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Minutes of the Meeting of the Wellington Regional Council held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Thursday, 8 March 2001 at 9.48am

Present

Councillors Macaskill (Chairperson), Allen, Bonner, Buchanan, Gibson, Laidlaw, Long, McDavitt, McQueen, Shaw, 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

383 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Allen)

That the apology from Councillor Shields, be confirmed.

384 **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public who wished to participate in the meeting.

385 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved (Chairperson/Cr McQueen)

- (1) *That the public minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting, Report 01.38, of 1 February 2001 and the Special Record of the Policy and Finance meeting, Report 01.31, of 1 February 2001, be confirmed.*
- (2) *That the public minutes of the Special Council meeting, Report 01.94, of 14 February 2001 and the Special Record of the Policy and Finance meeting, Report 01.93, of 14 February 2001, be confirmed.*
- (3) *That the public minutes of the Special Council meeting, Report 01.96, of 15 February 2001 and the Special Record of the Policy and Finance meeting, Report 01.95, of 15 February 2001, be confirmed.*
- (4) *That the public minutes of the Special Council meeting, Report 01.104, of 19 February 2001 and the Special Record of the Policy and Finance meeting, Report 01.103, of 19 February 2001, be confirmed.*

386 Chairman's Report

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Leave of Absence

Resolved (Chairperson/Cr Allen)

That Councillor McQueen be granted leave of absence as requested from 23 April to 8 June 2001 (inclusive)

Resolved (Chairperson/Cr Bonner)

That the Report be received.

Reports of Committees

387 Policy and Finance Committee – 8 March 2001

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Resolved (Chairperson/Cr Turver)

That the recommendations of the Policy and Finance Committee meeting held on 8 March 2001, Items P&F 318 to P&F 320 inclusive, be confirmed.

Members noted the oral report on the development of a Council Communication Strategy would be considered by the Policy and Finance Committee later in the morning.

388 Landcare – 8 February 2001

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Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Long)

That the report of the meeting of the Landcare Committee held on 8 February 2001, Items LC216 to LC228 inclusive, be adopted.

389 Passenger Transport – 9 February 2001

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Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr McQueen)

That the report of the meeting of the Passenger Transport Committee held on 9 February 2001, Items PT 150 to PT 158 inclusive, be adopted.

390 Rural Services and Wairarapa – 16 February 2001

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Coastal Issues

The Chairperson of the Environment Committee agreed to consider whether a workshop should be held on coastal issues and the development of the coastline of the Western part of the region.

Resolved

(Cr Long/Cr Buchanan)

That the report of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 16 February 2001, Items RSW 286 to RSW 288 inclusive, and Items RSW 292 to RSW 303 inclusive, be adopted.

391 Utility Services – 19 February 2001

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Resolved

(Cr McQueen/Cr Shaw)

That the report of the meeting of the Utility Services Committee held on 19 February 2001, Items US 173 to US 182 inclusive, be adopted.

392 Environment – 22 February 2001

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Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Allen)

That the report of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on 22 February 2001, Items E 323 to E 325, E 328 to E 331 and E 333 to E 348 inclusive, and the recommendations contained therein, be adopted.

Matters for Consideration

393 Use of Official Seal

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Resolved

(Cr McQueen/Cr McDavitt)

That the Report be received.

394 Question Time

There were no questions.

395 Notices of Motion

(1) Councillor Gibson

Not proceeded with.

(2) Councillor Shaw

1. Local Government Co-operation in the Wellington Region

Following discussion Councillor Shaw withdrew his first notice of motion with the agreement of the meeting.

2. Workshops and Official Information Procedures

Moved

(Cr Shaw/Cr Allen)

That, when Committee Chairpersons decide that workshops be held, they consider whether the workshop should be open to the public having regard to the purpose of the workshop, the material to be considered at the workshop, and both official information and local government legislation.

The above notice of motion was **LOST** on a show of hands, 6 votes in favour and 7 opposed. (Councillor Thomas voted in favour).

The meeting requested that officers report on the policy guidelines for workshops and whether, having regard to the purpose and material to be considered, some workshops could be open to the public.

3. Safety at Mana Station

Moved

(Cr Shaw/Cr Thomas)

That officers ensure safety concerns at Mana Station are promptly addressed and urgently report to the appropriate committee on:

- (a) dangers that exist around the Mana Station
- (b) consultations with Porirua City Council on this topic
- (c) the necessary work proposed by Paul Nevin (his letter to our General Manager dated 23 February 2001)
- (d) the timetable and funding of any developments considered necessary by officers

Dr Watson said there was an ongoing problem of public safety relating to access to a disco across the railway tracks near the Mana Station.

Dr Watson said he has had discussions with Porirua City Council and Tranz Rail who were now working on a solution.

Following discussion, and with leave of the meeting, the motion was withdrawn.

396 General

There were no matters of general business.

Members noted the public excluded items on the agenda had been considered at the Special Council meeting on 6 March 2001, and, therefore, should be deleted from the agenda for today.

The meeting adjourned at 10.45am.

The meeting reconvened at 12.07pm.

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Laidlaw)

That the Recommendation of the Policy and Finance Committee meeting held on 8 March 2001, concerning the Development of a Council Communication Strategy, be adopted.

The meeting closed at 12.08pm.

CR SA MACASKILL
Chairperson

Date: