



Report 04.721

10 December 2004

File: E/6/12/2

Minutes of the Meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held in the Committee Room, Greater Wellington Regional Council, 34 Chapel Street, Masterton, on Thursday, 9 December 2004, at 11.30 am.

Matters for Council decision are shown in bold type and enclosed in a box.
Other matters for information of Council only are in italic type.

Present:

Councillors Long (Chairperson), Baber, Buchanan, Kirton, Turver.
Messrs Read and Southey.

Also Present:

Councillors Evans and Greig.

Officers Present:

S Blakemore, S Forbes, I Gunn, W O'Donnell, L Race, N Shakespeare, D Walker,
C Wright.

Matter for Committee Decision

RSW 1 Appointments to the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee

Report 04.688

File: WS/08/05/01

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Turver)

That the following be appointed as members of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee for the triennium:

*John Dalziell
Ron Southey
Euan McQueen
John Read*

Procedural Items

RSW 2 Apologies

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Buchanan)

That the apologies from Messrs Dalziell and McQueen be confirmed.

RSW 3 Public Participation

Mr Dan Riddiford had previously advised that he wished to address the Committee on two issues and at his request members had been provided with copies of submissions prior to the meeting.

Firstly, Mr Riddiford requested that the Committee support the establishment of aquaculture management areas for both the Te Awaiti Station and Owahanga Station.

It was noted that this was a matter for the Environment Committee but had also been brought to the attention of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee.

Secondly, Mr Riddiford requested that the Committee support the postponement of rates for properties where coastal landowners wished to conserve the natural character of the coast and there was no intention to subdivide their land.

Members noted that this was an issue for the South Wairarapa District Council.

Mr Joe Taylor raised the following issues –

(1) Concerning 5.1 of the Divisional Manager's Report:

Mr Taylor considered that there was a need to prioritise certain areas for protection into the proposed Combined District Plan and queried whether these would be additional or subsequent to those areas already mentioned in the Department of Conservation report.

Mr O'Donnell stated that the priority process is similar to the Department of Conservation system and duplication should be minimal. By undertaking ground-truthing surveys Greater Wellington's priority process would be accurate.

It was noted that the draft District Plan was expected to be released shortly where there would be opportunity to make submissions.

(2) Concerning 3.2 of Report 04.677:

Mr Taylor considered that there was a major problem with some regional councils regarding a whole property as a contaminated site when a disused sheep dip had been located on the property. Mr Taylor hoped that this would not be the case in the Greater Wellington region. Federated Farmers believed that all that was required at this stage was for the site to be fenced off.

(3) Concerning No.4 of Report 04.681:

Mr Taylor indicated that there was a conflict between the national regulations and the Farm Environment Awards pamphlet concerning high temperature burning and he agreed with the pamphlet.

As this was not a regional council issue it was suggested that Mr Taylor write to the Ministry for the Environment.

Matter for Recommendation to Council

RSW 4 Flood Damage – Wairarapa – October 2004

Report 04.683

File: WO/02/50/04

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Turver/Mr Southey)

(1) *That Council approve the flood damage repair works in the Wairarapa following the October 2004 flood events, as per the schedules, noting that the total expenditure is estimated at \$609,500 requiring a withdrawal of \$304,750 from the Council's Flood Contingency Fund.*

(2) *That approval be obtained from the Waingawa, Waipoua and Te Ore Ore – Upper Ruamahanga River Scheme Advisory Committees before commencing flood damage repairs works in those schemes.*

Matters for Committee Decision

RSW 5 Regional Pest Management Strategy – Operational Report 2003/04

Report 04.678

File: WB/01/11/01

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Mr Southey)

- (1) That the Committee, as the delegated Management Agency, approve the Annul Report on the implementation of the 2004/2004 Operational Plan for the Regional Pest Management Strategy 2002-2022.*
- (2) That a copy of the Report be forwarded to the relevant Ministers.*
- (3) That the Report be made available for public inspection.*

RSW 6 Committee Appointments to Other Organisations

Report 04.691

File: WS/08/05/01

Resolved

(Mr Southey/Mr Read)

That the Committee approved the following appointments:

- (1) Joint Wairarapa Planning Committee - Councillor Buchanan*
- (2) Wellington Regional Animal Health Advisory Committee - Councillor Long.*
- (3) Wairarapa Irrigation Study Steering Committee - Councillors Long and Buchanan.*
- (4) Wairarapa River and Catchment Scheme Advisory Committees - Councillors Long and Buchanan, with other members of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee welcome to attend meetings if they wish.*

RSW 7 Delegation of Resource Management Act 1991 – Functions to Hearing Commissioner

Report 04.706

File: WAR/04/0089

Resolved

(Cr Long/Mr Southey)

That Report 04.706 be considered as an item of late business at today's Committee meeting as the business to be discussed cannot be deferred until the next meeting.

Resolved

(Cr Baber/Cr Turver)

That pursuant to section 34A of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee appoints

- *Michael J Hilton*

to jointly hear and consider with the appointed Hearings Committee, the resource consent application WAR 040089 received by the Wellington Regional Council from Masterton District Council, the submissions on the application, and make a recommendation on the resource consent application, and to rule on all incidental and related matters including but not limited to those under sections 42A, 102, 104, and 117-119 of that Act, at a hearing date yet to be confirmed.

Cr Greig arrived at 12.15 pm.

Matters Reported for Information

RSW 8 Divisional Manager's Report

Report 04.679

File: WS/08/05/01

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Baber)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 9 Financial Report for the Four Months to 31 October 2004

Report 04.660

File: WS/08/05/01

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Mr Southey)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

- RSW 10 Launch of Biosecurity New Zealand**
- Report 04.682** **File: WB/01/11/04**
- Resolved* *(Mr Southey/Cr Buchanan)*
- That the report be received and the information noted.*
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- RSW 11 Pesticides Residues in Rural Areas**
- Report 04.677** **File: WP/02/09/0-1**
- Resolved* *(Cr Turver/Cr Baber)*
- That the Committee notes the contents of this report.*
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- RSW 12 National Environmental Standard for Air Quality**
- Report 04.681** **File: WP/02/12/01**
- Resolved* *(Cr Turver/Cr Kirton)*
- That the Committee receives and notes the contents of the report.*
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- RSW 13 Growing for Good – Report by the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment**
- Report 04.680** **File: WP/02/14/02**
- Rachel Hornsby, Section Leader, Policy & Planning, was present for the discussion on this item.
- Resolved* *(Cr Buchanan/Mr Southey)*
- That the Committee receives and notes the summary of the report.*
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- RSW 14 Regional Council Input into District Planning**
- Report 04.672** **File: WP/02/14/02**
- Resolved* *(Mr Southey/Cr Turver)*
- That the information be received.*

RSW 15 Resource Consents (Non Notified)

Report 04.670

File: WP/03/06/01

Resolved

(Mr Southey/Mr Read)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 16 Catchment Works

Report 04.671

File: WO/03/30/01

Resolved

(Cr Baber/Cr Buchanan)

That the schedule be received.

RSW 17 Questions

- (1) Cr Turver asked that consideration be given to holding a Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee meeting in the Kapiti area during 2005.

Cr Long indicated that it was intended that at least one meeting be held during the triennium in the western part of the region.

- (2) Cr Greig asked whether it would be possible to have a guided tour around various parts of the Wairarapa in order for councillors to gain a better understanding and knowledge of rural issues and activities.

Cr Long agreed that such a tour would be held for all interested councillors and appointed members some time in the future.

RSW 18 General Business

Cr Evans commented on the approach taken by the Ministry for the Environment to launch a national campaign for the collection of unwanted chemicals without Greater Wellington's prior agreement to become involved in the campaign.

The meeting closed at 1.00pm.

Cr F R Long
CHAIRMAN

Date: