

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Wellington Regional Council held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Tuesday, 3 August 1999 at 9.30am

Present

Councillors Macaskill (Chairperson), Allen, Bonner, Buchanan, Gibson, Laidlaw, Long, McDavitt, McQueen, Shaw, Shields, Thomas, Turver and Werry

Officers Present

Messrs Allard, Benham, Darroch, Maguire, Schollum, Stone and Wright and Drs Bradbury and Watson

Public Business

Procedural Items

125 **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

Councillor McQueen apologised for his absence from 11.15am to 12.15pm during today's meeting.

126 **Public Participation**

Mayor Jenny Brash, Porirua City Council

Mayor Jenny Brash thanked members for the opportunity to give a presentation on hospital services for the Wellington region. The Porirua City Council had prepared a submission to the Ministry of Health and Mayor Brash said she would ask Caroline Adams, Manager Policy Development, to present a summary of the submission.

Caroline Adams presented a proposal for the configuration of hospital services for the region. This included a rationale for locating the regional tertiary hospital at Kenepuru.

Caroline Adams concluded that Kenepuru should also be combined with decentralised secondary hospital services at Newtown, Hutt and Kenepuru and integrated with primary and secondary outpatients services across the region.

A copy of the overhead presentation was distributed to members.

Frances Lee, Kaiwharawhara Reclamation Working Group

Frances Lee said her group was concerned about the future use and development of the Kaiwharawhara reclamation. Frances Lee said that she understood CentrePort had plans to use the area for logs and timber products storage buildings. The Reclamation Working Group preferred the Kaiwharawhara reclamation be developed for recreation purposes and asked that an appropriate direction be given to CentrePort Ltd.

A copy of Frances Lee's statement was distributed to members.

Joyce Griffin, Action for Environment Inc

Joyce Griffin asked the Wellington Regional Council as the majority owner of CentrePort Ltd to ensure that the Kaiwharawhara reclamation remains a recreational reserve without commercial interference.

A copy of Joyce Griffin's representations dated 2 August 1999 was circulated to members.

Robyn Buxton, Federation of Wellington Progressive Association

Robyn Buxton said the Wellington Regional Council had authority under the new Company's Act to ask the directors of CentrePort Ltd to look beyond the profit motive and consider the wider community interest. There were safety and aesthetic reasons why the Kaiwharawhara reclamation should not be used for commercial purposes.

The Chairperson thanked each person for their representations and said members would give their comments full consideration.

D T S Riddiford

The Chairperson invited Mr Riddiford to speak to Council noting that members had already received a copy of Mr Riddiford's submission to the Regional Council dated 3 August 1999. Mr Riddiford thanked members for the opportunity to speak and then summarised his written representations.

Mr Riddiford concluded by asking Council to apologise for statements made by Council officers in recent proceedings.

The Chairperson told Mr Riddiford that Council firmly rebutted the claims that Mr Riddiford had made in his written representations and Council would not apologise.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 10.30am in order to commence the Policy and Finance Committee meeting.

The meeting reconvened at 2.15pm.

125 **Apologies (continued)**

Resolved (Chairperson/Cr Shields)

That the apology for Councillor Thomas be confirmed.

127 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved (Chairperson/Cr Shaw)

(1) *That the Public and Public Excluded minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 29 June 1999, Report 99.378 and Report PE 99.386, the public excluded part to remain in public excluded, be confirmed.*

(2) *That the minutes of the special meeting of Council, Report 99.399, and the Public Record of the special Policy and Finance meeting held on 7 July 1999, Report 99.398, be confirmed.*

128 **Chairperson's Report**

Report 99.421

File: E/6/1/5

Procedural Item

Moved

(Cr Gibson/Cr Long)

That Standing Order relating to standing while speaking be suspended.

Lost

The above motion was **lost** by a show of hands 5 votes in favour and 8 votes opposed.

Northern Gateway Proposal

Resolved (Chairperson/Cr Long)

That a contribution of \$10,000 be confirmed to be funded from the Transport Budget as provided for in Council's Annual Plan and that the Council conveys its thanks to both Tranz Rail and CentrePort for their contributions.

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Gibson)

That the Report be received and the contents noted.

Reports of Committees

129 Policy and Finance Committee – 3 August 1999

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Shaw)

That the recommendations of the Policy and Finance Committee meeting held on 3 August 1999, the public excluded part to remain in public excluded, be adopted.

130 Rural Services and Wairarapa – 6 July 1999

Report 99.390

File: E/6/1/2/1

Resolved

(Cr Long/Cr Buchanan)

That the report of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee meeting held on 6 July 1999, Items RSW84 to RSW99 inclusive, be adopted.

131 Landcare – 8 July 1999

Report 99.402

File: E/6/16/2

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Gibson)

That the report of the Landcare Committee meeting held on 8 July 1999, Items LC71 to LC81 inclusive, be adopted.

132 Utility Services – 20 July 1999

Report 99.419

File: E/6/17/2

Resolved

(Cr McQueen/Cr Shaw)

That the report of the Utility Services Committee meeting held on 20 July 1999, Items US55 to US62 inclusive and the recommendations contained therein, be adopted.

133 **Environment – 22 July 1999****Report 99.423**

File: E/6/18/2

*Resolved**(Cr Buchanan/Cr Gibson)*

That the report of the Environment Committee meeting held on 22 July 1999, Items E105 to E120 inclusive, be adopted.

Matters for Consideration134 **1999/2000 Wellington Regional Council Rates****Report 99.428**

File: G/6/1/1

*Resolved**(Cr Buchanan/Cr Laidlaw)*

- (1) *That, pursuant to the Rating Powers Act 1988 and all other Acts and powers enabling on that behalf, the Wellington Regional Council make the following rates for the period commencing 1 July 1999 and concluding 30 June 2000.*
- (2) *That the Council's Common Seal be affixed to certified copies of the resolution for supply to the collecting territorial authorities.*

135 **Wellington Conservation Board – 26 June 1999****Report 99.443**

File: E/7/10/17

A copy of Councillor Laidlaw's report was circulated to members.

*Resolved**(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Turver)*

That the Report be received and the contents noted.

136 **Tranz Rail – Wellington Urban Rail Contract 1999/2000****Report 99.418**

File: T/11/1/1

*Resolved**(Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)*

That the Council note that the Tranz Rail Limited Wellington Urban Rail contract price for 1999/2000 is \$16,884,347 (plus GST).

137 **Questions**

There were no questions.

138 **Notice of Motion****Report 99.435****Moved**

(Cr Shaw/Cr Turver)

- (a) That Wellington Regional Council makes a submission to the Government on the proposed new hospital.
- (b) That the submission raises arguments for and against the Newtown and Kenepuru sites.
- (c) That the submission advocates for Kenepuru.

Amendment

(Chairperson/Cr Allen)

That (b) and (c) in the above notice of motion be deleted and be replaced by the following two clauses:

- (b) That all Councillors who wish to take part be appointed to a Subcommittee to prepare a submission as outlined in (a) above.*
- (c) That Councillor Long be appointed as the Chairperson of the Subcommittee.*

Councillor Allen left at 3.00pm.

Councillor Laidlaw left at 3.15pm.

The above amendment was **carried** on a show of hands 8 votes in favour and 3 votes opposed.

The motion, as amended, was then put and **carried**.

The Chairperson said that a meeting of the Subcommittee would be arranged as soon as possible later in the week.

139 **Use of Official Seal****Report 99.422**

File: E/4/2/2

*Resolved**(Cr Shields/Cr Turver)*

That the Report be received.

140 **General**

There were no matters of general business.

141 **Exclusion of the Public**

Report 99.432

*Resolved**(Chairperson/Cr McQueen)*

That the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

Report of the public excluded part of the Landcare Committee meeting held on 8 July 1999

Land Purchase to Facilitate Programmed Capital Works

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

<i>General subject of each matter to be considered:</i>	<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each</i>	<i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
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<i>Land Purchase to Facilitate Programmed Capital Works</i>	<i>To enable the Council to carry on negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage</i>	<i>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist (ie to enable the Council to carry on negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage).</i>
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This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1) (a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act of section 6 or section 7 or section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

Wellington Regional Council

The open part of the meeting closed at 3.35pm.

Cr S A MACASKILL
Chairperson
Date: