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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Wellington Regional Council  
held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, 142  
Wakefield Street, Wellington on Tuesday, 18 March 2003 at  
9.30am**

**Present**

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

**Officers Present**

Messrs Allard, Darroch, Benham, Cutler, Schollum, Stone, Wright and Dr Hastie

**Public Business**

**Procedural Items**

217 **Apologies**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Kirton/Cr Laidlaw)*

*That the apology from Councillor Evans be confirmed.*

218 **Public Participation**

Mr B Bourke, Chairman, and Mr S Foster, Chief Executive Officer, Trust House Charitable Trust, in Wairarapa, made representations opposing the Regional Council's report on the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee order paper about the Responsible Gambling Bill.

The meeting adjourned at 9.55am and reconvened at 12.37pm.

## **Matters for Consideration**

### **219 Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee– 18 March 2003**

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*Resolved*

*(Cr Kirton/Cr McDavitt)*

*That the recommendations of the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee meeting held on 18 March 2003 be adopted.*

### **220 Questions**

1. Responding to Councillor Barr, Councillor McDavitt said the Regional Land Transport Committee will consider regional prioritisation of proposed roading programmes on 27 March 2003.
2. Responding to a question from Councillor Thomas, Mr Stone said while there had been ongoing discussions with Tranz Rail he was not aware of any meetings with other interested passenger rail operators.

### **221 General**

There were no matters of general business.

The meeting closed at 12.45pm.

Cr M K SHIELDS  
Chairperson

Date