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Minutes of the Wellington Regional Council held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Thursday, 27 September 2007 at 12.10pm

Present

Councillors Buchanan (Chairman), Aitken, Baber, Evans, Glensor, Greig, Kirton, Long, McDavitt, Shields, Turver, and Wilde.

Officers Present

Benham, Bradbury, Corry, Davis, Dick, Henwood, Kennedy, Ryan, Saywell

Procedural Items

369 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/ Cr Turver)

That the Council

Accepts the apology for absence from Councillor Laidlaw.

370 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved

(Cr Long/ Cr Turver)

That the Council

- (1) Confirm the minutes of the Council meeting on 14 August 2007, Report 07.544, and the public and public excluded minutes of Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee meeting on 14 August 2007, Report 07.542 and Report PE07.543.*

- (2) *Confirm the public and restricted public excluded minutes of the Council meeting on 14 September 2007, Report 07.658 and Report RPE 07.657.*

371 **Chairman's Report**

Report 07.667

File: E/06/01/05

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr McDavitt)

That the Council

- (1) *Receives the report.*

- (2) *Notes the content of the report.*

Reports of Committees

372 **Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee – 27 September 2007**

Report 07.559

File: E/06/01/04

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Shields)

That the Council

Adopts the recommendations of the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee meeting held on 27 September 2007.

373 **Landcare – 8 August 2007**

Report 07.522

File: E/06/16/02

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Long)

That the Council

Adopts the report of the meeting of the Landcare Committee held on 8 August 2007, items LC 228 to LC 242 inclusive.

374 **Environment – 16 August 2007**

Report 07.546

File: E/06/18/02

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Baber)

That the Council

Adopts the report of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on 16 August 2007, items E287 to E300 inclusive.

375 **Utility Services – 21 August 2007**

Report 07.556

File: E/06/17/02

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Greig)

That the Council

Adopts the report of the meeting of the Utility Services Committee held on 21 August 2007, items US 103 to US 109 inclusive.

Report PE07.557

File: E/06/17/02

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Greig)

That the Council

Adopts the public excluded report of the meeting of the Utility Services Committee held on 21 August 2007, item PEUS 18.

376 **Regional Land Transport – 30 August 2007**

Report 07.578

File: E/06/11/02

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)

That the Council

Adopts the report of the meeting of the Regional Land Transport Committee held on 30 August 2007, items RLT 166 to RLT 175 inclusive.

377 **Wellington Regional Strategy – 3 September 2007**

Report 07.601

File: E/06/25/02

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/ Cr Glensor)

That the Council

Adopts the report of the meeting of the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee held on 3 September 2007, items WRS 51 to WRS 62 inclusive.

378 **Rural Services and Wairarapa – 4 September 2007**

Report 07.605

File: E/06/12/02

Resolved

(Cr Long/ Cr Evans)

That the Council

Adopts the report of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 4 September 2007, items RSW 208 to RSW 222 inclusive.

Report PE 07.614

File: E/06/12/02

Resolved

(Cr Long/ Cr Evans)

That the Council

Adopts the public excluded report of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 4 September 2007, item PERSW 225.

379 **Passenger Transport – 11 September 2007**

Report 07.610

File: E/06/19/02

Resolved

(Cr Glensor/ Cr McDavitt)

That the Council

Adopts the report of the meeting of the Passenger Transport Committee held on 11 September 2007, items PT 173 to PT 181 inclusive.

NOTE:

Cr Evans noted the expectation of the Passenger Transport Committee that officers report back in two years time.

Report PE07.611

File: E/06/19/02

Resolved

(Cr Glensor/ Cr McDavitt)

That the Council

Adopts the public excluded report of the meeting of the Passenger Transport Committee held on 11 September 2007, items PEPT 10 to PEPT 13 inclusive.

380 Planning and Monitoring – 18 September 2007

Report 07.630

File: E/06/24/02

Resolved

(Cr Aitken/ Cr Buchanan)

That the Council

Adopts the report of the meeting of the Planning and Monitoring Committee held on 18 September 2007, items PMS 95 to PMS 101 inclusive.

Report RPE 07.670

File: E/06/24/02

Resolved

(Cr Aitken/ Cr Buchanan)

That the Council

Adopts the restricted public excluded report of the meeting of the Planning and Monitoring Committee held on 18 September 2007.

381 Landcare – 19 September 2007

Report 07.631

File: E/06/16/02

Resolved

(Cr Shields/ Cr Aitken)

That the Council

Adopts the report of the meeting of the Landcare Committee held on 19 September 2007, items LC 243 to LC 255 inclusive.

Note:

Cr Kirton sought clarification that residents affected by the Council's decision would be informed of the decision. The Chairman confirmed that affected neighbours would be advised of the decision.

382 **Environment – 25 September 2007****Report 07.632**

File: E/06/18/02

*Resolved**(Cr Turver/ Cr Baber)**That the Council*

Adopts the report of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on 25 September 2007, items E301 to E 312 inclusive.

Other Matters383 **Ara Tahi– 15 August 2007****Report 07.577**

File: E/06/21/03

*Resolved**(Cr Buchanan/ Cr Turver)**That the Council**(1) Receives the report.**(2) Notes the content of the report.*384 **Questions**

There were no questions.

385 **General****Councillor Buchanan, Chairman**

Cr Buchanan said that as this meeting was the last of the triennium he would say a few words. He made a special presentation to long-serving, retiring councillor and former chairperson Margaret Shields, as well as presenting a token of the Council's appreciation to Crs McDavitt, Turver, Evans and Long as they would not be running for another term on the Council. Each councillor also received a sapling of a native tree as thanks for their time on the council. Special thanks were also given to Executive Secretary Helen Plant for her support to the Chair and all the councillors over the triennium, as well as extending thanks to David Benham and Jane Bradbury.

Councillor Shields

Cr Shields echoed the Chair's gratitude for the work the Council had done. Cr Shields said that in her time on the Council, she quickly learnt the importance of looking after the region with a bigger picture perspective in mind. Cr Shields emphasised the importance of co-operation in being on the Council.

The Chair then opened the floor to the other retiring councillors, and to any other councillors who wished to add to the valedictories.

Cr McDavitt congratulated the Council on its ability to draw out all the talents of councillors and officers in its decision-making.

Cr Long advised that he was impressed by the ability of Council to make difficult decisions, and thanked Wairarapa staff for their contribution and commitment.

Cr Evans reiterated Cr Shields' mention of seeing regional politics from a big picture angle, and said that the culture of Greater Wellington Regional Council is one to be prized.

Cr Turver stressed the importance of maintaining a regional perspective, and keeping politics away from single issue campaigning.

The meeting closed at 1.10 pm.

Cr I M Buchanan
Chairman

Jane Bradbury
Acting Chief Executive

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