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## **Report 02.31**

31 January 2002

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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 Thursday, 31 January 2002 at 9.30am**

#### **Present**

Councillors Shields (Chairperson), Aitken, Barr, Buchanan, Evans, Kirton, Laidlaw, Long, McDavitt, Thomas, Turver, Werry, Yardley

#### **Officers Present**

Messrs Allard, Benham, Cross, Darroch, Forlong, Maguire, Schollum, Stone and Wright and Dr Bradbury

## **Public Business**

### **Matters for Consideration**

#### **33 Apologies**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Shields/Cr Yardley)*

*That the apology from Councillor Kirton for lateness be confirmed.*

34 **Public Participation**

**Mr Max Shierlaw**

Mr Shierlaw said he was concerned that any joint venture between the Wellington Regional Council and a private operator to purchase Tranz Metro will result in the Council, as a majority shareholder, having the power of veto. The public should be informed of this consequence.

Councillor Kirton arrived at 9.45am.

**Mr Grigg**

Mr Grigg said that he was unhappy the way ordinary persons were represented by the Hutt City Council and also said that as a resident of Wainuiomata he fully supported the Wellington Regional Council's joint venture proposal to purchase Tranz Metro. Mr Grigg asked Council to keep rail users informed as they worried about the future of train services in the region.

The meeting adjourned at 10.00am.

The meeting reconvened at 12.05pm.

35 **Confirmation of Minutes**

**Policy and Finance Committee Report of 18 December 2001**

Councillor Evans requested his proposal about the Kyoto Protocol and Climate Change Policy Options in paragraph **P&F 02** be amended in the final sentence to read as follows:

*At this time the Wellington Regional Council would not recommend the ratification of the protocol.*

*Resolved*

*(Cr Shields/Cr McDavitt)*

*That the public and public excluded Minutes of the Ordinary Council meetings, Report 01.884, as amended, and Report PE 01.885, and the Record of the Special Policy and Finance Committee, Report 01.883, held on 18 December 2000, be confirmed, the public excluded part to remain confidential.*

36 **Chairperson's Report**

**Oral Report**

**New Years' Honours**

Members noted that ex Councillor Margaret Bonner had been honoured in the New Year's Honours List.

*Resolved*

*(Chairperson/Cr McDavitt.)*

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

## **Reports of Committees**

### **37 Policy and Finance Committee – 31 January 2002**

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*Resolved*

*(Chairperson/Cr McDavitt)*

*That the recommendations of the Policy and Finance Committee meeting held on 31 January 2002 be adopted, the public excluded part to remain confidential.*

## **Matters for Consideration**

### **38 Use of Official Seal**

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**Dowse to Petone Upgrade of State Highway 2**

*Resolved*

*(Chairperson/Cr Kirton)*

*That the report be received.*

### **39 Question Time**

There were no questions.

### **40 General**

There were no matters of general business.

The open part of the meeting closed at 12.15pm.

Cr M K SHIELDS  
Chairperson

Date: