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THE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Report 03.509

20 August 2003

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, 19 August 2003, at 9.30 a.m.

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, McDavitt, Shields and Turver.
Messrs Benton, Dalziell, and McQueen.

Officers Present:

S Blakemore, I Gunn, N Shakespeare, L Race, C Wright.

The Committee agreed to alter the sequence of order paper items and consider Report 03.483 following the Public Participation section of the meeting.

Procedural Items

RSW 208 Apologies

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Mr McQueen)

That the apologies from Mr Southey, and Mr Benton for lateness, be confirmed.

RSW 209 Confirmation of Minutes

Matters Arising

Concerning RSW 191 – Varroa Bee Mite

Members were advised that a public meeting to discuss the varroa bee mite situation was scheduled to be held on 19 August at the Masterton YMCA.

Concerning RSW 192 – Environmental Discharges

Mr Dalziell asked whether the meeting with Fonterra and regional dairying representatives to progress development of a regional action plan had been held, and stressed the importance of the dairying sector involvement.

Mr Blakemore advised that an initial meeting had been held with Fonterra and a staff member had been appointed as the key contact in the development of the Regional Action Plan. Involvement with regional dairying representatives would follow.

Concerning RSW 200 – Wairarapa Transport Corridor Study

Cr Buchanan reported on progress with the Draft Wairarapa Corridor Study. A meeting was scheduled with all major stakeholders in Masterton on 20 August to obtain feedback of the private sector interest, e.g. Juken Nissho Ltd, logging/trucking companies, etc. A public meeting is also to be held in Greytown on 8 September. It was proposed that the Draft Corridor Plan would then be reviewed and considered by the Regional Land Transport Committee at its November meeting.

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr McDavitt)

That the minutes of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee (Report 03.416) held on 8 July 2003, be confirmed.

Cr Kirton arrived at 9.43 a.m.

RSW 210 Public Participation

Messrs Bill Hedley, Brian Bodle, Tim Bird and John Bunny, members of the Riversdale Ratepayers Association, were in attendance.

Mr Hedley, Chairman of the Association, referred to Item 5 on the order paper and outlined the issues associated with the Motuwaireka Stream.

The Association was appreciative of the Council's contribution to the Assessment of Environmental Effects application and acknowledged the assistance of the survey team and Consents staff.

The Association was requesting that the Committee reconsider its earlier decision regarding resource consent applications costs and consider contributing towards the cost of cleaning up the Motuwaireka Lagoon area.

Mr Benton arrived at 10.04 a.m.

Matters for Committee Decision

RSW 211 Application for Remission of Consent Processing Charges

Report 03.483

File: Y/12/2/4

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Turver)

That officers report back to the Committee on options for providing assistance towards resource consent charges for the Riversdale Ratepayers Association.

RSW 212 River Scheme Asset Management Plan Performance

Report 03.480

File: Y/7/1/0/2

Widana Gamage (River Engineer) was present for the discussion on this item.

Copies of the performance criteria for the five river management schemes were circulated.

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Buchanan)

(1) That the Asset Management Plan Performance Statements prepared for the Lower Wairarapa Valley Development Scheme; and the Waiohine-Mangatarere, Upper Ruamahanga, Waingawa, and Waipoua River Management Schemes, be received.

- (2) *That the July 2003 Peer Review of River Management Asset Maintenance Standards for the Wairarapa be received.*

Morning tea: 10.39 a.m.
Resumed at: 10.53 a.m.

Cr Turver left the meeting at 10.39 a.m.

Matters Reported for Information

RSW 213 Divisional Manager's Report

Report 03.453

File: Y/21/1

Graeme Butcher, Ray Clarey and Kevin Worsley were present for the discussions on the Biosecurity Department items.

Concerning 3.3 – Road Access to Tauanui Reserve

Cr Buchanan asked about the replanting programme in terms of riparian buffer zones and approaches being taken for conservation reserve purposes with regard to an overall long term sustainability approach.

Mr Gunn indicated that there was a strong conservation ethic within the relevant staff and appropriate buffer zones will be included within the replanting.

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr McDavitt)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 214 Financial Report for the Twelve Months to 30 June 2003

Report 03.474

File: Y/21/1

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Buchanan)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

RSW 215 Results of the Two-Yearly Resource Management Act Survey of Local Authorities 2001/02

Report 03.468

File: Y/12/5/1-3

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Mr Dalziell)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 216 Integrated Catchment Management

Report 03.478

File: Y/2/5/6

Mr Gunn reported that possible study topics towards the research scholarships included an agwaste review, water allocation, river works impacts versus natural impacts, e.g. droughts/floods, and native plants.

Resolved

(Mr McQueen/Cr Buchanan)

- (1) That the report be received and its contents noted.*
- (2) That staff develop a projected environmental research framework within which various approaches could be considered.*
- (3) That consideration be given to a Council-wide approach to research integrated catchment management.*

RSW 217 Regional Council Input Into District Planning

Report 03.461

File: Y/11/2

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Mr Benton)

That the information be received.

RSW 218 Resource Consents (Non Notified)

Report 03.452

File: Y/12/2/0

Resolved

(Mr McQueen/Cr Kirton)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 219 Catchment Works

Report 03.451

File: Y/0/4

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Mr Dalziell)

That the schedule be received.

RSW 220 Questions

(1) Media Presence at Committee Meetings

Mr Dalziell asked that the Chairperson advise members at the commencement of each Committee meeting as to whether the media was in attendance.

(2) Rural Communication Issues

Mr Dalziell commented on the positive information considered at Committee meetings that did not always reach the rural community, and queried whether a quarterly pamphlet or newsletter could be considered for distribution to rural landowners conveying appropriate Council information on rural issues.

Members noted that the Elements publication focused largely on urban issues and asked whether it was best serving the needs of rural landowners.

Officers were asked to liaise with Communications staff.

RSW 221 General Business

Wairarapa District Health Board

Mr Wright advised that at a recent meeting with the chief executive officers of the three Wairarapa district councils and Wairarapa District Health Board a proposal had been put forward for a joint letter of support from all Councils towards the redevelopment of Masterton Hospital.

The Committee supported the proposal.

The meeting closed at 12.28 p.m.

CR F R LONG
Chairperson

Date: