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THE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Report 03.658

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Thursday, 16 October 2003 at 9.45am

Present

Councillors Buchanan (Chairperson), Barr, Evans, McDavitt, Shields, Turver and Mr Rush

Officers Present

Messrs Cross, Darroch, Denton, Markland, Porteous, Pryce, Sherriff, Skene, van Schalkwyk and Waddy, Melanie Dixon, Luci Ryan, Laura Watts, Rylee Pettersson, Nicola Shorten and Dr Bradbury

Public Business

Procedural Items

E 237 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Barr)

That the apologies from Councillor McDavitt, who was absent on other Council business and Councillor Yardley, be confirmed.

E 238 **Public Participation**

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

E 239 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Barr)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 4 September 2003, Report 03.5265, be confirmed.

Harbour Matters

There were no Harbour matters for consideration.

Civil Defence Matters

There were no Civil Defence matters for consideration.

Environmental Matters

Matters for Decision

E 240 **Regional Policy Statement and Regional Plan Implementation 2002/2003**

Report 03.591

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Resolved

(Cr Barr/Cr Evans)

That the Report be accepted as evidence of the Council's implementation of the Regional Policy Statement and regional plans for 2002/2003.

Using Fresh Water - Workshop

Members agreed there was a need for a workshop on Freshwater matters, including enforcement, allocations and availability in emergencies.

E 241 **Marine Biodiversity Programme – Future Direction**

Report 03.593

File: ENV/13/07/02

Resolved

(Cr Barr/Cr Evans)

- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) That a workshop be held to consider the future direction of the marine biodiversity programme.*

Matters for Information

E 242 **Divisional Manager’s Report**

Report 03.592

File: E/06/18/03

Odour Issues

Members agreed that a workshop be held on odour issues.

Flooding Paekakariki

Laura Watts, Surface Water Hydrologist, described the recent flooding at Paekakariki, including the weather patterns, rainfall and river flows.

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Turver)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 243 **Annual Pollution Control Report (2002 – 2003)**

Report 03.553

File: ENV/17/02/08

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Buchanan)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 244 **Wetland Incentives Programme**

Report 03.574

File: ENV/05/06/02

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Evans)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 245 **Decisions on Non-notified Resource Consent**

Report 03.571

File: ENV/01/08/04

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 246 **Regional Council Input to Statutory Planning**

Report 03.566

File: X/26/1/1

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Evans)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 247 **Pollution Control Report for the Period 9 August to 19 September 2003**

Report 03.555

File: ENV/17/02/01

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Turver)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

Other Matters

E 248 **Questions**

There were no questions.

E 249 **General Business**

Regional Policy Statement and Regional Plan Implementation

Councillor Evans asked whether the Regional Policy Statement could be reviewed in stages so that members are more familiar with the contents. This would also allow for updates as and when they are needed.

Councillor Buchanan said that an internal review was done after five years, and that a full review is required in 2005.

Resource Management Act – Interface

Councillor Evans said there were many areas when the Resource Management Act 1991 interfaced with Territorial Authorities, Government Agencies and the Regional Council. By considering the policy boundaries there could be funding and resource sharing opportunities with other organisations.

Councillor Buchanan said interface matters will be considered during the next review of the LTCCP.

The meeting closed at 11.50am.

CR I BUCHANAN
Chairperson