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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Wellington Regional Council held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Tuesday, 14 May, 2002 at 9.30am

Present

Councillors Shields (Chairperson), Aitken, Barr, Buchanan, Evans, Kirton, Laidlaw, Long, McDavitt, Thomas, Turver, Werry and Yardley

Officers Present

Messrs Benham, Darroch, Forlong, Maguire, Schollum, Stone, Wright and Drs Bradbury and Watson

Public Business

Matters for Consideration

70 **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

71 **Public Participation**

Councillor Howard Philips

Councillor Philips said he was a Councillor on the Upper Hutt City Council but for today's meeting he was speaking as an individual. Councillor Philips said he was concerned from media reports that the Regional Council may be backtracking on its preferred Joint Venture proposal to purchase Tranz Metro and exhorted members to proceed with confidence.

Councillor Philips also questioned whether the Mayoral Forum, which does not comprise all the Mayors of the region, had a mandate to speak on behalf of territorial authorities.

The meeting adjourned at 9.40am and reconvened at 12 noon.

72 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Werry)

- (1) That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting, Report 02.184, of 4 April 2002 and the public record of the Special Policy and Finance Committee meeting, Report 02.183, of 4 April 2002, be confirmed.*
- (2) That the minutes of the Special Council meeting, Report 02.222, of 23 April 2002 and the public and public excluded record of the Special Policy and Finance Committee meeting, Report 02.220 and Report PE 02.221, of 23 April 2002, be confirmed.*

73 Chairperson's Report

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(1) Local Government New Zealand Conference

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr McDavitt)

That Councillors Laidlaw and Yardley attend the Local Government New Zealand Conference.

(2) Voting

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr McDavitt)

- (a) That the Council's vote at the Annual General Meeting of Local Government New Zealand be exercised by the Council Chairperson or in her absence by the Deputy Chairperson*
- (b) That the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to the Proxy Form.*

(3) Local Government Insurance Corporation (Civic Assurance)

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr McDavitt)

- (a) That the Council's vote at the Annual General Meeting of the Local Government Insurance Corporation be exercised by the Council Chairperson or in her absence by the Deputy Chairperson.*
- (b) That the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to the proxy forms.*

(4) Leave of Absence Councillor Evans*Resolved**(Chairperson/Cr McDavitt)**That Councillor Evans be granted leave of absence as requested from 8 June to 14 July 2002.***Visit – Auckland Regional Council**

The Chairperson said she had recently been visited by Councillor Gwen Bull, Chairperson, Auckland Regional Council. The Chairperson said given the commonality of interest in Transport and Parks issues and the success of Wellington's visit to Auckland Regional Council last year, arrangements will be made to host our Auckland Regional colleagues in the future.

*Resolved**(Chairperson/Cr McDavitt)**That the Report be received.***Reports of Committees****74 Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee – 14 May 2002****Report 02.240**

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*Resolved**(Cr Long/Cr Buchanan)**That the recommendations of the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee meeting held on 14 May 2002 be adopted.***75 Regional Land Transport – 3 April 2002****Report 02.182**

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*Resolved**(Cr McDavitt/Cr Evans)**That the Report of the Regional Land Transport Committee meeting held on 3 April 2002, Items RLT 16 to RLT 18 inclusive, be adopted.***76 Rural Services and Wairarapa – 16 April 2002****Report 02.208**

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*Resolved**(Cr Long/Cr Buchanan)**That the Report of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee meeting held on 16 April 2002, Items RSW 40 to RSW 42 and Items RSW 44 to RSW 53 inclusive, be adopted.*

77 **Landcare – 23 April 2002**

Report 02.218

File: E/6/16/2

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Barr)

That the Report of the Landcare Committee meeting held on 23 April 2002, Items LC 18 and LC 19 and Items LC 21 to LC 27 inclusive, be adopted.

78 **Utility Services – 30 April 2002**

Report 02.228

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Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Long)

That the Report of the Utility Services Committee meeting held on 30 April 2002, Items US 24 to US 32, be adopted.

Matters for Consideration

79 **Ara Tahi – 17 April 2002**

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Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Chairperson)

That the Report be received.

80 **Use of Official Seal**

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Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr McDavitt)

That the Report be received.

81 **Question Time**

There were no questions.

82 **General**

Valedictory

Brendan Paul, his wife Alice and staff of Flood Protection and Susan Edwards and staff of Parks and Forests joined the meeting. Mr Stuart Macaskill, former Chairperson of the Council also joined the meeting.

Councillor Shields, Chairperson, welcomed Brendan and Susan who will be leaving the Council in the near future. The Chairperson also noted that Bruce Andrell of Parks and Forests who had already left the Council will not be attending today's farewell.

The Chairperson, Councillor Laidlaw, Chairperson Landcare Committee, Councillor Werry, Chairperson Landcare Committee in the previous triennium, Councillor Evans, Councillor for the Hutt Constituency and a previous Mayor of Hutt City and, by invitation, Mr Macaskill paid tribute and formally recorded Council's appreciation for the work of Brendan and Susan during their time with the Council.

Brendan and Susan thanked members for their kind words and said they had enjoyed their time with the Regional Council.

The Chairperson then invited those present to join Councillors over lunch.

83. **Exclusion of the Public**

Report 02.244

Resolved

(Cr Yardley/Cr Barr)

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

Report of the public excluded part of the Meeting of the Landcare Committee held on 23 April 2002

Purchase of Mangahanene Nos 1 & 2, Otaki River

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>Purchase of Mangahanene Nos 1 & 2, Otaki River</i>	<i>To enable the Council to carry on negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage</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 enable the Council to carry on negotiations (including commercial negotiations) without prejudice or disadvantage).</i>
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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 or 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

The open part of the meeting closed at 12.50pm.

Cr M K SHIELDS
Chairperson

Date