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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, 18 December 2001 at 9.30am

Present

Councillors Shields (Chairperson), Aitken, Barr, Buchanan, Evans, Kirton, Laidlaw, Long, McDavitt, Thomas, Turver, Werry, Yardley

Officers Present

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

Public Business

Matters for Consideration

17 **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

18 **Public Participation**

Mr Gerald Davidson, Chairperson, Petone Community Board

Mr Davidson criticized recent comments by the Wellington Mayoral forum about the Regional Council's Tranz Metro purchase process and said he supported the joint venture proposal being floated by the Regional Council.

A copy of Mr Davidson's written representations were circulated.

Mr Con Devitt, Wellington Residents Coalition

Mr Devitt said he was opposed to the Regional Council entering into a joint venture with a private operator to purchase Tranz Metro.

Mr Peter Smeaton

Mr Smeaton said while he generally supported the private sector running business activities without the public sector he was heartened by the Regional Council's initiative concerning Tranz Metro. Mr Smeaton said that Tranz Metro had a community value similar to that of Air New Zealand and put simply cannot afford to fail. The present owners of Tranz Metro had stripped the assets to the bone and were not interested in the common good. Their lack of financial transparency in relation to the regional ratepayers subsidy was a real concern. Mr Smeaton commended the Regional Council to continue with its consultative process.

19 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)

That the public and public excluded Minutes of the first Council meetings held on 26 October and 8 November 2001, Report 01.770 and Report PE 01.779, be confirmed, the public excluded part to remain confidential.

20 **Chairperson's Report**

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Local Government Bill

Mr Maguire said Council had just received a copy of the new Local Government Bill which had just been introduced into Parliament. *Local Government New Zealand* will be arranging a seminar on 7 February 2002 to which Councillors will be invited to attend. Details will be circulated in the Bulletin.

Mr Maguire said there was likely to be a workshop followed by formal debate in the Policy and Finance Committee.

Lambton Bus/Rail Interchange Funding

Dr Watson tabled a memorandum dated 18 December 2001 about the Lambton Bus/Rail Interchange Funding.

Dr Watson said the Transfund Board had asked their officials to report to the Board's February 2002 meeting on the Regional Council's proposal to fund the Interchange.

Resolved (Chairperson/Cr McDavitt)

That Dr Watson's report be received and the contents noted.

Resolved (Cr Kirton/Cr Laidlaw)

That the Chairperson's report be received and the contents noted.

Reports of Committees

21 Policy and Finance Committee – 18 December 2001

Report 01.882 File: E/6/3/2

Resolved (Cr Long/Cr Turver)

That the recommendations of the Policy and Finance Committee meeting held on 18 December 2001 be adopted the public excluded part to remain in public excluded.

22 Environment – 3 December 2001

Report 01.854 File: E/6/18/2

Dowse to Petone Upgrade of State Highway 2

The recommendation receiving the report on the above project was amended to show Councillor Buchanan seconding the motion not Councillor Evans as Councillor Evans confirmed he had declared an interest at the meeting on 3 December 2001.

Resolved (Cr Buchanan/Cr Yardley)

That the report of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held on 3 December 2001, Items E 01 to E 04 and E 06 to E 23 inclusive, and the recommendations contained therein, be adopted.

23 **Rural Services and Wairarapa – 4 December 2001**

(1) **Report 01.867**

File E/6/12/2

Resolved

(Cr Long/Cr Buchanan)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

(2) **Report 01.868**

File E/6/12/2

Appeal Against the Regional Pest Management Strategy 2001-2002

Members noted the recommendations set out in paragraph **RSW 7** were Committee decisions for confirmation by Council.

Resolved

(Cr Long/Cr Kirton)

That the report of the Meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 4 December 2001, Items RSW 3 to RSW 4, and Items RSW 6 to RSW 22 inclusive, and the recommendations contained therein, be adopted.

24 **Landcare – 5 December 2001**

Report 01.864

File: E/6/16/2

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Werry)

That the report of the Meeting of the Landcare Committee held on 5 December 2001, Items LC 01 to LC 02 and LC 04 to LC 13 inclusive, and the recommendations contained therein, be adopted.

25 **Passenger Transport– 6 December 2001**

Report 01.872

File: E/6/19/2

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Evans)

That the report of the Meeting of the Passenger Transport Committee held on 6 December 2001, Items PT 01 to PT 02 and PT 04 to PT 14 inclusive, be adopted.

26 **Utility Services – 7 December 2001**

Report 01.874

File: E/6/17/2

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Long)

That the report of the Meeting of the Utility Services Committee held on 7 December 2001, Items US 01 to US 02 and US 04 to US 11 inclusive, and the recommendations contained therein, be adopted.

Matters for Consideration

27 **Ara Tahi – 21 November 2001**

Report 01.835

File: X/16/1/1

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Evans)

That the report be received and the information noted.

28 **Use of Official Seal**

Report 01.866

File: E/4/2/2

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Buchanan)

That the report be received.

29 **Question Time**

Councillor Thomas asked whether all Councillors had a fax and email connection and what was the best method of urgent communication?

Mr Maguire said he will investigate.

30 **Year 2002 Meeting Programme**

Resolved

(Cr Chairperson/Cr Yardley)

(1) That the report be received and the contents noted.

(2) That the proposed programme of meetings for Council and Committees for the Year 2002, be adopted.

31 **General**

There were no matters of general business.

32 **Exclusion of the Public****Report 01.881***Resolved**(Cr Kirton/Cr Laidlaw)*

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

Security

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>
<i>Security</i>	<i>Because of the need not to endanger the safety of any person</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 not to endanger the safety of any person)</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 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 12.50pm.

Cr M K SHIELDS
Chairperson

Date: