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THE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Report 04.79

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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 Tuesday, 17 February 2004 at 9.30am

Present

Councillors Buchanan (Chairperson), Barr, McDavitt, Shields and Turver and Messrs Chapman and Evans

Officers Present

Messrs Darroch, Lyons, McLea, Pryce, Sherriff, Skene, Van Schalkwyk and Dr Bradbury

Public Business

Procedural Items

E 267 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr McDavitt)

That the apologies from Councillors Evans and Yardley be confirmed.

E 268 **Public Participation**

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

E 269 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Barr)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 27 November 2003, Report 03.741, and the reconvened meetings on 27 November and 3 December 2003, Report PE 03.744, be confirmed, the public excluded part to remain confidential.

Harbour Matters

There were no Harbour matters for consideration.

Civil Defence Matters

Councillor Buchanan said he will delay consideration of the Paekakariki Flood Event item until Mr Van Schalkwyk, Manager, Emergency Management, who was absent on other Council business, returned to the meeting.

Environmental Matters

Matters for Decision

E 270 **Waitohu Stream Study**

Report 04.48

File: ENV/15/03/10

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Shields)

- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) That the Waitohu Stream Study, and consultation as outlined in this report, be endorsed.*

E 271 **Submission on Proposals for National Environment Standards for Air Quality**

Report 04.28

File: ENV/06/01/04

Resolved

(Cr Barr/Cr Turver)

That the attached submissions on the National Environmental Standards for Air Quality, be endorsed.

Matters for Information

E 272 **Divisional Manager's Report**

Report 04.38

File: E/06/18/03

Resource Investigations – Flood Event 15-16 February 2004

Laura Watts, Hydrologist, gave a presentation on the flood events of the past two days including photographs of the flooding of the Wainuiomata River, the Waiwhetu Stream, Hutt Park and the Shandon Golf Club.

Mr Evans, Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management, said the flooding had been a significant event. While the Ministry had been monitoring the effects of the storm throughout the north island, Regional Councils and Territorial Authorities had been managing the various civil emergencies and storm impacts with communities at the local level.

Mr Van Schalkwyk, Manager, Emergency Management, said the response to the latest floods had been well co-ordinated and the Ministry, Police, Fire Service and local authority officials had been in close contact and had worked well together.

There is no doubt there will be lessons to be learnt from the events of the past two days and these will be identified during the debriefings that will occur.

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Barr)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

Morning Tea: 10.45am

Resumption: 11.00am

Mr Chapman left at 11.00am.

Civil Defence Matters

Matter for Information

E 273 **The Paekakariki Flood Event – 3 October 2003**

Report 04.42

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Mr Van Schalkwyk gave a presentation on the Paekakariki Flood Event which had occurred on 3 October 2003. This included a summary of the de-briefing session including what went well and what did not go so well during the response phase. The lessons learnt from the event had had a positive impact on the well co-ordinated response to the flooding events of the past two days.

Resolved

(Cr Barr/Cr McDavitt)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 274 **Background Concentrations of Common Pollutants in Soils in the Wellington Region**

Report 03.663

File: ENV/17/01/07

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr McDavitt)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 275 **Instream Habitat Assessment for the Waikanae River**

Report 04.7

File: ENV/05/04/05

Mr Evans, Civil Defence, left at 11.25am.

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 276 **Progress Report on the Investigation of Chemical Contaminants in Urban Stormwater**

Report 04.33

File: ENV/05/01/08

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Barr)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

Councillor Buchanan asked for a review report of the programme encompassing the overall objectives and the different ways these may be achieved.

E 277 **Decisions on Non-notified Resource Consent Applications**

Report 04.11

File: ENV/01/08/04

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Barr)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 278 **Regional Council Input to Statutory Planning**

Report 04.23

File: X/26/1/1

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 279 **Pollution Control Report for the Period 1 November 2003 to 23 January 2004**

Report 04.12

File: ENV/17/02/01

Resolved

(Cr Barr/Cr McDavitt)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

Other Matters

E 280 **Questions**

There were no questions.

E 281 **General**

There were no matters of general business.

The meeting closed at 12 noon.

CR I BUCHANAN
Chairperson

Date: