

Report 05.691

1 December 2005

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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, 1 December 2005 at 9.31am

Present

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

Officers Present

Dr Bradbury, Messrs Cameron, Corry, Cross, Denton, Jackson, Markland, McLea, Porteous, Pryce, Sherriff, Skene, Van Schalkwyk, Waddy, Kirsten Forsyth, Juliet Milne, and Nicola Shorten.

Public Business

Procedural Items

E 111 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Laidlaw)

That the Committee

Accept the apologies for absence from Councillors Buchanan and McDavitt.

E 112 **Public Participation**

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

E 113 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Turver)

That the Committee:

Confirm the Minutes of the meetings held on 21 September, Report 05.540, and 29 September 2005, Report 05.563.

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 114 **Mangatarere Stream Plan Change Hearing Committee**

Report 05.642

File: ENV/32/01/06

Resolved

(Cr Baber/Cr Evans)

That the Committee:

Approves the appointment of Councillor Shields (as Chairperson) and Councillor Long to the Hearing Committee for Plan Change 2 to the Regional Freshwater Plan (minimum flows and allocation limits in the Mangatarere Stream).

Matters for Information

E 115 **Divisional Manager's Report**

Report 05.649

File: E/06/18/03

Matters Raised By Councillors

- (1) What input is the Environment Division making in roading proposals impacting on the environment
- (2) As part of the Regional Policy Statement (RPS) process Greater Wellington should publish an explanatory note for the public regarding the RPS.
- (3) The need for Greater Wellington to champion the environment more vigorously from next year.
- (4) Greater Wellington could take a leadership conservation role in water drought situation.
- (5) Thought should be given to training for Honorary Enforcement Officers.
- (6) Officers to outline for the Committee our current ability to carry out our emergency management functions and to suggest possible improvements.

Resolved

(Cr Baber/Cr Shields)

That the Committee:

- (1) *Receive the Report.*
- (2) *Note the contents of the Report.*

10.40am Morning Tea Break

11.00am Meeting Resumed

E 116 **Findings from the Soils Work for the State of the Environment Report**

Report 05.653

File: ENV/20/02/04

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Evans)

That the Committee:

- (1) Receive the Report.*
- (2) Note the contents of the Report.*

E 117 **Findings from the Ecosystems Work for the State of the Environment Report**

Report 05.621

File: ENV/0/02/07

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Baber)

That the Committee:

- (1) Receive the Report.*
- (2) Note the contents of the Report.*

E 118 **Findings from the Coastal Environment Work for the State of the Environment Report**

Report 05.650

File: ENV/20/02/05

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Shields)

That the Committee:

- (1) Receive the Report.*
- (2) Note the contents of the Report.*

E 119 **Findings from the Iwi Environment Management Systems Work for the State of the Environment Report**

Report 05.409

File: ENV/20/02/2

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Shields)

That the Committee:

- (1) Receive the Report.*
- (2) Note the contents of the Report.*

E 120 **Appreciation**

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Shields)

That the Committee:

Record its appreciation of the contribution made by Graham Cameron, who will be leaving Greater Wellington at Christmas, and thank him for his work.

E 121 **Sue Powell, General Manager, Working with Local Government, Ministry for the Environment – Presentation on ‘Talk Environment Roadshow’**

Sue Powell gave an audio visual presentation on its environmental proposals, and answered questions of the Committee.

E 122 **Recreational Water Quality Report 2004/2005**

Issues Raised by Councillors

How Greater Wellington can better communicate to the public, on a regular basis, about the bathing quality of problematic beaches.

Report 05.619

File: ENV/05/01/01

Resolved

(Cr Baber/Cr Evans.)

That the Committee:

- (1) Receive the Report.*
- (2) Note the contents of the Report.*

E 123 **Muddy Waters Programme Update**

Report 05.618

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Howard Markland and Al Cross gave an audio visual presentation on the Muddy Waters Programme update, answering questions of the Committee.

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Evans)

That the Committee:

(1) Receive the Report.

(2) Note the contents of the Report.

E 124 **Report on the Resource Management Law Conference, 6-7 October 2005**

Report 05.636

File: ENV/01/07/02

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Shields)

That the Committee:

(1) Receive the Report.

(2) Note the contents of the Report.

E 125 **Pollution Control Annual Report 2004/2005**

Report 05.421

File: ENV/17/02/01

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Evans)

That the Committee:

(1) Receive the Report.

(2) Note the contents of the Report.

E 126 **Decisions on Non-notified Resource Consent Applications**

Report 05.634

File: ENV/01/08/04

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Laidlaw)

That the Committee:

(1) Receive the Report.

(2) Note the contents of the Report.

E 127 **Pollution Control Report for the Period 19 August to 4 November 2005**

Report 05.645

File: ENV/17/02/01

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Baber)

That the Committee:

(1) Receive the Report.

(2) Note the contents of the Report.

Other Matters

E 128 **Questions**

There were no questions.

E 129 **General**

Councillor Turver advised that he had placed a paper in the Bulletin on the Sea Change conference that he had attended.

12.59 The meeting closed

CR C TURVER
Chairperson