be produced by the end of July after which it would be released for public submissions. Proposed changes identified included the requirement that landowners pay the additional costs where they want more expensive methods of control on their property, feral deer being placed back into the Strategy, moving a number of pest plants into boundary control, and a human health category covering wasps, hemlock, magpies, etc.

Subsequent discussion included concerns about the monitoring of pest plant infestations on neighbouring properties and control measures for the increasing number of wild pigs at the rear of Kapiti.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)*

*That the Committee:*

- (1) Receives the report.*
- (2) Notes the contents of the report.*
- (3) Appoints Cr Long, Mr McQueen, and Mr Southey as members of the Sub-Committee to undertake the various tasks required to progress the development of the revised Regional Pest Management Strategy 2002-2022.*

- (4) *Agrees that the Sub-Committee be delegated the responsibility of determining the membership of the Hearings Committee.*

**RSW 122      Stoney Creek: Possible Wind Energy Development**

**Report 06.239**

**File: RE/01/04/01**

It was noted that recommendation (3) of Report 06.239 would be considered in the public excluded part of the meeting in conjunction with Report PE 06.240 concerning the process of selection of a wind energy developer for Stoney Creek.

It was also noted that both reports would be considered by the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee.

Roading improvements to access the site from Martinborough were discussed and the Committee was advised that as part of the investigations the developer would be required to work with the South Wairarapa District Council on the issue of roading access.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Kirton/Mr Read)*

*That the Committee:*

- (1)      Receives the report.*
- (2)      Notes the contents of the report.*
- (3)      Directs officers to recommend a wind farm developer to both Committees in due course.*

**Matters Reported for Information**

**RSW 123      Divisional Managers' Report**

**Report 06.266**

**File: WS/08/05/01**

**Concerning 4.1 – Catchment Management Restructure**

Officers agreed to circulate the Division's proposed structure changes to Committee members once appointments have been made to the three Manager positions.

Members noted that staff contacts were no longer listed in the latest Wairarapa telephone directory and officers were asked to reconsider the improved service the after hours contacts provided.

### **Concerning 4.3 – Environment Management**

Nigel Corry reported on the impacts of new Building Act legislation where managing the safety of dams has become a new function for regional councils. The Building Act requires regional councils to go through an accreditation process to administer new building consents for dams holding more than 20,000 cubic metres or with a greater than 3 metre high face. Council is required to develop a dangerous dams policy which considers risk factors involved with the construction and maintenance of dams.

Members were concerned by the use of the ‘dangerous dams’ terminology and the consequent confusion that may evolve. Officers reported that explanatory wording would be used to avoid any misunderstanding.

### **Concerning 1.4 – Planning & Resources Department – Wairarapa Regional Irrigation Project**

Cr Buchanan referred to the concept that was now being proposed which differed from what was previously put forward. The water management approach now proposed by Go Wairarapa calls for the release of stored water into the river rather than pipe the water to where it was required.

Officers were requested to organise a briefing for the Committee at its next meeting and an assessment of the approach proposed by Go Wairarapa.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Kirton/Mr McQueen)*

*That the Committee:*

- (1) Receives the report.*
- (2) Notes the contents of the report.*

Morning tea: 10.55am

Resumed at: 11.10am

Mr Dalziell left the meeting at 10.55am.

**RSW 124 Catchment Management Framework – Pauatahanui and Waikanae**

**Report 06.276**

**File: WO/03/40/10**

Members discussed the project and in particular how Greater Wellington could pick up and advance the project to take it through to its fruition.

*Resolved*

*(Mr McQueen/Mr Southey)*

*That the Committee:*

- (1) Receives the report, and supports the concept as set out in the report.*
- (2) Invites officers to report back to the Committee on the factors involved in the implementation of the catchment management concept.*

**RSW 125 Rural Fire Involvement in Wairarapa**

**Report 06.273**

**File: WO/04/07/01**

The Committee considered that it was appropriate for the funding of the rural and urban fire services to be reviewed.

Comment was made that the Rural Fire Committee needed to be responsible to the NZ Fire Service, and not local authorities, with the funding of the rural fire system being addressed through levies rather than rates.

*Resolved*

*(Mr Southey/Mr McQueen)*

*That the Committee*

- (1) Receive the report.*
- (2) Notes the contents of the report.*

**RSW 126      Regional Council Input into District Council Planning**

**Report 06.265** **File: WP/02/14/02**

*Resolved* *Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver*

*That the Committee*

(1) *Receive the report.*

(2) *Note the contents of the report.*

**RSW 127      Resource Consents (Non Notified)**

**Report 06.264** **File: WP/03/06/01**

*Resolved* *(Cr Kirton/Mr Read)*

*That the Committee*

(1) *Receive the report.*

(2) *Note the contents of the report.*

**RSW 128      Questions**

There were no questions.

**RSW 129      General Business**

Cr Turver thanked Committee members for holding the Committee meeting in Otaki.

**RSW 130      Exclusion of the Public**

**Report 06.271** **File: E/06/12/01**

*Resolved* *(Mr Read/Cr Buchanan)*

*That the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:*

*Stoney Creek Possible Wind Farm Development: Commercial Issues*

*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>
<i>Stoney Creek Possible Wind Farm Development: Commercial Issues</i>	<i>To enable negotiations by the public authority 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 (i.e. commercial negotiations).</i>

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, or 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 as specified above.

11.46am      The meeting closed.

Cr F R Long  
CHAIRMAN

Date: