



**Report 03.378**

30 June 2003

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Wellington Regional Council  
held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, 142  
Wakefield Street, Wellington on Monday, 30 June 2003 at  
11.11am**

**Present**

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

**Officers Present**

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

**Public Business**

**Procedural Items**

262 **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

263 **Public Participation**

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

264 **Confirmation of Minutes***Resolved**(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Barr)*

*That the public and public excluded minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting, Report 03.329 and Report PE 03.336 of 16 June 2003, and the public record of the Special Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee meeting, Report 03.328 of 16 June 2003, be confirmed.*

265 **Chairperson's Report****Report 03.353**

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*Resolved**(Cr Chairperson/Cr Aitken)*(1) *That the report be received.*(2) *That members record their appreciation for the enormous contribution Mr Stone has made to the Regional Council over the last 14 years and wish Mr Stone well in his retirement.***Reports of Committees**266 **Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee – 30 June 2003****Report 03.356**

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*Resolved**(Cr Buchanan/Cr Thomas)*

*That the recommendations of the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee meeting held on 30 June 2003 be adopted.*

267 **Rural Services and Wairarapa – 27 May 2003****Report 03.273**

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*Resolved**(Cr Long/Cr Evans)*

*That the report of the Meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 27 May 2003, Items RSW 175 to RSW 188 inclusive, be adopted.*

268 **Regional Land Transport – 29 May 2003**

**Report 03.274**

File: E/6/11/2

*Resolved*

*(Cr McDavitt/Cr Evans)*

*That the report of the Regional Land Transport Committee meeting held on 29 May 2003, Items RLT81 to RLT94 inclusive, be adopted.*

269 **Landcare – 10 June 2003**

**Report 03.318**

File: E/6/16/2

*Resolved*

*(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Thomas)*

*That the report of the Landcare Committee meeting held on 10 June 2003, Items LC111 to LC118 inclusive, be adopted.*

270 **Passenger Transport – 12 June 2003**

**Report 03.317**

File: E/6/19/2

*Resolved*

*(Cr Turver/Cr Aitken)*

*That the report of the meeting of the Passenger Transport Committee held on 12 June 2003, Items PT104 to PT106 and PT108 to PT116 inclusive, be adopted.*

271 **Utility Services – 17 June 2003**

**Report 03.330**

File: E/6/17/2

*Resolved*

*(Cr Werry/Cr Aitken)*

*That the report of the meeting of the Utility Services Committee held on 17 June 2003, Items US80 to US89 inclusive, be adopted.*

272 **Environment – 19 June 2003**

**Report 03.340**

File: E/6/18/2

*Resolved*

*(Cr Buchanan/Cr Barr)*

*That the report of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on 19 June 2003, Items E193 to E205 inclusive, and the recommendation contained therein, be adopted.*

## Matters for Consideration

273 Ara-Tahi – 11 June 2003

**Report 03.358**

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*Resolved*

*(Cr Yardley/Cr Buchanan)*

*That the report be received.*

274 **Changes to Voting Procedures**

**Report 03.359**

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*Resolved*

*(Cr Turver/Cr Barr)*

*That Council:*

- (1) *Receives the report and notes that:*
  - *A majority vote requires a majority of those members present, other than where there is an identified conflict of interest*
  - *The Chairperson does not have a casting vote*
- (2) *Amends Standing Order 3 to remove the words “and voting”.*
- (3) *Amends Standing Order 91(e) to remove the words “and voting”.*
- (4) *Amends Standing Order 127 to remove the words “and vote thereon”.*
- (5) *Amends Standing Order 129 to remove the words “and, in case of equality of votes, shall have a casting vote also”.*

*Resolved*

*(Cr Evans/Cr Turver)*

*That Council:*

- (6) *Records this Council’s disagreement with the legislative change to compulsorily remove the chair/manager casting vote and to provide for the vote of a majority of members present in favour before a resolution can be passed and believes these matters should be determined by standing orders.*

275 **Use of the Official Seal**

**Report 03.352**

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*Resolved*

*(Cr McDavitt/Cr Barr)*

*That the report be received and the actions confirmed.*

276 **Question Time**

There were no questions.

277 **General**

**Electricity Savings**

Councillor Barr asked whether electricity savings could continue now that the electricity crisis was over.

Mr Stone said officers will examine whether further savings are of benefit in the long term.

**Renewable Energy Initiatives Newsletter**

Councillor Turver and Councillor Long asked whether it was necessary to have such a glossy newsletter given its limited circulation.

**Grater Shield**

Councillor Werry said it was his great privilege to award the Grater Shield to Councillor Kirton for his outstanding chairmanship during the recent meetings of the Policy, Finance and Strategy Subcommittee.

The meeting closed at 12.25pm.

Cr M K SHIELDS  
Chairperson

Date