

Minutes of the Meeting of the Utility Services Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Tuesday, 16 May 2000 at 9.30am

Present

Councillors McQueen (Chairperson), Laidlaw, Macaskill, Shaw, Shields, Thomas and Werry and Councillor Hutchings (Wellington City Council)

Officers Present

Ms Karin Bradshaw, Messrs Benham, Darroch, Leonard, Morrison, Kennedy, Roberts, Sells and Stone.

Public Business

Procedural Items

US114 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr McQueen/Cr Shaw)

That the apology for lateness from Councillor Macaskill be confirmed.

Members noted Councillor Macaskill was absent on other Council business.

US115 Public Participation

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

US116 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Shaw)

That the minutes of the meeting held 4 April 2000, Report 00.249, be confirmed.

Matters for Recommendation

US117 Utility Services Committee Terms of Reference

Report 00.288

File: E/6/2/2

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Thomas)

Recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee that the responsibilities include a general clause for duties as determined from time to time by the Committee.

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Thomas)

Recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee that from time to time other appointees, with agreement, be invited to be members of the Committee.

Resolved (Cr McQueen/Cr Shaw)

(1) That the General Responsibilities of Standing Committees be noted.

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr McQueen/Cr Shaw)

(2) Recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee the adoption of the Terms of Reference of the Utility Services Committee, as amended.

US118 Approval in Principle for Capital Works Expenditure Tenders

Report 00.291

File: B/20/13/1

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Werry/Cr Laidlaw)

(1) That the Policy and Finance Committee:

- (a) Approve a policy of allowing tenders to be called for capital works with appropriate information in contract documents before the Annual Plan has been approved by the Council for any particular year.*
- (b) Approve the policy application to individual projects, which must be submitted to the Committee for approval to call such tenders.*

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr McQueen/Cr Shaw)

- (2) Recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee the calling of tenders, before 1 July 2000, for the second stage of refurbishing the OK main between Thorndon and Karori.*

Matter for Decision

US119 Resource Consents to Abstract Surface Water

Report 00.289

File: B/20/4/9

Resolved

(Cr McQueen/Cr Laidlaw)

- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) That the application be lodged.*

Morning tea 10.45am.
Resumption 11.00am.

Councillor McQueen said Councillor Hutchings apologised for his non attendance after morning tea.

Matters for Information

US120 Divisional Report

Report 00.327

File: O/2/1/10

Water Integration

Mr Stone answered questions from members about Water Integration.

Education

It was agreed by the meeting that officers would research ways to provide information to schools about the Water Supply system. This would include visits to Te Marua.

Gas Leak Wellington CBD

Mr Roberts briefed members on the recent gas leak which caused a central part of Wellington to be closed off to the public. It was agreed that steps were being taken to ensure the long-term integrity of the Water Supply System.

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Shaw)

That the report be received and the information noted.

US121 Public Perception of Water Quality

Report 00.210

File: B/2/1/1

Gear Island Water Tap

In reply to a question from Councillor Thomas it was agreed that officers would study how to convey the health risks to the public when using the tap at Gear Island.

Misleading Advertising

It was agreed by the meeting to write to the Ministry of Commerce, the Consumers Institute and the Ministry of Consumer Affairs enclosing a copy of today's report and asking for action about the misleading advertising for water purifiers and distillers.

Resolved

(Cr Shaw/Cr Laidlaw)

1. *That the report be received and the information noted.*
2. *That a letter be sent to the Ministry of Commerce, the Consumer's Institute and the Ministry of Commerce asking for action on the misleading advertising about water purifiers and distillers.*

Other Matters

US122 Questions

There were no questions.

US123 General

There were no matters of general business.

US124 Exclusion of the Public

Report 00.334

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Shaw)

That the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

- (1) Harvest of the Whakatikei Block*
- (2) Pipeline Purchase*

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

<i>General subject of each matter to be considered:</i>	<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each</i>	<i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
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| <i>(1) Harvest of the Whakatikei Block</i> | <i>To allow the carrying out of, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities</i> | <i>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist (ie to allow the carrying out of, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities).</i> |
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- (2) *Pipeline Purchase* *Because of the need to carry on commercial negotiations* *That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist (ie to carry on commercial negotiations).*

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1) (a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act of section 6 or section 7 or section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

Wellington Regional Council (1) and (2)

The open part of the meeting concluded at 11.50pm.

COUNCILLOR EUAN McQUEEN
Chairman

Date: