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Confirmed Minutes of the meeting of the Regional Sustainability Committee held in the Council Chamber, the Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street on Thursday, 18 June 2009 at 9.30 am

Present

Councillors Laidlaw (Chairman), Aitken, Bruce, Baber, Burke, Donaldson, Kirton and Wilde, and Mr McKenzie and Mrs Mellish.

Also present

Councillor Buchanan.

Business

RS 109 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Baber)

That the committee accepts the apology for lateness from Councillor Kirton.

RS 110 **Conflict of Interest declarations**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

RS 111 **Public participation**

Alexandra Hills, Lecturer in Sustainable Architecture at the VUW School of Architecture, spoke on Plant Rooms, designed to build into, or retrofitted to, apartment blocks and offices to provide hot and cold water, growing space for plants, and organic recycling facilities.

Molly Melhuish spoke on the important of government and local government action on sustainability and the utilisation of waste wood, including branchwood, as a fuel source.

RS 112 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Baber)

That the Committee:

Confirms the minutes of the meeting of 12 May 2009, Report 09.261.

Councillor Kirton joined the meeting at 10.41 am.

RS 113 **Divisional report for period ended 31 May 2009**

Report 09.331

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Resolved

(Cr Baber/Cr Bruce)

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*

Noted

That the Regional Sustainability Committee had yet to deliberate on submissions.

Councillor Wilde left the meeting at 10.50 am.

The meeting was adjourned between 11.08 am and 11.25 am for morning tea.

RS 114 **Visitor monitoring framework – update 4**

Report 09.332

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Resolved

(Cr Burke/Cr Aitken)

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*

RS 115 **Regional climate change response**

Report 09.343

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Resolved

(Cr Donaldson/Mrs Mellish)

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Approves the attached discussion document for circulation and discussion with officers of all the councils in the region.*
4. *Approves the development process for the Regional Climate Change Response Plan.*

Noted

Councillors requested that a joint workshop on regional climate change response be held, perhaps with Ara Tahi.

The committee congratulated Alison Lash on the high quality of her work on this project.

RS 116 **Emission programme**

Oral report

Geof Skene gave an oral report.

RS 117 **Presentation by Neville Hyde on Sustainability at CentrePort**

Oral report

Neville Hyde gave a *Powerpoint* presentation.

Councillor Kirton left the meeting at 12.15 pm.

RS 118 **Wellington Regional Strategy**

Melanie Thornton gave a *Powerpoint* presentation.

The meeting closed at 12.32 pm.

Cr C.R. LAIDLAW

Chairman

Date: