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Report 01.370

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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 Tuesday, 29 May 2001 at 1.25pm

Present

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

Officers Present

Messrs Benham, Darroch, Ms Edwards, Mr Maguire, Ms McLaughlin, Messrs Schollum, Stone Waititi, and Wright and Drs Bradbury and Watson

Public Business

Procedural Items

417 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Shields)

That the apology from Councillor McQueen be confirmed.

418 **Public Participation**

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

419 **Confirmation of Minutes***Resolved**(Chairperson/Cr Long)*

That the public and public excluded minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting, Report 01.254 and Report PE01.260 and the public and public excluded Record of the Special Policy and Finance Committee meeting, Report 01.253 and Report PE01.266, of 19 April 2001, be confirmed, the public excluded business to remain confidential.

420 **Chairman's Report****Report 01.331**

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1. Local Government New Zealand Matters*Resolved**(Chairperson/Cr Gibson)*

That in addition to the Chairperson and deputy Chairperson, the Council be represented at the LGNZ Conference 2001 by Councillors Buchanan, McDavitt and Thomas.

2. Civic Assurance*Resolved**(Chairperson/Cr Turver)*

That the Wellington Regional Council be represented at the AGM of Civic Assurance by the Council Chairperson or in his absence by another Councillor nominated by the Chairperson.

3. Leave of Absence*Resolved**(CrTurver/CrChairperson)*

That Councillor Thomas be granted leave of absence from 20 June to 5 July 2001.

4. Asia- Pacific Summit of Women Mayors and Councillors*Resolved**(Cr Thomas/Cr Werry)*

1. That Councillor Shields represent the Council at the Asia-Pacific Summit of Women Mayors and Councillors.

2. *That Council meet Councillor Shields' accommodation costs while attending the Asia-Pacific Summit of Women Mayors and Councillors on 19-22 June 2001 in Thailand.*

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Laidlaw)

That the Report be received.

Reports of Committees

421 Policy and Finance Committee – 19 April 2001

Report 01.347

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Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Turver)

That the recommendations of the Policy and Finance Committee meeting, including the public excluded part, held on 29 May 2001, be adopted.

422 Passenger Transport – 3 May 2001

Report 01.285

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The Chairperson said that paragraph PT169 about the Public Transport Update will be taken separately from the main Report.

PT169 Public Transport Update

The Chairperson referred to a memorandum from Councillor Gibson dated 28 May 2001 about paragraph PT 169 concerning the Masterton Carriage Refurbishment and plans for a third commuter service from Masterton to Wellington and the reply dated 28 May 2001 from Dr Watson copies of which had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

The Chairperson said he wished to record that correct processes were being followed by Dr Watson, Divisional Manager, Regional Transport, and Councillor Gibson's allegations about circulating misleading information were incorrect.

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Gibson)

That the issue of the Masterton service rail carriage refurbishment kick start project being replaced with a third Masterton peak commuter rail service using hired carriages subject to Transfund New Zealand kick start funding approval be referred to the Annual Plan Policy and Finance Committee meeting on 14 June 2001 for consideration.

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)

That the Report of the meeting of the Passenger Transport Committee held on 3 May 2001, Items PT 163 to 168, PT 169 as amended, and PT 170 to PT 178 inclusive, be adopted.

423 Rural Services and Wairarapa – 8 May 2001

Report 01.309

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Resolved

(Cr Long/Cr Buchanan)

That the Report of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 8 May 2001, Items RSW 330 to RSW 332 inclusive and Items RSW 335 to RSW 345 inclusive, be adopted.

424 Landcare – 10 May 2001

Report 01.315

File: E/6/16/2

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Bonner)

That the Report of the meeting of the Landcare Committee held on 10 May 2001, Items LC244 to LC252 inclusive be adopted.

425 Environment – 15 May 2001

Report 01.320

File: E/6/18/2

Resolved

(Cr Gibson/Cr Laidlaw)

That the Report of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on 15 May 2001, Items E 364 to E 378 inclusive, be adopted.

426 Utility Services – 17 May 2001

Report 01.327

File: E/6/17/2

Resolved

(Cr Shaw/Cr Thomas)

That the Report of the meeting of the Utility Services Committee held on 17 May 2001, Items US 193 to US 202 inclusive, be adopted.

Matters for Consideration

427 **Ara-Tahi – 2 May 2001****Report 01.307**

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*Resolved**(Chairperson/Cr Buchanan)**That the Report be received and the information noted.*428 **Wellington Conservation Board Meeting – 4 May 2001****Report 01.335**

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*Resolved**(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Shaw)**That the Report be received and the information noted.*429 **Use of Official Seal****Report 01.332**

File: E/4/2/2

*Resolved**(Cr Long/Cr McDavitt)**That the Report be received.*430 **Question Time****Report 01.354**

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Members noted the answers to the questions asked by Councillor Gibson and Councillor Werry at the Council meeting on 19 April 2001.

Councillor Turver asked the following questions:

- How many questions has Councillor Gibson asked in this triennium?
- What staff time has this involved?
- What has been the cost of the staff time?
- What have been the results in terms of changes in WRC policy if any?

Councillor Thomas asked whether list Members of Parliament could be included in future meetings with constituency Members of Parliament?

Councillor Gibson then left at 1.50pm.

431 **Notice of Motion – Councillor Shaw****Report 01.280**

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Moved

(Cr Shaw/Cr Thomas)

That officers report to the appropriate Committee on the opportunity to develop the Rimutaka Hill Road Summit tea room premises into a major WRC Information and Service Centre, with both quality dining and truck stop facilities, the sale of a wide range of merchandise, and the provision of office facilities for one or more of our existing permanent staff.

LOST432 **General**

There were no matters of general business.

433 **Exclusion of the Public****Report 01.280***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 Passenger Transport Committee meeting held on 3 May 2001*
Tranz Metro Wellington Sale Issues
- (2) *Report of the public excluded part of the Utility Services Committee meeting held on 17 May 2001*
Water Services Agreement with Wellington City Council

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 matter</i>	<i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
(1) <i>Tranz Wellington Issues</i>	<i>Metro Sale</i> <i>Because of the need to carry on negotiations (including commercial negotiations)</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 including commercial negotiations)</i>

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| (2) <i>Water Agreement Wellington Council</i> | <i>Services with City</i> | <i>Because of the need to carry on negotiations (including commercial negotiations)</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 including commercial negotiations)</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, 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:

Wellington Regional Council (1) and (2)

The open part of the meeting closed at 2.00pm.

CR SA MACASKILL
Chairperson

Date: