

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, 23 March 1999 at 9.30am

Present

Councillors McQueen (Chairperson), Macaskill, Shaw, Shields, Thomas & Werry and Cr Hutchings (WCC)

Officers Present

Messrs Benham, Darroch, Leonard, Morrison, Roberts, Sells and Helen Sillars

Welcome

Councillor McQueen welcomed Councillor Ian Hutchings, Wellington City Council, to his first meeting of the Committee.

Procedural Items

US 30 **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

US 31 **Public Participation**

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

US 32 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Shaw)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 1999, and the special meeting held on 24 February 1999, the public excluded parts to remain in public excluded, be confirmed.

Matter for Information

US 33 **Divisional Report**

Report 99.131

File: O/2/1/10

Water Supply – Operating Surplus

Councillor Macaskill said he took strong exception at the way the Hutt City Council was presenting their case for a reduction in the Bulk Water Levy. An officer's report to the Hutt Councillors criticised the Regional Council's operating surplus and the media then translated the criticism to the wider community.

Councillor Macaskill said the Regional Council had budgeted for a surplus as a prudent way to reduce debt and the benefits flowed to all users of Bulk Water.

Council was presently arranging meetings with its customers on the Integrated Water Management proposal and the 1999/2000 Bulk Water Levy. Members agreed a meeting should be arranged with the Hutt City Council as soon as possible.

Resolved

(Cr Thomas/Cr Laidlaw)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

US 34 **Questions**

There were no questions.

US 35 **General**

There were no matters of general business

US 36 **Exclusion of the Public**

(Cr McQueen/Cr Laidlaw)

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

Waterloo Water Treatment Plant: Variable Speed Drives and Motors

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:

General subject of each matter to be considered: Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution

<i>Waterloo Water Treatment Plant: Variable Speed Drives and Motors</i>	<i>Because of the need to carry on commercial negotiations</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 carry on commercial negotiations).</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 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:

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The open part of the meeting concluded at 10.06 am.

Cr A E McQUEEN
Chairman

Date: