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Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Thursday, 5 September 2002 at 9.30am

Present

Councillors Buchanan (Chairperson), Barr, Evans, McDavitt, Turver and Yardley and Mr Chapman

Officers Present

Paula Hammond, Nicola Shorten, Messrs Darroch, Pryce, Sheriff, Skene, van Schalkwyk and Waddy and Dr Bradbury

Public Business

Procedural Items

E 101 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)

That the apologies from Councillor Shields and Mr Rush, and the apology for lateness from Mr Chapman, be confirmed.

E 102 **Public Participation**

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

E 103 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved

(Cr Evans/Cr Yardley)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 25 July 2002, Report 02.551, be confirmed.

Harbour Matters

Matters for Information

E 104 **Maritime Legislation – Pilotage Law Reform**

Report 02.513

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Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Evans)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

Civil Defence Matters

Matter for Recommendation

E 105 **Appointment of Alternative Regional Controller**

Report 02.527

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Resolved to Recommend

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Yardley)

That Rian van Schalkwyk, Manager, Emergency Management, be appointed an Alternate Regional Controller for the Wellington Regional Council.

Matter for Decision

E 106 **Regional Civil Defence Plan: Reviewed**

Report 02.515

File: Z/3/2/3

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Yardley/Cr Turver)

That Council endorses the Regional Civil Defence Plan subject to:

- (1) Rian van Schalkwyk's appointment as Alternate Controller being approved by Council at its meeting on 17 September 2002.*
- (2) The Alternate Controllers being placed in the order in which they will be required to replace the Controller.*

Matter for Information

E 107 **Marketing and Communication of Hazards and Emergency Management Information in 2001-2002**

Report 02.489

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Exercise Phoenix

Responding to a question from Councillor McDavitt, Mr van Schalkwyk said that Exercise Phoenix was now being evaluated by the participants and a report with recommendations would be presented to the Environment Committee later this year.

Mr van Schalkwyk noted that while Auckland Regional Council and Wellington Regional Council were the only Regional Councils involved in the exercise eventually Exercise Phoenix would be extended nationally throughout New Zealand.

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Barr)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

Environmental Matters

Matters for Decision

E 108 **Erosion and Sediment Control Guidelines for the Wellington Region**

Report 02.514

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Mr Chapman arrived at 9.55am.

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Evans)

- (1) *That the Erosion and Sediment Control Guidelines for the Wellington Region be approved.*
- (2) *That the guidelines will be circulated to all relevant authorities, agencies and organisations be noted.*

E 109 Environmental Education Annual Report

Report 02.534

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Priorities

Dr Bradbury noted that officers were now establishing priorities in the Environmental Education programme and in the Division's other work programmes, and would be making recommendations to Councillors as they proceeded through the Long Term Council Community Plan discussion process.

Resolved

(Cr Yardley/Cr Buchanan)

That the Report, as evidence of the Council's implementation of its environmental education programmes for 2001/02, be accepted.

Matters for Information

E 110 Divisional Manager's Report

Report 02.548

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Joint Meetings

Councillor McDavitt noted that Wellington City Council holds joint meetings between standing committees when there were policy issues common to both. Councillor McDavitt suggested that the Regional Council investigate whether there were advantages for the Regional Council in adopting a similar process. Dr Bradbury commented that the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee served this purpose.

Long Term Council Community Plan – Workshop with Councillors

Councillors expressed concern that insufficient workshop time has been allocated to important environment issues for the development of the Long Term Council Community Plan.

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Yardley)

That the workshop programme be reviewed to ensure that all issues pertinent to the 'Take 10 Quality for Life' are covered.

New Zealand's Fresh Water Fish

Councillor Buchanan said that he had attended a popular and well supported public lecture by Dr Robert McDowall last Wednesday on *Hidden Treasures Exposed: Discovering our Fresh Water Fish Fauna*. Councillor Buchanan said Dr McDowall is one of New Zealand's foremost biologists specialising in New Zealand fresh water fishes, in particular native species, and suggested a copy of Dr McDowall's research be published in the Councillors' Bulletin.

Project Phoenix

Councillor McDavitt requested that Mr Schalkwyk, Manager Emergency Management Department, arrange to give a presentation to the Regional Land Transport Committee on Project Phoenix. Cr McDavitt said there could be important issues to consider for inclusion in the Regional Land Transport Strategy.

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Yardley)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 111 The New Zealand Waste Strategy

Report 02.544

File: ENV/18.1.2

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Barr)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

E 112 Update on Wellington Regional Environment Agency (WREA)

Report 02.538

File: ENV/15/2/3

Resolved

(Cr Yardley/Cr Buchanan)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 113 **Aquaculture Update****Report 02.520**

File: Env/10/02/04

*Resolved**(Cr Turver/Cr McDavitt)**That the report be received and the contents noted.*E 114 **National Environmental Information Sharing Protocol****Report 02.516**

File: ENV/12/1/1

*Resolved**(Cr Buchanan/Mr Chapman)**That the report be received and the contents noted.*E 115 **Recreational Water Quality Report 2001/2002****Report 02.509**

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Communications

Councillor Buchanan requested officers to investigate ways of popularising safety information about Wellington beaches during the swimming season. Councillor Buchanan said it would be highly desirable if the information could be published in a fresh and interesting way so that swimmers had up to date safety data throughout the summer.

Members also asked whether it would be possible to publish regular health statistics relating to beach pollution.

*Resolved**(Cr Buchanan/Mr Chapman)**(1) That the report be received.**(2) That the Kapiti Coast District Council, Hutt City Council and Wellington City Council be thanked for their support of the Region's recreational water quality monitoring programme.*E 116 **Resource Consents Annual Compliance Report 2001/2002****Report 02.505**

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*Resolved**(Cr Turver/Cr McDavitt)**That the report be received and the contents noted.*

E 117 **Regional Council Input to District Planning**

Report 02.523

File: X/26/1/1

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Evans)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 118 **Decisions on Non-notified Resource Consent Applications**

Report 02.506

File: ENV/1/8/4

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Yardley)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 119 **Incident Response Report for the Period 24 June 2002 – 12 August 2002**

Report 02.507

File: ENV/17/2/1

Resolved

(Cr Evans/Cr Turver)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

Other Matters

E 120 **Questions**

There were no questions.

E 121 **General**

There were no matters of general business.

The meeting closed at 11.45am.

CR IM BUCHANAN
Chairperson