

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Wellington Regional Council held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Tuesday, 2 November 1999 at 9.30am**

**Present**

Councillors Macaskill (Chairperson), Bonner, Buchanan, Gibson, Laidlaw, Long, McDavitt, McQueen, Shaw, Shields, Thomas, Turver and Werry

**Officers Present**

Messrs Allard, Annakin, Benham, Darroch, Maguire, Schollum, Stone and Wright and Drs Bradbury and Watson

**Public Business**

**Procedural Items**

172 **Apologies**

*Resolved*

*(Chairperson/Cr Buchanan)*

*That the apology from Councillor Allen, be confirmed.*

## 173 **Public Participation**

### **Mr Tom Bennion, Kaiwharawhara Reclamation Working Group**

Mr Bennion said that his group were deeply concerned about the future of the reclamation at Kaiwharawhara under the Wellington City proposed District Plan. CentrePort has produced a sketch of how a development of the site might look. The Wellington City Council has also produced a visual simulation report. All parties will advise the Environment Court by 6 December 1999 whether an agreement can be reached or whether it will be necessary to have a full public hearing on the issue next year.

Mr Bennion said he would like the Regional Council to indicate its concern about the situation and give its general support for the efforts of the Reclamation Working Group especially by making CentrePort aware that the Council seeks the very best environmental outcome for the Kaiwharawhara site.

The Chairperson thanked Mr Bennion for his representations to the Regional Council, as shareholders in CentrePort Ltd, and noted that Council would await, with interest, the outcome in the Environment Court.

A copy of Mr Bennion's submission was circulated to members.

The Chairperson said that with leave of members he would next consider Item 4 on the agenda which was the Deputation.

## 174 **Deputation**

### **Sue Kedgley, Wellington City Councillor, David Brown, Kent Parker, Representing Residence Against Incinerator Dioxins**

Councillor Kedgley, Messrs David Brown and Kent Parker each addressed Council about the dioxin emissions from Medical Wastes Miramar incinerator. The Regional Council should act immediately to protect its citizens from the daily source of known harmful toxins by asking the Company to immediately cease operations.

A copy of a paper listing the harmful effects caused by dioxin was circulated.

The Chairperson said the matter would be fully debated in the Policy and Finance Committee later in the morning. The Regional Council had also taken steps to review the consent conditions governing the operation of the incinerator. Independent Commissioners would hear the evidence from submitters and Medical Waste Ltd.

The meeting adjourned at 11.50am.

The meeting reconvened at 9.30am on Thursday 4 November 1999.

172 **Apologies**

*Resolved* (Chairperson/Cr Shields)

*That the apologies from Councillors Allen and Bonner be confirmed.*

175 **Confirmation of Minutes**

*Resolved* (Chairperson/Cr Shaw)

- (1) *That the public minutes of the Special Council Meeting, Report 99.514, and the public record of the Special Policy and Finance Committee Meeting, Report 99.513, of the 7 September 1999, be confirmed.*
- (2) *That the public and public excluded minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting, Report 99.543 and PE 99.544 and the public record of the Special Policy and Finance Committee Meeting, Report 99.542, of the 21 September 1999, be confirmed.*
- (3) *That the public minutes of the Special Council Meeting, Report 99.586, and the public record of the Special Policy and Finance Committee Meeting, Report 99.587, of the 6 October 1999, be confirmed.*
- (4) *That the public minutes of the Special Council Meeting, Report 99.624, and the public record of the Special Policy and Finance Committee Meeting, Report 99.623, of the 27 October 1999, be confirmed.*

176 (A) **Chairperson's Report**(1) **1999 Business Development Quality Award**

**Report 99.639**

File: E/6/1/5

*Resolved* (Chairperson/Cr Buchanan)

*That Dr Bradbury, Mr Forlong and the Consents Team be formally congratulated on winning a 1999 Business Development Quality Award.*

(2) **Local Elections and Polls Act Review**

*Resolved* (Chairperson/Cr McQueen)

*That a subcommittee comprising Councillors Gibson, Laidlaw, Macaskill, Shields (Chairperson) and Turver be established to prepare a response on the SOLGM document "The Electoral Way Forward".*

**(3) Leave of Absence**

*Resolved* (Cr McQueen/Chairperson)

*That leave of absence be granted to Councillors Allen and Laidlaw.*

**(4) Chairperson's Report**

*Resolved* (Chairperson/Cr Shields)

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

**(B) Millennium Totara Grove Proposal****Report 99.634**

File: R/1/6/6

*Resolved* (Chairperson/Cr Shields)

- (1) *That a Millennium Project the Totara Grove proposal to be established at the Te Marua entrance of the Kaitoke Regional Park be approved.*
- (2) *That stage 1 funding (\$12,000) be allocated at the six monthly financial review.*

**Reports of Committees****177 Policy and Finance Committee – 2 November 1999**

*Resolved* (Chairperson/Cr Turver)

*That the recommendations of the Policy and Finance Committee meeting held on 2 November 1999, the public excluded part to remain in public excluded, be adopted.*

**178 Rural Services and Wairarapa – 7 October 1999****Report 99.570**

File: E/6/12/1

*Resolved* (Cr Long/Cr McQueen)

*That the Report of the Meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 7 October 1999, Items RSW 117 to RSW 121 and RSW 123 to RSW 131 inclusive, be adopted.*

179 **Landcare – 12 October 1999** File: E/6/16/2

**Report 99.590**

Councillor Thomas should be added to the list of those present.

*Resolved* (Cr Werry/Cr Thomas)

*That the Report of the Meeting of the Landcare Committee held on 12 October 1999, Items LC96 to LC98 and LC101 to LC109 inclusive, and the recommendations contained therein, be adopted.*

180 **Utility Services – 19 October 1999**

**Report 99.605** File: E/6/17/2

*Resolved* (Cr Shaw/Cr Werry)

*That the Report of the Meeting of the Utility Services Committee held on 19 October 1999, Items US73 to US75 and Items US77 to US80, be adopted.*

181 **Environment – 21 October 1999**

**Report 99.616** File: E/6/18/2

*Resolved* (Cr Buchanan/Cr Gibson)

*That the Report of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held on 21 October 1999, Items E141 to E155 inclusive, be adopted.*

## **Matters for Consideration**

182 **Constitutional Law Conference, 20 and 21 August 1999**

**Report 99.638** File: E/1/3/1

*Resolved* (Cr Gibson/Cr Buchanan)

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

183 **Notices of Motion****(1) Councillor Gibson****Report 99.630**

Councillor Gibson requested his notice of motion be deferred until the next meeting.

**(2) Councillor Shaw****Report 99.631**

(1) Councillor Shaw advised he was not proceeding with the first proposal.

(2) *Resolved* (Cr Shaw/Cr Thomas)

*That the Wellington Regional Council urgently receives a report from Council's advisors on:*

- (a) *the level of heavy metals, including mercury, in the region's freshwater waterways, sea water and the marine substrate.*
- (b) *the range of likely point sources for heavy metals.*
- (c) *resource consent and other regulatory mechanisms in place to eliminate heavy metal contamination of waterways and the coast.*
- (d) *practical steps which the Regional Council could take to ensure dental practices and other point sources are adequately monitored.*

184 **Question Time**

There were no questions.

185 **Use of Official Seal****Report 99.622**

File: E/4/2/2

*Resolved* (Cr McQueen/Cr Thomas)

*That the Report be received.*

186 **General****Official Information Request – Councillor Gibson**

Councillor Gibson gave details of an official information request which he was making in connection with the Councillors' Workshop on Long-Term Financial Strategy held at Solway Park on 26 and 27 October 1999.

**Sesqui Award**

Councillor Turver noted comments by his peers since he had been given the Sesqui Award by Councillor Allen and the time had come for this esteemed award to be passed on. Councillor Turver said there had been many strong contenders but that the winner was Councillor McQueen who had today publicly described himself as a "renegade old sinner" (and had no connection with the Christian Heritage parliamentary candidate of the same name).

Councillor McQueen said he would now sit in judgement on his fellow Councillors and pass on the distinguished award at the appropriate time.

187 **Exclusion of the Public****Report 99.632**

*Resolved*

*(Chairperson./Cr Shaw)*

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

*Report of the public excluded part of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee meeting held on 7 October 1999*

*Suggested Rewanui Regional Reserve*

*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>Suggested Rewanui Regional Reserve</i>	<i>The enabling of 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 the enabling of negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage).</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 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:*

*Wellington Regional Council*

The meeting closed at 11.35am.

Cr S A MACASKILL  
Chairperson

Date: