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REGIONAL COUNCIL

**Report 07.605**

5 September 2007

File: E/6/12/2

**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, 4 September 2007, at 9.30am.**

**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, and Turver.  
Messrs McQueen and Southey.

**Officers Present:**

D Benham, G Dick, N Corry, J Davis, G Campbell, W O'Donnell, L Race, C Robertson,  
T Taylor.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Chairman paid tribute to the late Mr John Read, an appointed member of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee.

Cr Long acknowledged Mr Read's valued participation and long association with the Committee which included being an appointed member during the current triennium and also the 1992-1995 triennium.

Cr Long said that Mr Read will be well remembered for his jovial character and liveliness and his words of wisdom will be sadly missed.

As a mark of respect, the Committee stood for a minute's silence in remembrance of Mr Read.

## Public Business

### Procedural Items

#### RSW 208 Apologies

*Resolved* (Mr Southey/Cr Turver)

*That the Committee*

*Accepts the apology for absence from Mr Dalziell and the apology for lateness from Cr Baber.*

#### RSW 209 Public Participation

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

#### RSW 210 Confirmation of Minutes

*Resolved* (Mr Southey/Cr Buchanan)

*That the Committee*

*Confirms the minutes of the public and public excluded part of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 2 August 2007 (Reports 07.538 and PE 07.539).*

## Matter for Recommendation to Council

#### RSW 211 Regional Pest Management Strategy: Operational Plan 2007/08

Report 07.574

File: WB/01/11/01

**Resolved** (Cr Turver/Cr Buchanan)

**That the Committee recommends to Council that it:**

**Approves the proposed Operational Plan 2007/08 (Attachment 1) for the Regional Pest Management Strategy 2002-2022.**

## Matters for Committee Decision

### RSW 212 River Scheme Asset Management Plan Performance

#### Report 07.561

File: WO/02/20/10

Mike Longworth, Graeme Burnett, Graham Reidy, Deon Reweti, Ranjan Cyril (Flood Protection, Wairarapa) were present for the discussion on this item.

Mike Longworth gave a presentation on selected maintenance jobs completed on the seven river management schemes within the Wairarapa over the last financial year.

#### Noted

- Mr McQueen's query regarding the possible replacement of the Waihenga Bridge on the Ruamahanga River due to safety and age considerations.

Members were advised that discussions would be initiated with Transit NZ, but it was unlikely that there was any need for the Lower Wairarapa Valley Development Scheme to be involved.

- Officers were thanked for the excellent work undertaken on the various river schemes.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)*

*That the Committee:*

- (1) *Receives 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) *Receives the August 2007 Peer Review of River Management Asset Maintenance Standards for the Wairarapa.*

Cr Baber arrived at 10.11am.

**RSW 213      Wairarapa Hill Country Advisory Committee Update**

**Report 07.549**

**File: WO/03/40/10**

**Noted**

- The addition of a new Section 2 “Status of the Committee” to the draft Terms of Reference to read as follows –  
  
“This committee is an advisory body, which is not a committee or sub-ordinate body of GW”.
- Cr Buchanan indicated he was encouraged by the work of the Wairarapa Hill Country Steering Group to develop the concept, in particular building partnerships with the farming community, and this was an opportunity for Greater Wellington to provide a lead role in a new approach to such a partnership.

*Resolved*

*(Mr Southey/Cr Buchanan)*

*That the Committee:*

- (1)      Receives the report.*
- (2)      Endorses the Terms of Reference for the Wairarapa Hill Country Advisory Committee, as amended.*

**Matters Reported for Information**

**RSW 214      Catchment Control Schemes – Annual Review**

**Report 07.564**

**File: WO/03/40/10**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Kirton/Cr Turver)*

*That the Committee:*

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

**RSW 215 Akura Conservation Centre Review for the Year to 30 June 2007**

**Report 07.547**

**File: WO/03/80/03**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Turver/Cr Kirton)*

*That the Committee:*

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

**RSW 216 Biodiversity and Streams Alive Programme – Annual Report  
2006/07**

**Report 07.570**

**File: WO/03/40/10**

Members noted the correlation of the Biodiversity and Streams Alive Programme with other biodiversity programmes such as the Pauatahanui and Waikanae Catchments vegetation frameworks project.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Kirton/Cr Turver)*

*That the Committee:*

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

**RSW 217 Reassessment of 1080 – Impacts on GW**

**Report 07.571**

**File: WB/01/13/01**

*Resolved*

*(Mr Southey/Cr Baber)*

*That the Committee:*

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

**RSW 218      Divisional Managers' Report**

**Report 07.548**

**File: WS/08/05/01**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Baber/Cr Buchanan)*

*That the Committee:*

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

The meeting was adjourned between 10.45am and 11.06am for morning tea.

Following the morning tea adjournment, a presentation was given by Jane Davis, Divisional Manager, Transport Policy and Strategy, covering the Regional Land Transport Strategy, the next steps on the Transport Sector Review, and the Regional Fuel Tax.

**RSW 219      Questions**

There were no questions.

**RSW 220      General Business**

**Noted**

- Mr McQueen updated the Committee on the recent Ecologic Conference he had attended in Wellington.
- Cr Baber paid a personal tribute to Mr John Read. As Cr Baber's right hand man at the Committee table, Mr Read had helped Cr Baber through her first term on the Committee. His sense of humour and generous answers will be missed.

## **RSW 221      Valedictions**

Cr Buchanan acknowledged the valuable contributions made by Cr Long as Chair of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee during the past 9 years.

On a personal level Cr Buchanan also extended his thanks and appreciation to Cr Long. He said that Cr Long had stepped into the position of Chairman of the Committee in his first term on Greater Wellington and had made a good fist of the role. He had quickly come to grips with wider Wairarapa issues and during his 9 years had built up the confidence of the rural community across the region.

Cr Buchanan wished Cr Long well in seeking the Masterton mayoralty.

Other Committee members and staff also extended their personal thanks and appreciation to Cr Long for his chairmanship of the Committee.

Cr Long responded and thanked everyone for their kind words. He said it had been a huge privilege to be with the organisation over the past 9 years although it had been a baptism of fire in fronting up as Committee Chairman.

Appointed members of the Committee - Messrs Euan McQueen, John Dalziell and Ron Southey - indicated that they would be retiring following the October elections. Their valued input and many contributions were acknowledged.

Members expressed their very best wishes to Councillors Long and Turver for the forthcoming mayoralty elections.

## **RSW 222      Exclusion of the Public**

**Report 07.585**

**File: E/06/12/01**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Turver/Mr Southey)*

*That the Committee*

*Exclude the public from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:*

*BioWorks –*

*The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:*

<i>General subject of each matter to be considered:</i>	<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each</i>	<i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
<i>BioWorks –</i>	<i>Release of the report would disadvantage the Council in its negotiations with the Animal Health Board over vector control work undertaken by the BioWorks business unit. The Council has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override this prejudice.</i>	<i>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 under sections 7(2)(a) and 7(2)(i) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e to protect the privacy of natural persons and to enable Greater Wellington to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations).</i>

*This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1) 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 which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as specified above.*

The meeting closed at 12.05pm.

Cr F R Long  
CHAIRMAN

Date:

**Greater Wellington Regional Council - 27 September 2007**

*To be moved*

**That 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.**