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13 April 2000

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**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 Thursday,
13 April 2000 at 9.30am**

Present

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

Officers Present

Messrs Annakin, Benham, Bezett, Darroch, Schollum, Stone, Wright and Drs Bradbury and Watson

Public Business

Procedural Items

224 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Allen)

That the apologies from Councillors McQueen and Shields, and the apology for lateness from Councillor Turver, be confirmed.

225 **Public Participation**

Max Shierlaw, Citizens Watch

Mr Shierlaw said Councillors should support the Stadium Trust becoming a LATE.

Mr Shierlaw also said the Stadium Trust should pay interest to the Council.

A copy of the representations was circulated.

Stephen Garlick, Manager Water Services, Hutt City Council

Stephen Garlick thanked members for the opportunity to repeat a message he gave to a recent meeting of the Utility Services Committee, that support be given to the recommendations on today's order paper about Petone water.

The meeting adjourned to the Policy and Finance Committee at 10.10am.

The meeting reconvened at 12.15pm.

226 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Shaw)

- (1) *That the public minutes of the Special Council Meeting, Report 00.148, of 7 March 2000 and the public and public excluded record of the Special Policy and Finance Committee Meeting, Report 00.147 and Report PE00.229 of 7 March 2000, be confirmed, the public excluded business to remain confidential.*
- (2) *That the public and public excluded minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting, Report 00.155 and Report PE00.156, of 9 March 2000, and the public record of the Special Policy and Finance Committee Meeting, Report 00.154, be confirmed, the public excluded business to remain confidential.*
- (3) *That the public minutes of the Special Council Meeting, Report 00.201, of 21 March 2000 and the public record of the Special Policy and Finance Committee Meeting, Report 00.200, of 21 March 2000, be confirmed.*

227 **Chairman's Report**

Report 00.248

File: E/6/1/5

(1) Local Government New Zealand Annual Conference

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Allen)

That Councillor Turver, in addition to the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson, represent the Council at the Local Government New Zealand Conference being held in Christchurch from 10-12 July 2000.

(2) Attendance at the Redesigning Resources Conference

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Allen)

That Councillor Buchanan attend the Redesigning Resources Conference to be held in Christchurch from 25-27 June 2000.

(3) Absence

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Thomas)

That Councillor Buchanan be granted leave of absence from 17 May until 9 June.

Chairman's Report

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Turver)

That the report be received.

Reports of Committees

228 **Policy and Finance Committee – 13 April 2000**

Report 00.253

File: E/6/3/2

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Thomas)

That the recommendations of the Policy and Finance Committee meeting held on 13 April 2000, be confirmed.

Cr Gibson dissented.

229 **Landcare – 23 March 2000**

Report 00.204

File: E/6/16/2

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Bonner)

That the report of the meeting of the Landcare Committee meeting held on 23 March 2000, Items LC139 to LC151 inclusive, and the recommendations contained therein, be adopted.

230 **Rural Services and Wairarapa – 28 March 2000**

Report 00.215

File: E/6/12/1

Resolved

(Cr Long/Cr Buchanan)

That the report of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 28 March 2000, Items RSW 162 to RSW 168 inclusive, Items RSW 170 to RSW 173 inclusive, and Items 175 to RSW 179 inclusive, and the recommendations contained therein, be adopted.

Councillor Thomas left at 12.20pm.

231 **Regional Land Transport**

(1) Report 00.222 – 30 March 2000

File: E/6/8/1

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Gibson)

That the report of the meeting of the Regional Land Transport Committee held on 30 March 2000, Items RLT43 to RLT55 inclusive, be adopted.

(2) Report 00.259 – 12 April 2000

File: E/6/8/1

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Buchanan)

That the report of the reconvened meeting of the Regional Land Transport Committee held on 12 April 2000, Item RLT46, be adopted.

232 **Utility Services – 4 April 2000****Report 00.239**

File: E/6/17/2

*Resolved**(Cr Shaw/Cr Werry)*

That the report of the meeting of the Utility Services Committee held on 4 April 2000, Items US 105 to US 107 inclusive and US110 to US 113 inclusive, be adopted.

233 **Environment – 6 April 2000****Report 00.240**

File: E/6/18/2

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

That the report of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on 6 April 2000, Items E 192 to E 209 inclusive, and the recommendations contained therein, be adopted.

234 **Constituency Review Subcommittee – 11 April 2000****Report 00.141**

File: E/1/4/1

*Resolved**(Cr Gibson/Cr Turver)*

That the report of the meeting of the Constituency Review Subcommittee held on 11 April 2000, Items CRS9 to CRS13 inclusive, be adopted.

Matters for Consideration235 **Notice of Motion – Councillor Shaw****Report 00.255**

File: E/5/1/53

*Resolved**(Cr Shaw/Cr Turver)*

- (a) *That the Ridewell service be developed to include a web site that provides car pooling, matching software for the Kapiti Coast, Porirua City, Tawa and the Hutt Valley.*
- (b) *That this resolution be referred to the appropriate Committee for an officer's report.*

236 **Use of Official Seal****Report 00.228**

File: E/4/2/2

*Resolved**(Chairperson/Cr Laidlaw)**That the information be received.*237 **Questions**

Councillor Allen said he had asked the General Manager a question about Councillors' requests for information and especially the number of requests in writing from Councillor Gibson. He asked what was this costing the Regional Council and asked what could be done about it?

Councillor Allen said he had faxed a copy of the General Manager's reply to all Councillors and was now worried even more. Councillor Gibson's personal file was 5 volumes and 20 centimetres high.

Councillor Allen then tabled his questions and the General Manager's reply.

Councillor Turver said there was a cost for democracy but was concerned about the General Manager's reference to the quantity of questions from Councillor Gibson and the consequent substantial costs and impacts on morale among officers. This was significant and fundamental and required further research and quantification and asked whether a serious problem existed?

Councillor Werry said he used the Regional Council's library for research and did not get enmeshed in detail. Councillors are policy makers and asked whether questions of officers should be concise?

Councillor Long asked whether a workshop should be held on the role of a Regional Councillor? The Chairperson replied yes it was possible to hold such a workshop.

Councillor Bonner said criticism of actions taken by Councillor Gibson was unfair and he was just doing his duty on behalf of constituents.

Councillor McDavitt asked whether questions should be concise and clear about the point being advanced? While supporting a workshop on the role of Councillors he asked whether it would make any difference? He also commented that quantifying time was neither purposeful or reliable.

Councillor Gibson asked:- "What is the saving in dollars in 2000/01 for each class of Wellington City ratepayer in respect of the reduction of the subsidy for Stagecoach trolley buses from \$2.3M to \$1.8M?"

Councillor Gibson also tabled three other questions.

The Chairperson said that he had received Councillor Gibson's questions prior to the meeting and that officers were working on the answers.

238 **General****Taxation of Payments to Elected Members and Appointees to Council Committees**

Councillor Gibson said that officers should assist Councillors in obtaining refunds of tax deducted from reimbursing payments.

The Chairperson said Councillor Gibson had raised the taxation issue on a number of occasions and had stated a similar personal viewpoint which he could take up with the Chief Financial Officer.

239 **Exclusion of the Public****Report 00.256***Resolved**(Chairperson/Cr Shaw)*

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

- (1) Report of the Public Excluded part of the Landcare Committee meeting held on 23 March 2000
Review of Rent, Shandon Golf Club*
- (2) Report of the Public Excluded part of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 28 March 2000*
 - 1. Mangatarere Stream Prosecution*
 - 2. Environment Court Appeals – DTS Riddiford*

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>(1) Review of Rent, Shandon Golf Club</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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| (2)1. <i>Mangatarere Stream Prosecution</i> | <i>Prejudice the maintenance of the law, including prevention, investigation, and detection of offences and the right to a fair trial</i> | <i>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 the right to a fair trial)</i> |
| (2)2. <i>Environment Court Appeals – DTS Riddiford</i> | <i>Prejudice the maintenance of the law, including prevention, investigation, and detection of offences and the right to a fair trial</i> | <i>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 the right to a fair trial).</i> |

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, or 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:

- (1) *Wellington Regional Council*
- (2)1. *Wellington Regional Council – S Van den Bosch and C Allomes*
- 2. *Wellington Regional Council – DTS Riddiford*

The meeting closed at 1.20pm.

CR STUART MACASKILL
Chairperson

Date: