



Report 05.496

14 September 2005

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Report of the Meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held in the Committee Room, Greater Wellington Regional Council, 34 Chapel Street, Masterton, on Tuesday, 13 September 2005, at 9.30 am.

Matters for Council decision are shown in bold type and enclosed in a box.
Other matters for information of Council only are in italic type.

Present:

Councillors Long (Chairperson), Baber, Buchanan, Kirton, Turver.
Messrs Dalziell, McQueen, and Read.

Officers Present:

D Benham, I Gunn, S Hill, M Longworth, W O'Donnell, L Race, N Shakespeare, T Taylor,
C Wright.

Procedural Items

RSW 59 Apologies

Resolved

(Cr Baber/Mr Read)

That the Committee

Accept the apology from Mr Southey.

RSW 60 Public Participation

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

RSW 61 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Baber)

That the Committee:

Confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee (Report 05.345) held on 16 June 2005.

Matters for Committee Decision

The Chairman welcomed Mr Geoff Copps of Go Wairarapa to the meeting. Mr Copps presented an overview of the Draft Wairarapa Economic Development Strategy and pointed out its relationship with the Wellington Regional Strategy. Mr Copps outlined the similarities and variances between the two strategies and indicated that both strategies had an overall goal of economic and population growth.

Mr Copps enquired as to whether the Committee would consider taking a formal position because of the Draft Wairarapa Economic Development Strategy having a close association with the Wellington Regional Strategy.

Submissions to the Draft Wairarapa Economic Development Strategy closed on 31 August although time was still available to forward any submission.

Cr Long indicated that the Committee's response would be communicated to Go Wairarapa in the near future.

Cr Kirton arrived at 9.45 am.

RSW 62 Future Possum Control in the Wellington Region

Report 05.467

File: WB/01/11/01

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Baber)

That the Committee:

- (1) **Receives** the report.*
- (2) **Notes** the content of the report.*
- (3) **Considers** that Greater Wellington managed control is the preferred option for further investigation.*

- (4) *Approves consultation with the farming community to determine views on future management options.*
- (5) *Agrees to commence discussions with the Animal Health Board, industry groups, and the Crown regarding funding of future possum and predator control in the Wellington Region, following the gradual withdrawal of services under the National Tb Strategy.*

10.45 am Morning tea adjournment:

11.00 am Meeting resumed.

The Chairman then welcomed Mayor Bob Francis and Kevin Montgomerie, Masterton District Council who gave a presentation to the Committee on the District Council's preferred long term upgrade to the Masterton Wastewater Plant.

RSW 63 River Scheme Asset Management Plan Performance

Report 05.453

File: WO/02/20/10

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Buchanan)

That the Committee:

- (1) *Receive the Asset Management Plan Performance Statements prepared for the Lower Wairarapa Valley Development Scheme; and the Waiohine-Mangatarere, Upper Ruamahanga – Mt Bruce, Upper Ruamahanga – Te Ore Ore, Upper Ruamahanga - Gladstone, Waingawa, and Waipoua River Management Schemes.*
- (2) *Receive the July 2005 Peer Review of River Management Asset Maintenance Standards for the Wairarapa.*

RSW 64 Review of Guidelines for Gravel Extraction and Update on Implementation of Ruamahanga Gravel Consent

Report 05.452

**Files: WP/03/06/14
WO/02/06/10**

Stephen Thawley, Senior Resource Advisor, was present for the discussion on this item.

Resolved (Cr Baber/Cr Buchanan)

That the Committee:

- (1) **Receive** the report.
- (2) **Note** its contents.
- (3) **Endorse** the proposed changes to the 'Guidelines for Gravel Extraction'.

RSW 65 Regional Pest Management Strategy: Operational Plan 2005/06

Report 05.462

File: WB/01/11/01

Resolved (Cr Turver/Mr McQueen)

That the Committee:

Approve the proposed Operational Plan 2005/06 for the Regional Pest Management Strategy 2002-2022.

RSW 66 Delegation of Resource Management Act 1991 – Functions to Hearing Commissioners

Report 05.470

File: WP/03/06/09

Stephen Thawley, Senior Resource Advisor, was present for the discussion on this item.

Resolved (Mr McQueen/Mr Read)

That the Committee:

Appoints, pursuant to section 34(A) of the Resource Management Act 1991, Tony Cussins as an independent commissioner to hear and consider resource consent application WAR 040170 from AE and SW Benton Partnership.

RSW 67 Objection to Consent Processing Costs – Castlepoint Sea Wall

Report 05.471

File: WP/03/07/01

Tabled for members consideration was a letter dated 12 September 2005 and submission from Simpson Grierson on behalf of the Masterton District Council relating to their objection to consent processing costs.

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Kirton)

That the Committee:

- (1) **Receive** the report.*
- (2) **Confirm** the additional processing costs of \$21,971.10 (including GST).*

Matters Reported for Information

RSW 68 Divisional Manager's Report

Report 05.459

File: WS/08/05/01

Resolved

(Mr Dalziell/Mr Read)

That the Committee

- (1) **Receive** the report.*
- (2) **Note** the contents of the report.*

RSW 69 Financial Report for the Twelve Months to 30 June 2005

Report 05.468

File: WS/08/05/01

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Baber)

That the Committee

- (1) **Receive** the report.*
- (2) **Note** the contents of the report.*

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RSW 74 Reserve Forests Review for the Year to 30 June 2005

Report 05.473

File: WO/04/02/01

A revised attachment to Report 05.473 was tabled.

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Kirton)

That the Committee

(1) *Receive the report.*

(2) *Note its contents.*

(3) *Approve the replanting of harvested areas in the winter immediately following harvesting.*

RSW 75 BioWorks Review for the Year to 30 June 2005

Report 05.475

File: WBW/01/01/01

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Kirton)

That the Committee

(1) *Receive the report.*

(2) *Note the information.*

RSW 76 Regional Council Input into District Planning

Report 05.469

File: WP/02/14/02

Resolved

(Mr McQueen/Cr Kirton)

That the Committee

Receive the information.

Mr Read took no part and did not vote.

RSW 77 Resource Consents (Non Notified)

Report 05.451

File: WP/03/06/01

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Turver)

That the Committee

*(1) **Receive the report.***

*(2) **Note the contents of the report.***

RSW 78 Catchment Works

Report 05.454

File: WO/03/30/01

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Baber)

That the Committee

Receive the schedule.

RSW 79 Questions

It was noted that the November meeting of the Committee would be held in the Kapiti area.

RSW 80 General Business

Members agreed that a letter be forwarded to Mrs Airini Pottinger conveying the Committee's deepest sympathy on the recent death of Mr Jim Pottinger. Mr Pottinger had been a valued member of the former Wairarapa Catchment Board and deputy chairman from 1975 until the time of the local government reform in 1989. Over this time Mr Pottinger had maintained a keen interest and had made significant contributions to farm forestry and soil conservation activities in the Wairarapa.

The meeting closed at 12.34 pm.

Cr F R Long
CHAIRMAN

Date:

Greater Wellington Regional Council - 18 October 2005

To be moved

That Council

Adopt the Report of the Meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 13 September 2005, RSW 59 to RSW 80, inclusive.