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Report 01.320

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Report of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Tuesday, 15 May 2001 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 Gibson, (Acting Chairperson), Allen, Macaskill, McDavitt and Shields and Mr Morrison

Officers Present

Messrs Darroch, Forlong, Margaret McLachlan, Messrs McLay, Perry, Pryce, Skene, Van Schalkwyk and Waddy and Dr Bradbury

Acting Chairperson

Councillor Gibson said that he had not found out that he would be chairing today's meeting until he had received the order paper and requested that this be recorded in the minutes.

Public Business

Procedural Items

E 364 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Allen/Cr Gibson)

That the apologies from Councillors Buchanan and Turver and Mr Earl be confirmed.

E 365 **Public Participation**

Councillor Foster, Wellington City Council

Councillor Foster said he was Chairperson of the Wellington City Council's Environmental and Recreation Committee. Councillor Buchanan and he had recently attended a Conference together and had agreed there was much value to be gained in briefing each other's Committees from time to time.

Councillor Foster said Councillor Buchanan attended the last meeting of the Recreation and Environmental Committee and had briefed City Councillors on the current environmental policies of the Wellington Regional Council.

Councillor Foster congratulated members on the Regional Council's Regional Pest Management Strategy. The Wellington City Council had been acquiring land on the town belt and was now moving into a new management phase for that area. This included the City Council's own Pest Management Strategy and a vegetation strategy.

Councillor Foster noted the Regional Council was becoming more involved with community groups and the City Council was following a similar direction. Both Councils could work closer together in these areas. The City Council was now developing a community group to be included in the development of higher level policies and suggested the Regional Council might like to be involved.

In answer to a question from Councillor Gibson, Councillor Foster said that the funding of pest management had not been raised by Councillor Buchanan.

Following further questions members noted that the City Council's environmental responsibilities extended over several committees and requested clarification so that comprehensive linkages could be established.

Councillor Gibson thanked Councillor Foster for his attendance and briefing at today's meeting.

E 366 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved

(Cr Gibson/Cr McDavitt)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 April 2001, Report 01.316, be confirmed.

Councillor McDavitt asked that it be noted that under Item E353 he should have said “Transfund” instead of “Environment Court”.

Harbour Matters

There are no Harbour matters for consideration.

Civil Defence Matters

There are no Civil Defence matters for consideration.

Environmental Matters

Matters for Information

E 367 Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan, Consultation Draft

Report 01.311

File: LM/1/4/3

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Macaskill)

That the report be received and the information noted.

E 368 Divisional Manager’s Report

Report 01.314

File: E/6/18/3

Resource Management Act Amendment Bill

Dr Bradbury said she would circulate a summary of the changes to the Bill in the Information Bulletin.

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Macaskill)

That Councillors Buchanan and Gibson be nominated to attend the Information to Motivation Conference;

Resolved

(Cr Gibson/Cr McDavitt)

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

Morning tea 10.35am

Resumption 10 50am

E 369 Regional Council’s Role in Heritage Management

Report 01.304

File: X/25/1/1

Resolved

(Cr Gibson/Cr McDavitt)

That the report be received and the contents noted

E 370 **Pauatahanui Inlet**

Report 01.301

File: X/23/5/7

Resolved

(Cr Gibson/Cr McDavitt)

That the report be noted and its contents received.

E 371 **Erosion and Sediment Control Project**

Report 01.296

File: ENV/14/3/4

Dr Bradbury said that the WRC was considering preparing an educational ‘primer’ on silt and facilitating a public workshop on silt and related issues, perhaps in conjunction with the Pauatahanui Inlet Advisory Group.

Resolved

(Cr Gibson/Cr Allen)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

E 372 **Options for Reducing Water Abstractions on Small Streams in Times of Low Flow**

Report 01.275

File: K/3/6/10

Resolved

(Cr Gibson./CrMcDavitt)

That the report be received and its contents noted

E 373 **Mangapouri Stream Investigation Update**

Report 01.267

File: ENV/5/1/1

Resolved

(Cr Gibson/Cr Shields)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 374 **Incident Response Report**

Report 01.263

File: K/4/6/1

Resolved

(Cr Gibson/Cr Allen)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

Councillor Allen left at 11.40am.

E 375 **Regional Council Input to District Planning**

Report 01.278

File: X/25/1/1

Urban Growth

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Gibson)

That Officers work with their colleagues in local authorities on developing an urban growth strategy for the Region and that progress be reported to the Regional Land Transport and Environment Committees.

Resolved

(Cr Gibson/Cr McDavitt)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 376 **Decisions on Non-notified Resource Consent Applications**

Report 01.261

File: K/3/6/12

Transit New Zealand

Councillor Shields asked for a summary and update of the two resource consent hearings for Transit New Zealand in the schedule. Mr Forlong, Manager, Consents Management, said he would report to members.

Resolved

(Cr Gibson/Cr Shields)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

Other Matters

E 377 **Questions**

There were no questions.

E 378 **General**

There were no matters of general business.

The meeting closed at 11.50am.

CR M P C GIBSON
Action Chairperson

Date:

Wellington Regional Council – 29 May 2001

To be moved:

That the Report of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held on 15 May 2001, Items E 364 to E 378 inclusive, be adopted.