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THE REGIONAL COUNCIL

**Report 04.553**

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Passenger Transport Committee held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Tuesday, 7 September 2004 at 9.30am**

**Present**

Councillors Turver (Chairperson), Aitken, Barr, Buchanan, Evans, Kirton, Laidlaw and McDavitt and Councillor Foster (WCC)

**Officers Present**

Messrs. Budd, Cross, Darroch, Grace, Rhona Nicol, Vyvette Najbert, Turfrey, and Dr Watson

**Public Business**

**Procedural Items**

PT 204 **Apologies**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Turver/Cr Barr)*

*That the apologies from Councillor Thomas and Councillor Shields, who was absent on other Council business, be confirmed.*

**PT 205 Public Participation****Mr Randle**

Mr Randle criticised Council's decision to proceed with the English Electric carriages refurbishment and said that the bus alternatives for the Johnsonville and Melling rail lines should be investigated more thoroughly before the final decision on the future maintenance of the English Electrics is made.

A copy of Mr Randle's papers were circulated.

Dr Watson said he would respond to the questions raised by Mr Randle as soon as he had an opportunity to study the papers.

**PT 206 Confirmation of Minutes**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Turver/Cr Evans)*

*That the minutes of Passenger Transport Committee meeting on 5 August 2004, Report 04.512, be confirmed.*

**PT 207 Presentation on New Timetable Information Website**

Mr Budd, Major Projects Manager, gave a presentation on the new timetable information website which will be launched in October 2004.

Councillor Foster arrived at 10.0am.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Turver/Cr Aitken)*

*That the oral report be received.*

**Matters for Information****PT 208 Urban Rail Update****Report 04.523**

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Responding to Councillor Evans Dr Watson said that the issue concerning urban rail and the Melling and Johnsonville lines is actually about the optimum provision of public transport. The problem is the increasing number of motor vehicles on the roads. Dr Watson said that the long term future of the Melling and Johnsonville sidings will be thoroughly investigated in three year's time. Councillor Aitken said the local communities should be consulted before any decisions were made about the Johnsonville and Melling lines.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Barr)*

*That the report be received.*

**PT 209 Divisional Report****Report 04.522**

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**Financial Performance**

Following comment about the operating surplus Dr Watson said that the Transport Funding Policy was presently under review and he expected the Chief Financial Officer to provide a paper early in the new year.

Dr Watson proposed that a workshop be held next triennium to discuss how bus contract variations should be reported to the Committee.

**Security Update**

Mr Grace said he would provide additional information to test the success of the new security measures in the commuter car parks and will also consider the possibility of charging commuters for the daily use of the park and ride sites.

**Ferry Services**

Councillor McDavitt asked whether it would be possible to provide a dollar figure on the subsidy per passenger for the Wellington Ferry Services. Dr Watson said he would endeavour to provide the figure for the next meeting. It was agreed that it could be timely for Councillors to receive a copy of the service level guidelines and advise when these will be next reviewed by the Committee.

**Wellington Quality Partnership Agreement**

A copy of the minutes for the Wellington QPA Group meeting on 1 September 2004 was circulated. Councillor Aitken asked whether it would be possible to set up a similar group for consumers.

**Thank You**

Dr Watson thanked members of the Committee for their input over the past three years.

Councillor Turver thanked his colleagues and also the officers for their assistance and wished all members well in the forthcoming elections.

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

## **Other Matters**

### **PT 210 Questions**

There were no questions.

### **PT 211 General**

There were no matters of general business.

The meeting closed at 11.45am.

Cr C TURVER  
Chairperson

Date