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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Wellington Regional Council
held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, 142
Wakefield Street, Wellington on Thursday, 20 February 2003 at
11.35am**

Present

Councillors Shields (Chairperson), Aitken, Barr, Buchanan, Evans, Kirton, Laidlaw, Long, McDavitt, Thomas, Turver, Werry and Yardley

Officers Present

Messrs Darroch, Forlong, Benham, Schollum, Stone, Watson and Drs Hastie and Watson

Public Business

Procedural Items

196 **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

197 **Public Participation**

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

198 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Yardley)

That the minutes of the Council meeting, Report 03.15 of 30 January 2003, and the record of the Special Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee meeting, Report 03.14 of 30 January 2003, be confirmed.

Matters for Consideration

199 **Chairperson's Report**

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Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Aitken)

- (1) That the Report be received.*
- (2) That a special meeting of the Council be held on 30 June 2003 to adopt the Long Term Council Community Plan.*
- (3) That Councillor Buchanan attends the 2003 Environment Summit.*
- (4) That Councillor Yardley be granted leave of absence from 19 March to 31 March 2003.*
- (5) That Councillor Buchanan be granted leave of absence from 17 April 2003 to 3 June 2003.*
- (6) That Councillor Thomas be granted leave of absence from 30 March 2003 to 17 April 2003.*

200 **Policy, Finance and Strategy – 20 February 2003**

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Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Werry)

That the recommendations of the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee meeting held on 20 February 2003 be adopted.

Other Matters

201 Question Time

Railway Station Parking Security

Councillor Evans said he had received a letter from a ratepayer concerning security for cars parked at the Waterloo Interchange and Melling Station where recently a number of cars had been burgled.

Councillor Evans asked whether officers could investigate ways to improve the security for car owners at railway stations.

Dr Watson said he will investigate and report back to Councillors.

Order Paper Delivery

Councillor Long noted the late receipt of papers for today's meetings. Dr Hastie said the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act required agendas and associated papers to be available at least two working days before the meeting. Dr Hastie said he regretted Councillors had not received their reports in a timely way due to the late completion of the half year review.

202 Use of Seal Report

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Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Yardley)

That the Report be received.

203 General

Financial Reports

Councillor Barr and other Councillors said they were happy to receive financial statements on a quarterly basis in future provided a copy of the monthly financial statements was available to peruse in the Councillors' Lounge if they so wished.

Impact of General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) on the Regional Council

Councillor Barr asked the Council to consider a submission to Government on GATS, as international treaties such as this can bind the Government and thus any services provided by Local Government to the detriment of their citizens.

The Chairperson said she will circulate the *Local Government New Zealand* submission requesting urgent comments from Councillors which she will represent to the National Council of *Local Government New Zealand* next week.

204 **Exclusion of the Public**

Report 03.39

Resolved

(Cr Yardley/Cr Turver)

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

Report of the reconvened restricted public excluded part of the Chief Executive Recruitment Subcommittee held on 4 February 2003.

General subject of each matter to be considered:

Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each

Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution

Report of the reconvened restricted public excluded part of the Chief Executive Recruitment Subcommittee held on 4 February 2003.

Because of the need to carry on commercial negotiations

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 (commercial negotiations).

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:

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The open part of the meeting closed at 12 noon.

Cr M K SHIELDS
Chairperson

Date