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Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Monday, 3 December 2001 at 9.40am

Present

Councillors Buchanan (Chairperson), Barr, Evans, McDavitt, Shields, Turver & Yardley and Mr Begg

Officers Present

Ms Bullock, Messrs Darroch, Pryce, Sheriff, Skene and Waddy and Drs Bradbury and Hastie

Councillor Buchanan apologised for the late start and said he and other members had been delayed by blockages on the motorways.

Welcome

Councillor Buchanan welcomed members to their first meeting of the new triennium and especially welcomed Councillors Barr and Yardley and Mr Begg, the new appointee for Civil Defence matters.

Public Business

Procedural Items

E 01 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)

That the apologies from Councillors Evans and Shields for lateness be confirmed.

E 02 **Public Participation**

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

Matters for Recommendation

E 03 **Environment Committee Appointees**

Report 01.836

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Councillor Shields arrived at 9.45am.

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)

- (a) That the appointment of Mr Jim Begg to the Environment Committee for Civil Defence matters be noted.*
- (b) That nominations be invited of persons with special knowledge or expertise to represent the Upper Hutt Constituency on the Environment Committee.*
- (c) That no further appointments of additional persons with Harbours' expertise be made to the Committee.*

E 04 **Regional Environmental Agency**

Report 01.861

File: ENV/8/1/2

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Shields)

That subject to her agreement Councillor Yardley represent the Council at meetings of the Regional Environmental Agency.

E 05 **Terms of Reference**

Report 01.834

File: E/6/2/2

Councillor Evans arrived at 9.47am.

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)

- (a) That the general responsibilities of Standing Committees, be noted.*
- (b) That committee arrangements for civil defence will need to be reviewed when the new emergency management legislation is enacted, be noted.*
- (c) That the confirmation of the Terms of Reference for the Environment Committee, as amended, by deleting Clause 5(2) concerning appointment of additional persons when considering harbours matters, be recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee.*

Harbour Matters

Matters for Decision

E 06 **Appointment of Honorary Enforcement Officers**

Report 01.792

File: J/2/1/2

Resolved

(Cr Evans/Cr Shields)

That Honorary Enforcement Officers be appointed for a period of three years, the persons as listed in Attachment 2 to Report 01.792, with the addition of Mr M Te One, Wellington Tenth, and that powers be granted as listed in paragraph (4) of Report 01.792.

E 07 **Wellington Regional Navigation and Safety Bylaws – Infringement Notices**

Report 01.820

File: J/1/213

Resolved

(Cr Barr/Cr Yardley)

- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) That the Department of Internal Affairs be requested to arrange for the making of regulations to define infringement notice offences and penalties in accordance with Attachment 2 of Report 01.820.*

Civil Defence Matters

Matters for Decision

E 08 Amendment to the Wellington City Council Civil Defence Plan

Report 01.796

File: Z/3/2/4

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Buchanan)

That the changes to the Wellington City Civil Defence Plan be approved.

E 09 Revision of the Hutt City Council Civil Defence Plan

Report 01.797

File: Z/3/2/4

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Turver)

That the Hutt City Civil Defence Plan be approved.

Matter for Recommendation

E 10 Pauatahanui Inlet Project: Review of Progress and Proposed Community Trust

Report 01.798

File: X/23/5/7

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Turver/Cr Barr)

- (1) That the report be received.*
- (2) That the Council Chairperson be appointed as a Founding Trustee of the Pauatahanui Inlet Community Trust; and*
- (3) That the Chairperson of the Environment Committee be delegated authority to approve the final content and workings of the Pauatahanui Inlet Community Trust Deed on the advice of the Divisional Manager, Environment.*

Matters for Decision

E 11 **Delegation of Resource Management Act 1991 Functions to Hearing Commissioners**

Report 01.790

File: WGN 020036

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, appoints

- *John Lumsden; and*
- *Conrad Pharazyn*

to jointly hear and consider resource consent applications WGN020036 received by the Wellington Regional Council from Wellington City Council, the submissions on those applications, and make a decision on those resource consent applications under section 102, 104, and 105 of that Act.

E 12 **Te Runanga o Raukawa – Request to Waive Consent Application Fee and Processing Charges**

Report 01.807

File: WGN 020065

Councillor Buchanan said that Dr Bradbury and himself had had recent discussions with Te Runanga o Raukawa about the waiving of the Resource Consent Application fee and processing charges and had reached agreement that an application should be made to the Environment Court seeking a Declaration about whether the Council can process the application.

Councillor Buchanan said he expected the process could take up to six months and there will be regular reports on progress to the Committee.

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)

That Report 01.807 lie on the table.

E 13 **Regional Monitoring Strategy**

Report 01.805

File: X/27/2/1

Resolved

(Cr Evans/Cr McDavitt)

That the Draft Regional Monitoring Strategy be approved.

E 14 **Marine Biodiversity – Proposed Case Study**

Report 01.806

File: ENV 12/7/6

Rebecca Mapleston, Ministry for the Environment, said the Ministry was pleased to be involved with the Wellington Regional Council in developing a case study under a Marine Biodiversity funding package. There were two other case studies at Bank Peninsula and the Hauraki Gulf. Ms Mapleston said the proposal involved Local Government, Central Government's Marine Biodiversity Co-ordination Group and the Ocean Policy Officials Group. The Plan was for the case study to flow up to the national level and the Oceans Policy. It was a challenging project and the Ministry looked forward to working with the Regional Council.

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Shields)

- (1) That the proposed project on Marine Biodiversity be endorsed.*
- (2) That the project be undertaken jointly with the Ministry for the Environment, be agreed.*

E 15 **Coastal Water Quality Monitoring Programmes Review**

Report 01.782

File: ENV/5/5/1

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Yardley)

- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) That the adoption of the new Ministry for the Environment/Ministry of Health recreational water quality guidelines be endorsed.*

Matters for Information

E 16 **Divisional Manager's Report**

Report 01.804

File: E/6/18/3

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Yardley)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 17 **Care Groups for 2002**

Report 01.809

File: Env/15/3/1

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Barr)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 18 **2001 Annual Air Quality Monitoring Report**

Report 01.791

File: ENV/6/1/3

Resolved

(Cr Barr/Cr McDavitt)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 19 **Incident Response Report**

Report 01.781

File: K/4/6/1

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Shields)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

E 20 **Decisions on Non-notified Resource Consent Applications**

Report 01.780

File: ENV/1/8/4

Dowse to Petone Upgrade of State Highway 2

Councillor Evans declared an interest in the above project and said he would neither comment or vote on the above item.

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Evans)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 21 **Regional Council Input to District Planning**

Report 01.793

File: X/25/1/1

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Buchanan)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

Other Matters

E 22 **Questions**

There were no questions.

E 23 **General**

Moratorium on New Aquaculture Developments

Councillor Barr requested information on the above issue.

The meeting closed at 12.10pm.

CR IM BUCHANAN
Chairperson

Date: