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**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, 1
February 2000 at 9.30am**

Present

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

Officers Present

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

Public Business

Procedural Items

189 **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

190 **Public Participation**

Chris Horne, 28 Kaihuia Street, Northland, Wellington

Chris Horne gave his reasons why he believed the Regional Council must say no to all the roading projects in the Regional Land Transport Strategy.

The Chairperson thanked Mr Horne for his representation. A copy of Mr Horne's written submission was circulated.

191 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Allen)

That the public and public excluded minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting, Report 99.761 and Report PE99.762, of 9 December 1999, and the public and public excluded record of the Special Policy and Finance Committee Meeting, Report 99.759 and Report PE99.760, of 9 December 1999, be confirmed.

Councillor Gibson dissented.

At 11.30am the meeting adjourned to commence the Policy and Finance Committee.

The meeting reconvened at 2.20pm.

192 **Chairperson's Report**

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Councillor Long left at 2.25pm.

Liaison with Regional Members of Parliament

The Chairperson said that the first meeting with Regional MPs will take place on 3 March from 1.00pm to 3.00pm. The Chairperson said this would be an important meeting and urged all members to attend.

Meeting Timetable for year 2000 – Transport Committee

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Gibson)

That the changed meeting dates for the Passenger Transport and Regional Land Transport Committees be approved.

Councillor Shields

Councillor Shields declared an interest and left the Council Chamber.

Moved (Chairperson/Cr Thomas)

(1) *That Councillor Shields be reimbursed for actual and reasonable expenses relating to the overseas study components in London and Italy on her forthcoming overseas visit.*

Amendment (Cr McQueen/Cr Cr Gibson))

(1) *That the expenses be capped at \$2,500.*

(2) *That Councillor Shields brief Council on her return.*

Carried

The Chairperson emphasised that there would be no other costs to the Wellington Regional Council other than the expenses in the recommendation above nor would there be any Council contribution for fares to and from Europe.

The motion, as amended, was then put and **carried**. Councillor Shields returned on completion of the above item.

Stadium Opening

The Chairperson said he had attended the Opening Ceremony for the Stadium and also the Open Day. Both had been very successful events and the Chairperson said that during the Open Day over 43,000 persons had passed through the Stadium.

Chairperson's Report

Resolved (Chairperson/Cr Allen)

That the Chairperson's report, as amended, be received and the contents noted.

Reports of Committees

193 Policy and Finance Committee – 1 February 2000

Report 00.121

File: E/6/3/2

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Turver)

That the recommendations of the Policy and Finance Committee meeting on 1 February 2000 be adopted, the public excluded business to remain public excluded.

194 Emergency Committee Over Christmas/New Year Holiday

Report 00.20

File: E/6/9/2

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr McQueen)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

Matters for Consideration

195 Notice of Motion – Councillor Shaw

Report 00.15

Resolved

(Cr Shaw/Cr McQueen)

That the Wellington Regional Council:

- (a) notes that the public have a right to be satisfied that the water supplied by the Wellington Regional Council is of excellent quality.*
- (b) notes that advertisements for water purifiers and distillers could undermine public confidence in the water supplied, particularly the advertisements from LV Martin which are on television and relate to local water.*
- (c) requests that officers report on the means by which the Council can maintain public confidence in the Wellington water supply.*
- (d) refers the above motions to the Utility Services Committee for consideration.*

196 **Question Time****(1) Standing Committee Budget Meetings**

Councillor Thomas said that the last meeting list published in the Bulletin included the words “any other interested Councillors may attend” for the forthcoming Standing Committee budget meetings and asked whether non-members of the Standing Committees would be remunerated if they attended these meetings.

Mr Maguire said the words referred to meant that non-members of the Standing Committee would be remunerated for attendance at the budget meetings.

The Chairperson said that the forthcoming budget meetings were very important and encouraged all members to attend all meetings.

(2) Variation 17 – Wellington Waterfront

Councillor Gibson asked whether the Regional Council would be making a submission to the Wellington City Council about Variation 17 for the Wellington waterfront.

Councillor Buchanan said there could be implications for the Coastal Plan and the Regional Council could present a small technical submission.

(3) Variation 17 – Regional Council Owned Land

Councillor Gibson asked whether the Regional Council or any of its subsidiary companies owned any land which would be effected by Variation 17.

The Chairperson said that the Regional Council does not own any land on Lambton Harbour and a submission from a landlord’s perspective about Pringle House was a matter for the Directors of Pringle House Ltd.

(4) Regional Land Transport Strategy

Councillor Gibson asked whether changes had been made to the published version (December 1999) of the Regional Land Strategy document approved by the Regional Land Transport Committee and adopted by Council (September 1999).

Dr Watson agreed to provide a list to Councillors of the editorial type amendments that had been made.

(5) Opus Consultants – Recent Landscape Meetings

Councillor Gibson asked why had it been necessary to engage Opus Consultants to assist with the preparation of Landscape guidelines.

Dr Bradbury said that due to staff shortages last year she had used Opus Consultants for additional assistance.

(6) Miramar Medical Waste Incinerator Hearings

Councillor Laidlaw asked what progress had been made concerning the Miramar Medical Waste Incinerator hearing.

The Chairperson said a hearing would be held on 14 and 16 February 2000 to review the conditions and the overall adequacy of the conditions for the discharge to air permit held by Medical Waste (Wellington) Limited.

(7) Emergency Management

Councillor Shields said there was confusion among the public about emergency management and asked whether the Regional Council could assist communities to be better informed.

Dr Bradbury said she was sure the Regional Council could assist and would liaise with Councillor Shields after the meeting.

Councillor Allen left at 3.00pm.

197 Use of Official Seal

Report 00.21

File: E/4/2/2

Resolved

(Cr Shaw/Cr McQueen)

That the information be received.

198 General

Regional Rates – Te Papa

Councillor Gibson said that Mayor Blumsky had inferred recently in the newspapers that the Regional Council could assist with the funding of Te Papa. Councillor Gibson said he would be preparing a Notice of Motion for a subsequent Council meeting taking issue with the statement by Mayor Blumsky.

The open part of the meeting closed at 3.05pm.

CR S A MACASKILL
Chairperson

Date: