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THE REGIONAL COUNCIL

**Report 04.387**

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Thursday, 24 June 2004 at 9.30am**

**Present**

Councillors Buchanan (Chairperson), Barr, Evans, McDavitt, Shields and Turver

**Officers Present**

Messrs Darroch, Sherriff, Skene, Van Schalkwyk, Waddy, Nicola Shorten, Luci Ryan and Dr Bradbury

**Public Business**

**Procedural Items**

E 309      **Apologies**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Buchanan/Cr McDavitt)*

*That the apologies from Messrs Chapman and Rush be confirmed.*

E 310      **Public Participation**

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

E 311      **Confirmation of Minutes**

*Resolved*

*(Cr McDavitt/Cr Buchanan)*

*That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2004, Report 04.271, be confirmed.*

## **Harbour Matters**

There were no Harbour matters for consideration.

## **Civil Defence Matters**

There were no Civil Defence matters for consideration.

## **Environmental Matters**

### **Matter for Decision**

E 312      **Marine Biodiversity Programme - Update**

Mr L Stevens, Cawthron Institute, gave a presentation on the broad scale habitat mapping of the sandy beaches and river estuaries within Wellington Harbour and the south coast to assess their overall health and biodiversity. Generally the sites were in a healthy condition. Mr Denton, Policy Advisor, said the biological surveys will continue into other areas such as Porirua, Kapiti and the Wairarapa Coast.

A copy of Mr Stevens' notes will be circulated.

**Report 04.320**

File: ENV/13/07/02

*Resolved*

*(Cr Turver/Cr Barr)*

- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) That the future direction of the marine biodiversity programme be endorsed.*

## **Matters for Information**

### **E 313 Divisional Manager's Report**

#### **Report 04.286**

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#### **RMA Review**

Dr Bradbury said she had attended an NZLGA workshop where a very good paper had been presented by Dr R Sommerville QC.

A copy of the paper will be circulated.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Shields/Cr Barr)*

*That the report be received and the contents noted.*

### **E 314 Biodiversity Protection on Private Land**

#### **Report 04.321**

File: ENV/12/07/04

*Resolved*

*(Cr Barr/Evans)*

*That the report be received and the contents noted.*

### **E 315 An Update on the Implementation of the Wetland Action Plan**

#### **Report 04.319**

File: ENV/05/06/02

*Resolved*

*(Cr Evans/Cr McDavitt)*

*That the report be received and the contents noted.*

### **E 316 Muddy Waters: A Review of Subdivision Silt Control on the Wellington Region**

Rita O'Brien and Nic Conland, Pollution Control Team, Resource Investigations gave a presentation on silt control in the Wellington Region. This included a description of the problem and environment trends and the degree of subdivision development and the impact and regulatory controls available.

The presentation concluded with practical suggestions for improvement in the future.

*Moved*

*(Cr McDavitt/Cr Shields)*

*That the oral report be received and the direction as shown in the presentation be endorsed, noting the relevance for wider regional strategy development.*

**CARRIED**

**E 317 Planning Institute Conference: 5-7 May 2004**

**Report 04.308**

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*Resolved*

*(Cr Turver/Cr McDavitt)*

*That the report be received.*

**E 318 WREA Update**

**Report 04.344**

File: ENV/15/02/03

*Resolved*

*(Cr Evans/Cr Buchanan)*

*That the report be received and the contents noted.*

**E 319 Recent Changes to the Environment Court**

**Report 04.312**

File: ENV/09/01/01

*Resolved*

*(Cr Turver/Cr Barr)*

*That the report be received and the contents noted.*

**E 320 Decisions on Non-notified Resource Consent Applications**

**Report 04.310**

File: ENV/01/08/04

*Resolved*

*(Cr Buchanan/Cr Evans)*

*That the report be received and the contents noted.*

E 321 **Regional Council Input to Statutory Planning**

**Report 04.307**

File: X/26/1/1

*Resolved*

*(Cr McDavitt/Cr Evans)*

*That the report be received and the contents noted.*

E 322 **Pollution Control Report for the Period 23 April to 21 May 2004**

**Report 04.311**

File: ENV/17/02/01

*Resolved*

*(Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)*

*That the report be received and the contents noted.*

## **Other Matters**

E 323 **Questions**

Councillor Barr asked about the bore work being carried out in Kapiti district.

Mr Sherriff said Ngati Raukawa, the local iwi, had been contracted by Greater Wellington to monitor the bores in Kapiti and to report back.

E 324 **General**

### **Wellington Regional Council (Water Board Functions Bill)**

Councillor Shields said the Water Board Functions Bill had been introduced into the House last evening and referred to the Local Government and Environment Select Committee for consideration. Hon Marion Hobbs introduced the Bill. The Bill will allow land obtained for water supply purposes to be used for wind energy generation.

### **Pauatahanui Inlet Sediment Cores**

Responding to Councillor Evans concerning a reference in the Environment Committee minutes of 13 May 2004, Mr Skene said he will report on ways to provide better linkages between the scientific review on the sediment cores and the Western Corridor Plan Transport Review.

The meeting closed at 12 noon.

CR I BUCHANAN

Chairperson

Date: