

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, 21 September 1999 at 9.35am

Present

Councillors Macaskill (Chairperson), Allen, Bonner, Buchanan, Gibson, Laidlaw, Long, McDavitt, McQueen, Shaw, Shields, Thomas, Turver and Werry

Officers Present

Messrs Allard, Annakin, Benham, Bezett, Maguire, Schollum, Stone and Wright and Dr Bradbury

Public Business

Procedural Items

145 **Apologies**

Resolved (Chairperson/Cr Allen)

That the apology for lateness from Councillor McDavitt be confirmed.

146 **Public Participation**

Resolved (Chairperson/Cr Shields)

That Standing Order 64 be suspended to extend the time available for public participation to allow 3 minutes for each speaker.

Pauline Nunns – Petone Water

Pauline Nunns explained to the Council her belief that the fluoridation of the water supply was a violation of her right to choose the chemicals she ingests.

Albert Landon – Petone Water

Mr Landon noted that Petone residents had already contributed through rates to the Te Marua lakes so had paid their dues to the Council. He asked for Justice and the refurbishment of the Buick Street Pumping Station.

Mary Burne – Petone Water

A resident of Petone for 17 years Mary Burne presented a list of studies which she said showed negative side effects from the addition of fluoride to water. Mary Burne added that as a matter of public health. The Council has no right to prescribe a medicine.

Mark Austin – Petone Water

Dr Austin informed the meeting that as a doctor with a particular interest in nutritional and environmental health, he is aware that evidence suggests fluoride does improve dental health. However, he also stated that evidence exists of potential side effects and it is of serious concern that there is a small margin of safety for its application

Jim Austin – Petone Water

Mr Austin asked the Council to be mindful that fluoridation could expose it to future litigation.

Peter Boolieris – Petone Water

Mr Boolieris asked the Council to review its fluoridation policy across the whole region.

Chris Horne – Transport Strategy

Mr Horne circulated a paper setting out his view that the Regional Land Transport Strategy was seriously flawed. He claimed that, if adopted, the Strategy would lead to more cars and negative environmental consequences long term. Mr Horne requested that the Strategy be sent back to the Regional Land Transport Committee.

147 **Deputation from Hutt City Council**

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Thomas)

That Standing Order 66 be suspended to allow the three speakers total time of 15 minutes.

Mayor Terris, Councillor Baird and Mr Garlick made a presentation on behalf of Hutt City Council. The deputation requested that no change be made to the water supply for Petone until the residents have expressed their view in a survey being conducted by Hutt City Council.

Councillor Macaskill thanked the deputation for attending and stated his belief that each of the issues raised could be satisfactorily answered by the Wellington Regional Council.

Council meeting adjourned at 10.15am
 Councillor McDavitt joined the meeting at 11.43am
 Councillor Laidlaw left the meeting at 12.30pm
 Council meeting resumed at 12.30pm

148 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved (Chairperson/Cr McQueen)

- (1) *That the Public and Public Excluded minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 3 August 1999, Report 99.441 and Report PE 99.442, the public excluded part to remain in public excluded, be confirmed.*
- (2) *That the Public and Public Excluded record of the special Policy and Finance meeting held on 3 August 1999, Report 99.439 and Report PE 99.440, the public excluded part to remain in public excluded, be confirmed.*

149 **Chairman's Report**

Report 99.523

Water Schemes in Drought Prone Areas

Resolved (Chairperson/Cr Long)

That Council appoint Councillor Long as its representative on the proposed Steering Committee.

Stadium Open Day

Resolved (Chairperson/Cr Werry)

That the WRC match the WCC contribution by contributing \$25,000 towards the Stadium open day.

University of Auckland Business School Executive Programme

Resolved (Chairperson/Cr Thomas)

That Council approve the attendance of Councillor Shields at the “Leadership in Organisations” course.

Local Authority Elected Members’ Remuneration: Public Discussion Document

Resolved (Chairperson/Cr Long)

That the Working Group comprise Councillors McQueen (Chair), Allen, Gibson, Shields and Turver.

Leave of Absence

Resolved (Chairperson/Cr Allen)

That leave of absence be granted to the following Councillors:

- *Councillor McQueen* *2 October to 6 October*
10 October to 20 October
- *Councillor Laidlaw* *22 September to 4 October*

Resolved (Chairperson/Cr McQueen)

That the Report be received and the contents noted.

Reports of Committees

150 Policy and Finance Committee – 21 September 1999

Resolved (Chairperson/Cr Shaw)

That the recommendations of the Policy and Finance Committee meeting held on 21 September 1999, be adopted.

151 Rural Services and Wairarapa – 26 August 1999

Report 99.496

File: E/6/12/1

Resolved (Cr Long/Cr Buchanan)

That the report of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee meeting held on 26 August 1999, Items RSW 100 to RSW 116 inclusive, be adopted.

152 **Landcare – 31 August 1999**

Report 99.501

File: E/6/16/2

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Shields)

That the report of the Landcare Committee meeting held on 31 August 1999, Items LC82 to LC95 inclusive, be adopted.

153 **Passenger Transport – 2 September 1999**

1. **Report 99.503**

File: E/6/8/2

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Allen)

That the report of the Passenger Transport Committee meeting held on 2 September 1999, Items PT 45 to PT57 inclusive, be adopted.

2. **Report 99.525**

File: T/8/2/2

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Shields)

That Wellington Bus/Rail Interchange at Lambton described as option 4 in the Wellington City Council report to the 2 September 1999 Passenger Transport Committee be adopted in principle.

154 **Utility Services – 7 September 1999**

Report 99.515

File: E/6/17/2

Resolved

(Cr McQueen/Cr Shaw)

That the report of the Utility Services Committee meeting held on 7 September 1999, Items US 63 to US 72 inclusive, and the recommendations contained therein, be adopted.

155 **Environment – 9 September 1999**

Report 99.520

File: E/6/18/2

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Gibson)

That the report of the Environment Committee meeting held on 9 September 1999, Items E121 to E140 inclusive, be adopted.

156 **Regional Land Transport – 15 September 1999**

Report 99.531

File: E/6/8/1

An amended set of minutes was circulated in which reference to a point of order was deleted.

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)

That the report of the Regional Land Transport Committee meeting held on 15 September 1999, Items RLT27 to RLT30 inclusive, and the recommendations contained therein, be adopted

Councillor Gibson requested that his abstention be recorded.

157 **Hospital Submission Subcommittee –6 August 1999**

Report 99.446

File: E/6/3/3

Resolved

(Cr Long/Cr Turver)

That the report of the Hospital Submission Subcommittee meeting held on 6 August 1999, Items HS 1 to HS 4 inclusive, be adopted.

158 **Hospital Submission Subcommittee –10 August 1999**

Report 99.452

File: E/6/3/3

Resolved

(Cr Long/Cr Shields)

That the report of the Hospital Submission Subcommittee meeting held on 10 August 1999, Items HS 5 to HS 74 inclusive, be adopted.

Matters for Consideration

159 **Wellington Conservation Board –3 September 1999**

Report 99.521

File: E/7/10/7

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Thomas)

That the report be received and the information noted.

160 **Notice of Motion –Councillor Gibson**

Report 99.538

This notice of motion was not proceeded with.

161 **Notice of Motion – Councillor Shaw**

Report 99.540

Resolved

(Cr Shaw/Cr Turver)

That officers report urgently on:

(a) dioxin emissions from Medical Waste’s Miramar incinerator, and

(b) practical means by which emissions may be promptly stopped.

162 **Questions**

There were no questions.

163 **Use of Official Seal**

Report 99.524

File: E/4/2/2

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr McQueen)

That the report be received.

164 **General**

Councillor Allen took the opportunity to bestow the “Sesqui Award” on Councillor Turver for his ability to ask so many enlightened questions.

165 **Exclusion of the Public**

Report 99.506

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Shaw)

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

Report of the public excluded part of the Utility Services Committee meeting held on 7 September 1999

Waiwhetu Tunnel Easement to Hutt City Council

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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(1) <i>Waiwhetu Tunnel Easement to Hutt City Council</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:

Wellington Regional Council

The open part of the meeting closed at 1.16pm.

Cr S A MACASKILL
Chairperson

Date: