

Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Thursday, 6 May 1999 at 9.40am

Present

Councillors Buchanan (Chairperson), Allen, Gibson, Macaskill, McDavitt, Shields and Turver and Messrs Earl and Morrison

Officers Present

Messrs Darroch, Forlong, Pryce, Skene, Sherriff and Waddington and Drs Bradbury and Hastie

Councillor Buchanan apologised for the late start and said he had been delayed by traffic and the inclement weather.

Public Business

Procedural Items

E 65 **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

E 66 **Public Participation**

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

E 67 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Allen)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 25 March 1999 be confirmed.

Matters Arising

Councillor Gibson said he had voted against item E55 ‘Application for a Building Consent by Blackbridge Trust’ and requested his dissenting vote be recorded.

Harbour Matter

Matter for Information

E 68 **Approval of Regional Marine Oil Spill Contingency Plan**

Report 99.183

File: J/4/1/10

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Shields)

That the report be received and the information noted.

Civil Defence Matters

Matters for Decision

E 69 **Report on the South Wairarapa Civil Defence Plan**

Report 99.214

File: C/3/1/3

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Mr Earl)

That the South Wairarapa Civil Defence Plan be approved.

E 70 **Organisations with a Civil Defence Role/Responsibility**

Report 99.206

File: C/3/1/3

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr McDavitt)

That the document “Organisations with a Civil Defence Role/Responsibility” be noted and its release to all responders identified in the document be approved in order to facilitate the emergency management group approach.

Environmental Matters

Matters for Decision

E 71 **Nominations for the Wellington Region Environmental Agency**

Report 99.208

File: ENV/8/1/2

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Turver)

That Councillor Gibson be the Council's representative on the Wellington Region Environmental Agency.

E 72 **Wellington Regional Council's Submission on Climate Change: Domestic Policy Options Statement**

Report 99.188

File: X/13/6/1

Members agreed that paragraph 2 of the submission should not give specific support to any of the Ministry for the Environment's proposed options for climate change at this stage. Also other parts of the submission needed rewording.

The Regional Council would further consider roles and responsibilities for reducing greenhouse gas emissions later in the year. Members would also discuss a related topic later in the meeting under the item impact of climate change for the region.

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Shields)

That the Submission on Climate Change: Domestic Policy Option Statement be ratified subject to the reworking of paragraphs 2 and 4 with the final submission being approved by the Chairperson, Environment Committee.

E 73 **Managing the Effects of Discharges to Air from Industrial Fumigation**

Report 99.192

File: Env/6/2/2

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr McDavitt)

(1) In co-operation with other regional councils, contribute to the Code of Practice for Fumigation being developed by the Pest Control Association of New Zealand, so as to include environmental considerations in that code;

- (2) *Work with the fumigation industry in the Region to encourage best practice; and;*
- (3) *Continue to monitor the effects of discharges from fumigation activities with a view to reviewing Rule 4 of the Air Plan, if unacceptable potential effects persist.*

Matters for Information

E 74 Divisional Manager's Report

Report 99.209

File: E/6/18/3

Morning tea: 10.30am

Resumption: 10.45am

Councillor Turver apologised for his early departure and left the meeting at 10.45am. Councillor McDavitt also apologised for his early departure and left at 11.00am on other Council business.

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Gibson)

That the reports from the Divisional Manager, the Departmental Managers and the Divisional Accountant be received.

E 75 Regional Policy Statement:

(i) Implementing the Water Conservation: A Progress Report

Report 99.207

File: X/8/3/1

Resolved

(Cr Allen/Cr Shields)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

(ii) Implementing the Energy Chapter: A Progress Report

Report 99.210

File: X/8/3/1

Councillor Buchanan said an Energy Forum would be held later in the year to discuss linkages to the Regional Land Transport Strategy and other Council documents and the impact of policy directions in the Strategic Plan.

Resolved (Cr Gibson/Cr Allen)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 76 **Presentation on State of the Environment Report by Paul Denton, Section Leader, Resource Analyst**

Mr Denton reported on progress for the completion of the state of the Environment report and confirmed the final report would be available at the end of June 1999.

Resolved (Mr Earl/Mr Morrison)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 77 **Regional Council Input to District Planning**

Report 99.189

File: X/26/1/1

Resolved (Cr Buchanan/Cr Shields)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

E 78 **Climate Change: The Potential Impact on the Wellington Region**

Report 99.184

File: X/13/6/1

Councillor Buchanan said there was a need for a long term focus on climate change issues and the Regional Council would have a workshop later in the year to hear the views of experts before consideration was given to the implications for the Strategic Plan. Members noted the linkage with item E72 'The Council Submission on Climate Change'.

Resolved (Cr Macaskill/Cr Shields)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

E 79 **Petroleum Transportation Hazards in the Wellington Region**

Report 99.202

File: X/13/9/1

Resolved (Cr Gibson/Cr Shields)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

E 80 **Charging for Occupation of the Coastal Marine Area: An Update**

Report 99.193

File: X/9/6/1

Resolved

(Cr Allen/Mr Morrison)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

E 81 **Hazardous Waste Management: Update**

Report 99.187

File: ENV/4/1/1

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Shields)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

Councillor McDavitt returned at 12.30pm.

E 82 **Resolution of Odour Problems at Taylor Preston Limited, Ngauranga Gorge**

Report 99.186

File: WGN 950150

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Gibson)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

E 83 **Decisions o Non-notified Resource Consent Applications**

Report 99.185

File: Various

Resolved

(Cr Gibson/Cr Allen)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

E 84 **Questions**

There were no questions.

E 85 **General**

There were no matters of general business.

The meeting closed at 12.40pm

CR I BUCHANAN
Chairperson

Date: