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THE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Report 03.741

27 November 2003

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Thursday, 27 November 2003 at 9.30am

Present

Councillors Buchanan (Chairperson), Barr, Evans, McDavitt, Shields, Turver and Yardley and Mr Chapman

Officers Present

Messrs Cross, Darroch, Davy, Pryce, Sherriff, Skene and Waddy, Luci Ryan, Nicola Shorten and Dr Bradbury

Public Business

Procedural Items

E 250 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Barr)

That the apology from Mr Rush and the apology for lateness from Mr Chapman be confirmed.

E 251 **Public Participation**

Mr Lines, Chairman, Lyall Bay Reef Charitable Trust – Remittance of Hearing Charges

Mr Lines said he appreciated the opportunity to speak to the Committee and said he had read the report to be considered at today's meeting.

Mr Lines then commented on the cost estimates he had received from the Regional Council, a meeting with the Harbour Master to resolve concerns about the jet ski lane and the Trust's financial position as at 27 November 2003.

Mr Lines said the Reef will be a regional recreational amenity and concluded by asking that the consent processing charges be remitted.

A copy of a memorandum from Mr Lines and a statement of the Trust's financial position were circulated.

Following questions Councillor Buchanan invited Mr Lines to remain for Item 7 when the Trust's request will be considered.

E 252 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr McDavitt)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 October 2003, Report 03.658, be confirmed.

Harbour Matters

Matter for Decision

E 253 **Consideration of Submissions: Proposed Navigation and Safety Bylaws**

Report 03.699

File: J/01/02/01

A revised oral submissions schedule and one additional submission were circulated.

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Yardley)

- (1) That the report be received.*
- (2) That oral submissions be heard.*
- (3) That all written submissions be considered.*
- (4) That any comments from officers on the submissions be noted.*
- (5) That any necessary changes to the proposed bylaws be identified.*
- (6) That officers be directed to prepare recommendations for the Council on any necessary changes to the proposed bylaws.*

Civil Defence Matters

There were no Civil Defence matters for consideration.

Environmental Matters

Matters for Decision

E 254 **Mighty River Power – Objection to Consent Condition**

Report 03.647

File: WGN030283

Resolved

(Cr Yardley/Cr Barr)

That Council agrees to the substitution of the existing Condition 6 with the proposed amended wording discussed in this report.

E 255 **2003 Annual Air Quality Monitoring Report for the Wellington Region**

Report 03.674

File: ENV/06/01/03

Members noted there will be future discussions on the strategic and operational responses to the new National Environmental Standards.

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Barr)

- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) That policy options be assessed and other mechanisms that may be used to reduce emissions of air pollutants at source in order to ensure air quality in the Region meets with National Environmental Standards and safeguard the health of our communities.*

E 256 Lyall Bay Reef Charitable Trust – Request to Remit Consent Processing Charges

Report 03.673

File: WGN030228

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)

- (1) That the report be received.*
- (2) That the charge to the Lyall Bay Reef Charitable Trust be reduced by \$13,000.*
- (3) That it be noted that the decision is based on exceptional and unforeseen circumstances and should not be taken as a precedent.*

Councillors Barr and Yardley dissented.

Matters for Information

E 257 Divisional Manager’s Report

Report 03.689

File: E/06/18/03

Resource Policy

Councillor Buchanan asked for a timetable for the review of the Regional Policy Statement.

Resource Investigations

Members requested more information on groundwater levels at Kapiti Coast and noted this will be further discussed at the Water Allocation Workshop in December.

Mr Sherriff said he will see if it is possible to introduce colour codings on the computer generated plans showing groundwater levels.

Emergency Management

Dr Bradbury said there will be a report on the Paekakariki flood event of 3 October 2003 and lessons learned for the next meeting.

Resolved (Cr Turver/Cr Barr)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 258 Annual Environment Report Cards

Report 03.682

File: ENV/20/01/02

A folder of report cards was tabled and distributed.

Resolved (Cr Shields/Cr Evans)

(1) *That the report be received and the contents noted.*

(2) *That the Chairperson, Environment Committee, ask the Communications Manager to prepare a two-page spread based on the report cards for inclusion in all the suburban newspapers in the region.*

E 259 Decisions on Non-notified Resource Consent Applications

Report 03.672

File: ENV/01/08/04

Resolved (Cr Yardley/Mr Chapman)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 260 Regional Council Input to Statutory Planning

Report 03.683

File: X/26/1/1

Resolved (Cr McDavitt/Cr Evans)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 261 **Pollution Control Report for the Period 20 September to 31 October 2003**

Report 03.671

File: ENV/17/02/01

Resolved

(Cr Barr/Cr Shields)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 262 **RMLA Conference: 9-11 October 2003**

Report 03.700

File: ENV/08/01/01

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Yardley)

That the report be received.

Other Matters

E 263 **Questions**

There were no questions.

E 264 **General Business**

There were no matters of general business.

The meeting adjourned at 10.40am and will reconvene to consider submissions on the Proposed Navigation and Safety Bylaws and to report to the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee.

The meeting reconvened on Thursday, 27 November at 11.05am.

Present

Councillors Buchanan (Chairperson), Barr, Evans, McDavitt, Shields, Turver and Yardley and Mr Chapman

Officers Present

Messrs Harmer, Mickle, Nalder, Pryce and Dr Bradbury

E 265 **Consideration of Oral and Written Submissions on the Proposed Navigation and Safety Bylaws**

The Committee heard oral submissions from:

1. **Nick Hunn, President, Wellington Windsurfing Association**
2. **Jim Mikoz, Secretary, Wellington Recreational Marine Fisher's Association (Inc)**
3. **Yvonne Weeber**
4. **Betty Weeber**

Lunch: 12.10pm

Resumption: 12.45pm

Mr Chapman left at 12.45pm

The meeting heard further oral submissions from:

5. **Tony Lines**
6. **Carol Quirk**
7. **Tim Park**
8. **Collin Shields, President, Wellington Rowing Association**
9. **Neil Verry, Wellington Yachting Association Incorporated**

Cr Yardley left at 1:40pm

10. **James Mulcahy, Lyall Bay Surf & Lifesaving Club**

The meeting adjourned at 2.00pm.

The meeting further reconvened on Wednesday, 3 December at 9.00am.

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Evans)

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

Consideration of Written Submissions on the Proposed Navigation and Safety Bylaws, and the Determination of any necessary changes to the Draft Navigation and Safety Bylaws 2003

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>Consideration of Written Submissions on the Proposed Navigation and Safety Bylaws, and the determination of any necessary changes to the Draft Navigation and Safety Bylaws 2003</i>	<i>Because of the need to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by the Council members</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 because of the need to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of the opinions by the Council members).</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.

The open part of the meeting closed at 9.05am

CR I BUCHANAN
Chairperson

Date: