

Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Thursday, 21 October 1999 at 9.30am

Present

Councillors Buchanan (Chairperson), Allen, Gibson, Macaskill, McDavitt, Shields and Turver and Messrs Earl and Morrison

Officers Present

Messrs Darroch, Forlong, Pryce, Skene, van Schalkwyk, Waddy, Wills and Drs Bradbury and Hastie

Public Business

Procedural Items

E 141 **Apologies**

Members noted Councillor Allen had apologised for his late arrival.

E 142 **Public Participation**

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

E 143 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved (Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 1999 be confirmed.

Harbour Matters

There were no Harbour matters for consideration.

Civil Defence Matters

Matter for Decision

E 144 **Wellington City Council Civil Defence Plan**

Report 99.589 File: C/3/1/3

Resolved (Cr McDavitt/Mr Earl)

That the Wellington Civil Defence Plan be approved.

Environmental Matters

Matter for Decision

E 145 **Appointment of Commissioners to hear and decide on the Resource Consent Application from Marathon Developments Ltd and Porirua City Council**

Councillor Allen arrived at 9.45am.

Report 99.580 File: WGN 990257 & WGN 000007

Resolved (Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)

That pursuant to section 34(3) of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Environment Committee, acting under authority delegated by the Wellington Regional Council under Section 34(1) of that Act, approve;

- *Graham Miller*
- *Sally Baber*

to jointly hear and consider resource consent applications WGN 990257 and WGN 000007 received by the Wellington Regional Council from Marathon Developments Ltd and Porirua City Council, and make a decision on those resource consent applications under section 102, 104 and 105 of that Act.

It was agreed that Report 97.373 and Report 98.409, which included the Council's approved delegated commissioners' list, should be on the agenda for the next meeting on 2 December 1999.

Matters for Information

E 146 Divisional Managers Report

Report 99.585

File: E/6/18/3

Business Development Quality Award

Members thanked Rob Forlong, Manager, Consents Management and his staff for their receipt of the Business Development Quality Award.

Oil Pollution

Mike Pryce, Manager, Harbours Department, described a significant oil spillage into Wellington Harbour on 15 October 1999. The shore terminal operated by New Zealand Oil Services Limited at Seaview caused spillage along the Petone foreshore, the Hutt River and Waiwhetu Stream. Mike Pryce outlined the extent of the spillage, the monitoring activity carried out and the fortunate minimal adverse environmental damage due to the weather conditions.

Resource Policy

Dr Hastie introduced Mr Bernie Manaena from Ngati Kahungunu who had been seconded to the Council for 10 weeks.

Wellington Regional Native Plant Guide

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Gibson)

That the Environment Committee acknowledges with gratitude the role that Diane Shand played in developing the Plant Guide.

Resolved (Cr Buchanan/Cr McDavitt)

That the reports from the Divisional Manager and the Department Managers be received.

Morning tea: 10.35am
Resumption: 10.50am

E 147 **Regional Council Input to District Planning**

Report 99.575 File: X/26/1/1

Resolved (Cr Shields/Cr Allen)

That the report be received and the information noted.

E 148 **Coastal Subdivision in the Kapiti District**

Report 99.576 File: X/26/1/1

Resolved (Cr Turver/Cr Allen)

That the report be received and the information noted.

Councillor Macaskill left at 11.00am.

E 149 **Guidelines for the Region's Outstanding Landscapes**

Report 99.577 File: X/26/1/1

Resolved (Cr Allen/Cr McDavitt)

That the report be received and the information noted.

Members noted that the Pauatahanui Inlet had been excluded from the Guidelines project at this stage but that its status would be reconsidered once officers had concluded its discussions about future management options for the inlet.

Members noted a copy of the decision to withdraw the proposed Regional Landscape Plan in September 1998 would be circulated to interested Councillors.

E 150 **Promoting Sustainable Land Management**

Report 99.532

File: ENV/14/2/1

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Allen)

That the report be received and the information noted.

It was noted the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee had added the following words to the above resolution:

“that the importance of the landholder’s role in this exercise be recognised”

Members also noted that officers will review the work of other Regional Councils and any international initiatives.

E 151 **Pauatahanui Inlet Core Group**

Report 99.588

File: ENV/13/6/3

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Turver)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

E 152 **Incident Response Report**

Report 99.584

File: K/4/6/1

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Shields)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

E 153 **Decisions on Non-notified Resource Consent Applications**

Report 99.578

File: Various

Resolved

(Cr Turver/McDavitt)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

E154 **Questions**

There were no questions.

E155 **General**

There were no matters of general business.

The meeting closed at 11.35am.

CR I BUCHANAN
Chairperson

Date: