



Report 05.114

8 March 2005

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Policy, Finance and Strategy
Committee held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, 142
Wakefield Street, Wellington on Tuesday, 8 March 2005 at 9.30am**

**Matters for Council Decision are shown in bold type and enclosed in a box.
*Matters for Information of Council are in italic type.***

Present

Councillors Buchanan (Chairperson), Aitken, Baber, Evans, Glensor, Greig, Kirton, Laidlaw, Long, McDavitt, Shields, Turver and Wilde

Officers Present

Messrs Allard, Benham, Darroch, Forlong, Harris, Saywell, Turfrey, Wright and Drs Bradbury, Hastie and Watson

Public Business

Procedural Items

PF&S 26 **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

PF&S 27 **Public Participation**

Mr Steven Mulvay

Steven Mulvay said he had gathered a petition for the Greater Wellington Regional Council to ask whether consideration could be given for running the 21 bus route on weekends. The route is a guaranteed wheelchair bus route and stops right outside a residential facility for physically disabled people as well as a home for the elderly.

Mr Mulvay said he had misplaced the petition which he will forward to Greater Wellington as soon as possible.

The Chairman said Greater Wellington formally accepts Mr Mulvay's petition and the request will be considered through the transport policy process.

Matters for Consideration

PF&S 28 **Landcare – House Raising at Otaihanga**

Report 05.83

File: N/6/12/10

Resolved to Recommend to Council	(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Turver)
(1) That the raising or flood proofing of three houses being 21 and 73 Makora Road, and 15 Toroa Road be brought forward.	
(2) That the unbudgeted cost of the raising or flood proofing of \$120,000 in 2004/05 be approved.	
(3) That it be agreed that the option of stopbanking be reconsidered for the remaining flood prone houses in Makora Road in the 2006/07 financial year.	

PF&S 29 **Half Year Review to 31 December 2004**

Report 05.71

File: G/4/1/5 & CFO/13/2/1

Moved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Aitken)

That the recommendations, as set out in Report 05.71, be approved.

Amendment

(Cr Turver/Cr Baber)

That the unbudgeted cost of \$120,000 for raising or flood proofing of three houses in Otaihanga, as approved in Report 05.83 paragraph PF&S 28 of today's meeting of the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee, be incorporated into the half year review as an additional operating expenditure project and that the general rate share of 50% be funded from the 2004/05 surplus.

CARRIED

The motion, as amended, was then put and **CARRIED** as follows:

Resolved to Recommend to Council	(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Aitken)
(1) That the Report be received and the contents noted.	
(2) That the budget variances compared with the forecast outcomes be noted.	
(3) That the following additional operating expenditure projects be approved:	
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Wairarapa	
Completion of the Lower Wairarapa Valley Development River Scheme Rating Classification Review.	36,000
Completion of programmed KNE projects including joint projects with Wellington and Hutt City Councils.	36,000
Total Wairarapa	72,000
Landcare	
Cost of Waiwhetu Stream assessment for 2004/05 not able to be funded from existing work programmes. \$17,000 of this has been offset by additional revenue.	77,000
Hutt land swap – surveying and administration costs to finalise the swap with HCC. This project has been ongoing since 2002.	40,000
Earthquake risk assessment for Flood Protection assets. Total cost \$30,000 but \$6,000 can be met from existing budgets.	24,000
Costs associated with damage caused in the regional parks and forests from the August 2004 storms.	54,000
Cost of removing windthrow trees from Belmont and East Harbour regional parks resulting from the August 2004 storms.	145,000
Cost of completing two possum operations not finished by the end of the 2003/04 financial year as planned.	40,000
Total Landcare	380,000
Transport	
LTCCP Rail Consultation, including media costs, producing an amended LTCCP in respect of the Wellington Transport Package (60% of this will be funded by LTNZ).	110,000
Tender specification and documentation for the SW Cars (Wairarapa Carriages), (60% will be funded by LTNZ).	104,000
Tender specification and documentation for the EMU Cars (Electric Multiple Units), (60% will be funded by LTNZ).	183,000
Ownership plan for rolling stock to be owned by Greater Wellington, as required by LTNZ, (60% funded by LTNZ).	50,000
Total Transport	447,000

- (4) Approve the following additional capital expenditure project:**
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| Wairarapa | \$ |
| Emergency Relocation of the Ashton-Herrick stopbank on the Huangarua River. | 80,000 |
- (5) That the unbudgeted cost of \$120,000 for raising or flood proofing of three houses in Otaihanga, as approved in Report 05.83 paragraph PF&S 28 of today's meeting of the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee, be incorporated into the half year review as an additional operating expenditure project and that the general rate share of 50% be funded from the 2004/05 surplus.**

PF&S 30 Financial Report for the seven months ended 31 January 2005

Report 05.90

File: G/4/1/5 & CFO/13/2/1

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Wilde)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

PF&S 31 Proceeds of the Disposal of Surplus Land at Mabey Road, Lower Hutt

Report 05.77

File: CFO/22/02/01

Resolved

(Cr Wilde/Cr Laidlaw)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

PF&S 32 Appointment to the Regional Land Transport Committee

Report 05.100

File: E/06/11/06

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr McDavitt)

That Mr Charles Finny be appointed to replace Mr Steve Culevski as the Alternate Representative for Economic Development on the Regional Land Transport Committee.

PF&S 33 **Special General Meeting of *Local Government New Zealand***

Report 05.99

File: E/7/7/1

Resolved to Recommend to Council (Cr Long/Cr Greig)

That Councillor Shields be appointed as its proxy to vote on its behalf at the Special General Meeting of Local Government New Zealand to be held on 11 March 2005 and at any adjournment thereof.

PF&S 34 **Local Governance Statement**

Report 05.88

File: E/01/07/01

Resolved to Recommend (Cr Turver/Cr Aitken)

(1) That the document: How you can have your say - Greater Wellington Regional Council's local governance statement be adopted

Resolved

(Cr Evans/Cr Aitken)

(2) That the contents of the document be noted.

(3) That council officers will update the document from time to time as appropriate.

Report of Committee

PF&S 35 **Utility Services Committee – 10 February 2005**

Report 05.48

File: E/6/17/2

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Glensor)

That the report of the meeting of the Utility Services Committee held on 10 February 2005, Item US 13 and the recommendations contained therein, be adopted.

The meeting closed at 10.05am.

Cr I M BUCHANAN
Chairperson

Date: