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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 Monday, 31 January 2005 at
9.30am**

Present

Councillors Buchanan (Chairperson), Aitken, Baber, Evans, Glensor, Greig, Kirton, Long, McDavitt, Shields, Turver and Wilde

Officers Present

Messrs Allard, Benham, Darroch, Forlong, Harris, Turfrey and Drs Bradbury, Hastie and Watson

Public Business

Procedural Items

37 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Chairman/Cr Kirton)

That the apology from Councillor Laidlaw be confirmed.

38 Public Participation

Rachael Kiel-Taylor, Open Space Gateway

Rachael Kiel-Taylor said a number of local residents had developed a concept which linked landscape and natural values protection to economic development. The concept identifies outstanding landscape from Pukerua Bay to Raumati South and integrates land management across public and private land in a way that would build up tourism in the area.

The proposed Gateway area includes Whareroa Farm and therefore it was important that Greater Wellington used all its influence to protect the farm for public ownership.

A document dated 20 January 2005 entitled *Environmental, Landscape, and Recreation Values of Whareroa Farm* was circulated.

Also a *coloured brochure* about the Open Space Gateway concept asking *whether this will be the last large and accessible open space left on the Kapiti Coast* with coloured pictures was also circulated.

Mr John Porter

Mr Porter said he was a long term resident of Kapiti and a previous member of the Paekakariki Community Board and had been involved in parks in Kapiti for many years.

Mr Porter said there had been a ground swell of opinion in Kapiti that Whareroa Farm be kept in public ownership. Mr Porter asked Greater Wellington to use all in its power to ensure that Whareroa Farm remained accessible for future New Zealanders.

Adrian Webster, Chairman Paekakariki Community Board

Mr Webster in thanking Council for the opportunity to speak said it was important that Whareroa Farm was kept in public ownership. He asked Greater Wellington to have the financial and political will to ensure Whareroa Farm remained an enhancement for the whole region with all its historical and other values. The farm should remain accessible for all New Zealanders in the future.

Mr Webster referred to a report which was presented to the Kapiti Coast District Council meeting on Thursday 27 January 2005.

Mr Webster noted that in the report Kapiti Coast District Council has requested that Greater Wellington assist in the funding of the acquisition of all or part of the Whareroa Farm block.

A copy of the Kapiti Coast District Council report was circulated.

Councillor Alan Tristram, Kapiti Coast District Council and Member of the Paekakiriki Community Board

Councillor Tristram thanked members for the opportunity to speak at today's meeting and reinforced the comments of Mr Webster and the other speakers.

Councillor Tristram said that Whareroa Farm was an important ecological and historical site and public access to the farm should be maintained as it was a wonderful gateway area.

Councillor Tristram concluded by hoping that Greater Wellington would use its support to keeping the farm in public ownership.

Councillor Ian Buchanan, Chairman, Greater Wellington

The Chairman said that Whareroa Farm and matters just raised in public participation will be considered in the public excluded part of the Policy, Finance and Strategy meeting later in the morning. Some aspects of the discussion will be commercially sensitive and as much of the detail as possible will be made public once Council had completed its deliberations.

The meeting adjourned to the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee meeting at 10:05 a.m. and reconvened at 12:20 p.m.

39 Confirmation of Minutes of 16 December 2004

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Aitken)

That the public and public excluded minutes of the Council meeting, Report 04.718 and Report PE 04.719 of 16 December 2004, and the public and public excluded minutes of the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee meeting, Report 04.716 and Report PE 04.717 of 16 December 2004, be confirmed, the public excluded business to remain confidential.

Reports of Committees

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Resolved

(Chairman/Cr Turver)

That the recommendations of the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee meeting held on 31 January 2005 be adopted, the public excluded part to remain confidential.

41 **Regional Land Transport – 14 December 2004**

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Moved

(Cr Glensor/Cr Turver)

That the Government be thanked and congratulated for the announcement of \$225 million of new funding over 10 years for the Region's Transport network.

CARRIED

Moved

(Cr Evans/Cr Aitken)

That Mr Anderson, the Access and Mobility representative on the Regional Land Transport Committee, be invited to attend the March Disability Forum in Christchurch.

CARRIED

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Glensor)

That the report of the meeting of the Regional Land Transport Committee held on 14 December 2004, Items RLT01 to RLT07 inclusive, and as amended above, be adopted.

42 **Questions**

There were no questions.

43 **General**

Councillor Greig asked Councillors to be careful how they filed their public excluded papers, when leaving the Chamber.

The meeting closed at 12.30pm.

Cr I M BUCHANAN
Chairperson

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