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Report 02.569

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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, 17 September 2002 at 9.40am

Present

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

Officers Present

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

Public Business

Procedural Items

134 **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

135 **Public Participation**

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

136 **Confirmation of Minutes***Resolved**(Cr Buchanan/Cr Evans)*

- (1) *That the public and public excluded minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting, Report 02.477 and Report PE 02.478 of 6 August 2002, and the public record of the Special Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee meeting, Report 02.476, of 6 August 2002 be confirmed, the public excluded business to remain confidential.*
- (2) *That the minutes of the Special Council meeting, Report 02.540, of 29 August 2002, and the public and public excluded record of the Special Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee meeting, Report 02.539 and Report PE 02.550, of 29 August 2002 be confirmed, the public excluded business to remain confidential.*

137 **Chairperson's Report****Report 02.558**

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SOLGM Conference

The Chairperson and Dr Hastie reported on the SOLGM conference they had recently attended and copies of several conference papers will be circulated when they become available.

1. Naming of "The Stuart Macaskill Lakes"

Councillor Werry arrived at 9.42am.

*Resolved**(Chairperson/Cr McDavitt)*

To note that the Te Marua water supply lakes were officially named "The Stuart Macaskill Lakes" on 3 October 2002.

2. Reporting on WRC Holdings Group Meetings*Resolved**(Cr Turver/Cr Aitken)*

That the Councillors, who represent the Council on the Board of WRC Holdings Limited, be requested to report back to the Council following each meeting of the Board.

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

That the Report be received.

Reports of Committees

138 Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee – 17 September 2002

Report 02.561

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Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Turver)

That the recommendations of the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee meeting held on 17 September 2002 be adopted.

139 Rural Services and Wairarapa – 20 August 2002

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Resolved

(Cr Long/Cr Kirton)

That the Report of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 20 August 2002, Items RSW 90 to RSW 105 inclusive, and the recommendation contained therein, be adopted.

140 Landcare – 27 August 2002

Report 02.542

File: E/6/16/2

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Kirton)

That the Report of the meeting of the Landcare Committee held on 27 August 2002, Items LC 52 to LC 67 inclusive, be adopted.

141 Passenger Transport – 29 August 2002

Report 02.541

File: E/6/19/2

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Aitken)

That the Report of the meeting of the Passenger Transport Committee held on 29 August 2002, Items PT 54 to PT 63 inclusive, be adopted.

142 **Utility Services – 3 September 2002**

Report 02.552

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Divisional Report

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Yardley)

That the Utility Services Division be congratulated for the Award from the Association of Consulting Engineers of New Zealand in recognition of outstanding performance in developing the energy minimisation system.

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Aitken)

That the Report of the Utility Services Committee meeting held on 3 September 2002, Items US 41 to US 50 inclusive, be adopted.

143 **Environment – 5 September 2002**

Report 02.554

File: E/6/18/2

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Yardley)

That the Report of the Environment Committee meeting held on 5 September 2002, Items E 101 to E 121 inclusive, and the recommendations contained therein, be adopted.

Matters for Consideration

144 **Ara Tahi – 14 August 2002**

Report 02.554

File: E/6/18/2

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr McDavitt)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

145 **Use of Official Seal**

Report 02.559

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Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Turver)

That the report be received.

146 **Questions**

Councillor Thomas said the recent special edition of Elements appeared to contain an implication the Regional Council was extending its core business to extra responsibilities and asked to what extent Councillors had been involved in the planning of the publication?

Councillor Kirton also asked why the recent edition of Elements implied the Regional Council was taking on extra responsibilities.

Councillor Turver questioned the way the material had been presented in the recent Elements with the implication that the Regional Council was moving into areas outside its preserve and asked why Councillors had not been consulted before Elements had gone to press.

Councillor Evans asked why Elements had not carried a defined vision statement showing the Regional Council's part responsibility within that vision.

Councillor Laidlaw asked whether officers were also consulting with territorial authorities in parallel with the Elements consultation.

Mr Allard said that, as had been noted when the Council had approved the consultation process using Elements at its August 6 meeting, due to time constraints it had not been possible to consult with Councillors about the detailed content before publication but the material in Elements portrayed a summary of recent discussions with Councillors.

Mr Allard said that given the proposed new legislation the present community discussion must be broad based especially as the Regional Council itself had not yet reached any view on its own direction for the next 10 years.

Mr Allard concluded the subject will be debated by Council between now and the end of November. Elements was the start of a long consultation process to determine the Regional Council's future direction.

Mr Allard said high level discussions were also taking place with the territorial authorities and these were progressing in a relaxed and cooperative way.

Responding to Councillor Barr, Mr Allard said enquiries and comments should be forwarded for inclusion in a summary document. Councillors will be forwarded a copy of the summary for their 21 October workshop.

147 **General**

The Chairperson said Donna Ly, a staff member with the Secretariat who provided valuable assistance to Councillors, was leaving the Council's employment. The Chairperson thanked Donna for her kindness to Councillors. Members showed their appreciation by acclamation.

148 **Exclusion of the Public****Report 02.565***Resolved**(Chairperson/Cr Kirton)*

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

Report of the public excluded part of the meeting of the Utility Services Committee held on 3 September 2002

Security Review of the Water Group Operations

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 Review of the Water Group Operations</i>	<i>Because of the need to not 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 to not 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 meeting closed at 10.20am.

Cr M K SHIELDS
Chairperson

Date