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THE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Report 05.120

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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 Tuesday, 22 February 2005 at 9.30am

Present

Councillors Turver (Chairperson), Baber, Evans, Laidlaw, McDavitt, Buchanan and Shields

Officers Present

Messrs Darroch, Pryce, Sherriff, Skene, Waddy, Nicola Shorten, Corry and Dr Bradbury

Public Business

Procedural Items

E 18 **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

E 19 **Public Participation**

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

E 20 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Baber)

That Minutes of the meeting held on 2 December 2004, Report 04.684, be confirmed.

Harbour Matters

There were no Harbour matters for consideration.

Civil Defence Matters

There were no Civil Defence matters for consideration.

Environmental Matters

Matters for Decision

E 21 **Divisional Manager's Report**

Report 05.52

File: E/06/18/03

Members noted that Councillors Baber and Evans were potentially interested in attending the New Zealand Planning Institute Conference and will advise Councillor Turver within the next few days.

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Shields)

(1) That the report be received and the contents noted.

(2) That Councillor attendance be decided at the New Zealand Planning Institute's 2005 Conference.

Councillors Baber and Evans said they would like to attend the Resource Management Law Association Conference in October.

Personnel Costs

Councillor McDavitt said there was a national shortage of persons qualified in the resource management area and said this seemed to be impacting on the Wellington region, and suggested that Dr Bradbury could investigate whether Greater Wellington could do more in the recruitment and retention areas.

Transit New Zealand – objection to consent conditions**Report 05.33**

File: WGN/05/0079/1

*Resolved**(Cr Buchanan/Cr Evans)*

That the original wording of conditions 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 10 (a) with the wording below, as agreed to between GW and Transit:

“New condition 2 (as combined with the original condition 3)

“If material is dislodged, the consent holder shall adopt the best practicable option at all times to minimise the discharge of such material from the cleaning and maintenance operations. The best practicable option shall include:

- (a) collecting (sweeping up) of large particles such as blast debris, paint, rust, grime, loose bitumen particles to be disposed of at an approved waste disposal site/landfill;*
- (b) ensuring as many contaminants (washdown water, dilute cleaning detergent, paint flakes) as practicable enter the sewer system during cleaning and maintenance of the Mt Victoria tunnel; and*
- (c) ensuring as much detritus and water is removed from the surface as practicable during water cutting.”*

New condition 4

“All work areas and the surrounding area shall be cleaned of accumulations of any large particles of material (such as blast debris, paint, rust, grime, loose bitumen particles) at the end of each cleaning session and by the end of each working day. Any debris shall be disposed of at an appropriate facility. If debris is to be stored before removal from the cleaning and maintenance site, it shall be removed to a storage contained and covered. As far as practicable, no debris shall be swept into a watercourse.”

New condition 6

“The consent holder shall regularly inspect the equipment to ensure it is working efficiently so as to minimise as far as is practicable the level of contaminants in the washdown water being discharged.”

New condition 7

“The consent holder shall take all practicable steps to ensure that all operators undertaking the cleaning and maintaining understand and comply with these consent conditions prior to commencing any work and shall pass a copy of this consent to any operator or contractor implementing the activities authorised by this consent”

New condition 10 (a)

“(10) The cleaning and maintaining equipment and containment system shall be operated and maintained such that:

(a) fugitive discharge of contaminants to land from these systems are minimised as far as practicable.”

E 23 Porirua marine sediment quality investigation

Report 05.42

File: ENV/13/06/03

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Baber)

- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) That staff will be raising this issue as part of the 2006 LTCCP process, be noted.*

E 24 Unwanted agricultural chemicals

Report 05.43

File: ENV18/02/02

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Buchanan)

- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) That staff will be raising these issues as part of the 2006 LTCCP process, be noted.*

E 25 **Implications of the National Environmental Standards for Air Quality Management**

Report 05.18

File: ENV/06/01/04

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Shields)

- (1) *That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) *That staff will be raising these issues as part of the 2006 LTCCP process, be noted.*

E26 **Presentations by Geological and Nuclear Sciences (GNS)**

- Mr Tim Naish gave a presentation on “How global warming may affect the Wellington region’s environment.
- Tamara Tait gave a presentation on groundwater and the environment.
- Mr Terry Webb gave a presentation on Wellington’s hazards and what we may need to prepare for.

Copies of the overheads were distributed to members.

Councillor Turver thanked the presenters for their very helpful presentations and noted that Greater Wellington had a strong interest in the subjects discussed.

E 27 **Public discussion paper on the management of New Zealand’s freshwater resources**

Report 05.62

File: ENV/5/1/17

Councillor Baber left at 12.00 noon.

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Buchanan)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 28 **Investigating the sustainable use of shallow groundwater on the Kapiti Coast**
Report 05.32 File: ENV/5/2/2
Resolved *(Cr Shields/Cr McDavitt)*
That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 29 **January 2005 flood hydrology and meteorology**
Report 05.35 File: ENV/05/04/01
Resolved *(Cr Turver/Cr Evans)*
That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 30 **Riparian management implementation**
Report 05.41 File: ENV/05/01/12
Resolved *(Cr Shields/Cr Buchanan)*
That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 31 **Decisions on non-notified resource consent applications**
Report 05.20 File: ENV/01/08/04
Resolved *(Cr Turver/Cr Shields)*
That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 32 **Regional Council input to statutory planning**
Report 05.40 File: X/26/1/1
Proposed Plan Changes 33 “Ridgelines and Hilltops (visual amenity) and Rural Area”, Wellington City District Plan

Councillor Evans noted Rule 14.4.6 which modifies the management of the subdivision from a non-complying activity (for subdivisions below 50 hectares) to discretionary activities with no restriction on lot sizes or number of lots, and declared an interest.

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Laidlaw)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 33 Pollution Control Report for the Period 6 November to 14 January 2005

Report 05.13

File: ENV/17/02/01

Resolved

(Cr Evans/Cr Laidlaw)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

Other Matters

E 34 Questions

Councillor McDavitt asked whether the Council had considered joining the Climate Change programme. Dr Bradbury explained that this has been considered in the past and is currently being revisited.

Councillor Evans noted the issues raised in the Riparian Management Implementation Report 05.41 at today's meeting and asked whether the longer term implications would be looked at in the LTCCP. Councillor Turver said they would be.

E 35 General

There were no matters of general business.

The meeting closed at 12.30pm.

CR C TURVER
Chairperson

Date: