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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Utility Services Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Tuesday, 4 April 2000 at 9.30am**

**Present**

Councillors Shaw (Deputy Chairperson), Laidlaw, Macaskill, Thomas and Werry and Councillor Hutchings (Wellington City Council)

**Officers Present**

Messrs Benham, Darroch, Karin Floyd, Leonard, Morrison, Roberts and Sells

**Public Business**

**Procedural Items**

US105 **Apologies**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Thomas)*

*That the apologies from Councillor McQueen and Councillor Shields be confirmed.*

Members noted Councillor McQueen was attending the funeral of a friend in Auckland.

## US106 **Public Participation**

### **Paul Hughes**

Paul Hughes said he was pleased the Regional Council was legalising the Forest Management Plan but wished to make three points:

- (1) The proposed replanting programme should be in accord with the Forest Lands Management Plan
- (2) New planting sites should be identified more clearly
- (3) Council should ask for public comment.

### **Mr S Garlick, Water Manager, Hutt City Council**

Mr Garlick said the poll in Petone showed there was overwhelming support for non-fluoridated drinking water and residents were simply requesting a continuation of conditions they had always enjoyed. There were savings which resulted in limited cost increases overall.

The following persons also made representations:

- Mary Burn, Stop Fluoride Group
- Gordon Rounthwaite, Stop Fluoride Group
- Pam Atkinson, Toxin Action Group
- Gay Orwin, Ratepayer, Point Howard
- Allan Fricker, Ratepayer, Lower Hutt
- Colin Robertson, Ratepayer, Naenae
- Mark Atkin, Ratepayer, Lower Hutt
- A Landon, Ratepayer, Petone

Several papers were distributed to members.

## US107 **Confirmation of Minutes**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Thomas/Cr Werry)*

*That the public and public excluded minutes of the meeting held on 10 February 2000, Report 00.168 and Report PE00.170, the public excluded part to remain in public excluded, be confirmed.*

*Resolved*

*(Cr Thomas/Cr Werry)*

*That the public and public excluded minutes of the special meeting held on 21 February 2000, Report 00.217 and Report PE 00.220, the public excluded part to remain in public excluded, be confirmed.*

## Matters for Consideration

### US108 Petone Water Supply

#### Report 00.149

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*Resolved to Recommend*

*(Cr Thomas/Cr Laidlaw)*

*That the Utility Services Committee recommends to the Policy and Finance Committee that the WRC offers to pay up to \$207,000 to provide an unfluoridated supply provided the Hutt City Council pays the remainder based on an agreed arrangement.*

*Resolved to Recommend*

*(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Werry)*

*That a media statement be released after the Policy and Finance Committee has considered the issue.*

It was agreed by the meeting that the offer to the Hutt City Council should not affect the integrity of the water system and the Regional Council should explain today's offer to the Wellington, Porirua and Upper Hutt Cities as soon as possible.

11.35am Councillor Hutchings apologised for his early departure.

### US109 Forest Working Plan

#### Report 00.208

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*Resolved to Recommend*

*(Cr Werry/Cr Thomas)*

*That the Committee recommends to the Policy and Finance Committee that:*

- (a) The Forest Working Plan 2000-2010 be approved.*
- (b) The Forest Working Plan be forwarded to the Minister of Forestry for approval, pursuant to section 49(2) of the Wellington Regional Water Board Act 1972.*

*Resolved*

*(Cr Werry/Cr Thomas)*

*That nothing in this plan is inconsistent with other Council plans, policy or management documents, be noted.*

**US110 Electricity Network Contract**

**Report 00.233**

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*Resolved*

*(Cr Thomas/Cr Werry)*

*(i) That the acceptance of a UnitedNetworks Contract for line services be approved.*

*(ii) That the common seal of the Council be affixed to the Contract documents.*

**Matter for Information**

**US111 Divisional Report**

**Report 00.227**

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*Resolved*

*(Cr Werry/Cr Thomas)*

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

**Other Matters**

**US112 Questions**

There were no questions.

**US113 General**

There were no matters of general business.

The meeting concluded at 12.05pm.

COUNCILLOR ROBERT SHAW  
Deputy Chairman

Date: