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THE REGIONAL COUNCIL

**Report 04.694**

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Passenger Transport Committee held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Thursday, 25 November 2004 at 11.30am**

**Present**

Councillors Evans (Chairperson), Aitken, Buchanan, Glensor, Greig, Kirton, McDavitt and Wilde

**Officers Present**

Messrs Cross, Darroch, Grace, Rhona Nicol, Vyvette Najbert and Dr Watson

**Public Business**

**Procedural Items**

PT 01      **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

PT 02      **Public Participation**

**Tony Randle**

Tony Randle asked the following questions:

- How is the public to trust Council statements if the Council cannot even get the facts right?
- How is the public to trust Council statements if the Council is not prepared to correct its mistakes?
- Is the Regional Council subsidy of the English Electric refurbishment limited to the budgeted amount of \$1.08 million?
- When will the Johnsonville and Melling Line studies be completed?
- Who is liable for cost overruns?
- What if the toll rail cost estimate is wrong?

Tony Randle tabled and distributed a written statement to reinforce the questions he was asking of Greater Wellington.

Councillor Evans thanked Mr Randle for his contribution.

**Chris Horne**

- (1) Chris Horne congratulated Councillors for their success in the recent local body elections.
- (2) Mr Horne congratulated Council for the Quality Partnership Agreements with Wellington City and Hutt Valley and requested Greater Wellington to press harder for the implementation of the undertakings in the agreements.
- (3) Chris Horne suggested that there be maintenance improvements on the train services in the region in the areas of wheel balance, suspension and brakes. Destinations should be clearly signposted on both station platforms and inside the railway carriages especially designed for those with hearing and sight impairments.

Councillor Evans thanked Mr Horne for his presentation.

**Matters for Decision**

PT 03      **Committee Appointments**

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*Resolved*

*(Cr Evans/Cr Wilde)*

*Notes that the Passenger Transport Committee has considered whether it could function more effectively with the appointment of an additional member or members, and has determined that such an appointment or appointments are not necessary.*

PT 04      **The Re-Establishment of the Wellington City and Hutt Valley Quality Partnership Groups**

Councillor Kirton left at 11.45am.

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*Resolved*

*(Cr Evans/Cr Greig)*

- (1) *That the Committee Chairperson, Councillor Evans be appointed to the Wellington City and Hutt Valley Quality Partnership groups.*
- (2) *That Councillors Aitken, McDavitt and Wilde be appointed to the Wellington City Quality Partnership Group.*
- (3) *That Councillors Glensor, Greig and Kirton be appointed to the Hutt Valley Quality Partnership Group.*

Councillor McDavitt requested that there be a review of the level of services within the Wellington City region within the Quality Partnership Agreement with Wellington City.

Councillor Aitken requested that when the Partnership Agreements be next reviewed there be consideration given to including a reference to the conclusions of the Human Rights Enquiry.

The Review should also include a reference to taxis.

## **Matter for Information**

PT 05      **Urban Passenger Rail Update**

Councillor Evans said that the Johnsonville and Melling Line issues will be the subject of a process completed near the end of the present triennium.

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*Resolved*

*(Cr Evans/Cr McDavitt)*

*That the report be received.*

## **Other Matters**

PT 06      **Questions**

Councillor Aitken requested whether there would be a response to the questions raised by Mr Randle.

Councillor Evans said that Dr Watson would reply in due course.

PT 07      **General**

There were no matters of general business.

The meeting closed at 12.02pm.

CR T G G Evans  
Chairperson

Date