



Report 07.189

21 March 2007

File: E/6/12/2

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 Tuesday, 20 March 2007, 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), Baber, Buchanan, Kirton, Turver.
Messrs Dalziell, McQueen, Read, and Southey.

Officers Present:

D Benham, G Dick, G Campbell, D Cameron, S Forbes, I Gunn, M Kennedy, W O'Donnell,
L Race, C Robertson, T Taylor.

Public Business

Procedural Items

RSW 165 Apologies

There were no apologies.

RSW 166 Public Participation

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

RSW 167 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved

(Mr Southey/Cr Buchanan)

That the Committee:

Confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee (Report 06.718) held on 14 November 2006.

John Dalziell arrived at 9.35am

Cr Kirton arrived at 9.36am

Matter for Committee Decision

RSW 168 Wairarapa Hill Country Liaison Group

Report 07.135

File: WP/03/40/10

Members noted that a public meeting had been held on 21 September 2006 following extensive damage during the July flood events to the Wairarapa hill country. Outcomes from the public meeting had been requests for more poplar and willow poles, additional staff resources, and a desire to form a Wairarapa Hill Country Liaison Group.

Mr Cameron said that there was widespread interest for setting up a liaison group and its formation was about future partnerships and a vision for a more resilient hill country.

Mr Dalziell complimented officers on the report and stated that the formation of the group will enable the bringing together of rural concerns to one group. This was a very positive start and will help with the integrated catchment schemes to be implemented in the future.

Cr Buchanan indicated he was totally supportive of the formation of a hill country liaison group and said that there was an opportunity to take a national lead towards a formal integrated catchment approach.

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)

That the Committee:

(1) Receives the report.

- (2) *Endorses the concept of setting up a Hill Country Liaison Group using the process outlined in this report.*

Matters Reported for Information

RSW 169 Regional Pest Management Strategy: Review Update

Report 07.131

File: WB/01/11/01

Members noted the proposed new timelines for the Regional Pest Management Strategy review and the work still required for its completion.

Resolved

(Mr Southey/Mr Read)

That the Committee:

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

RSW 170 Integrated Catchment Management Update

Report 07.137

File: WS/08/05/01

Leila Chrystall was in attendance for the discussion on this item. A chapter from Leila's thesis explaining the theory behind the ICM concept was attached to the report.

Resolved

(Cr Baber/Cr Turver)

That the Committee:

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

The meeting was adjourned between 10.36am and 10.47am for morning tea.

RSW 171 Divisional Managers' Report

Report 07.97

File: WS/08/05/01

Lake Wairarapa Regional Park Project

Mr Dalziell asked for information on the costs associated with the Lake Wairarapa Regional Park project. He said that no discussions had taken place with the Committee and enquired as to what expenses would be involved with the setting up of the wetland.

Cr Buchanan indicated that the figures in the LTCCP were indicative only until work on what form the regional park would take was completed. The 2007/08 draft Annual Plan included \$50,000 for set up work with the Department of Conservation. Once this work has been completed a better idea will be known as to what the costs will be and the matter will then be brought back to the Committee for discussion. It was noted that DoC were willing to work closely with GW.

Lower Wairarapa Valley Development Scheme Rating Review

Members noted that public meetings to discuss the new rating classification were scheduled for 12 and 13 April.

Resolved

(Cr Long/Mr Southey)

That the Committee:

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

RSW 172 Questions

There were no questions.

RSW 173 General Business

Mr Dalziell referred to the Flood Risk Management Position Statement paper from Local Government recently circulated in the Councillors Information Bulletin.

Cr Buchanan said that the paper was now with the Ministry for the Environment and the relevant Ministers. In the absence of any alternative work from MfE Local Government was pushing hard for the aspects raised in the paper to go forward.

Government has agreed to ongoing discussions between the responsible Ministers and Local Government representatives to ensure the work around flood risk and sustainable land management is well integrated.

RSW 174 Exclusion of the Public

Report 07.129

File: E/06/12/01

Resolved

(Cr Long/Cr Kirton)

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

Mr John Barton – Issues involving Greater Wellington

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:-

<i>General subject of each matter to be considered</i>	<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each</i>	<i>Ground under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
<i>Council's dispute with John Barton</i>	<i>The information contained in this report relates to the possibility of Greater Wellington negotiating an out of court settlement with John Barton and details of John Barton's dispute with the Council.</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 under sections 7(2)(a) and 7(2)(i) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e to protect the privacy of natural persons and to enable Greater Wellington to carry on without prejudice or</i>
	<i>Release of paragraph 6 of the report would disadvantage the Council in its potential negotiations with John Barton as it would reveal the Council's views on the matter. The Council has not</i>	

been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override this prejudice).

Release of this information would prejudice his privacy by disclosing details of John Barton's dispute with Greater Wellington. Greater Wellington has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override his privacy.

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.

The open part of the meeting closed at 11.45am

Cr F R Long
CHAIRMAN

Date: