

Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Thursday, 9 September 1999 at 9.30am

Present

Councillors Buchanan (Chairperson), Allen, Gibson, Macaskill, McDavitt, Shields and Turver and Messrs Earl and Morrison

Also Present

Councillor McQueen and Councillor Shaw

Officers Present

Messrs Darroch, Forlong, Pryce, Skene, Sherriff, van Schalkwyk and Waddington and Drs Bradbury and Hastie

Public Business

Procedural Items

E 121 **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

E 122 **Public Participation**

Frances Lee, Secretary, Kaiwharawhara Reclamation Working Group

Frances Lee referred to Agenda Item 10, Council-Owned Company and Environmental Sensitivity. Frances Lee said her group supported the thrust of the paper and specifically noted a number of points from that report.

Frances Lee said that against the background of CentrePort's appeal to the Environment Court concerning buildings up to 27 metres on Kaiwharawhara Point and the imminent completion of the Northern Gateway Project requested that the appeal be suspended or alternatively that CentrePort withdraw its appeal.

A copy of Frances Lee's statement was distributed to members with the request that the submission be taken into account when considering Agenda Item 10 in today's order paper.

Frances Lee noted that the Environment Committee's Order Paper had a reference to the Regional Policy Statement Implementation Report and included a paragraph about the Kaiwharawhara Stream. Frances Lee said she was a member of the Trelissick Park Group who wished to co-operate fully in the work on water quality and habitat issues in the lower part of the Kaiwharawhara Stream concluding that it was a most worthwhile project and Frances Lee thanked the Regional Council for their interest.

E 123 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Allen)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 July 1999 be confirmed.

E 124 **Presentation – South Coast Marine Reserve**

Andrew Cutler, South Coast Marine Reserve Coalition gave a presentation about a proposal for a marine reserve in the Island Bay area. Mr Cutler was assisted by Dr Jonathon Gardener, Victoria University of Wellington who is a technical advisor to the Coalition.

Mr Cutler said the Coalition had approached a number of agencies including the Wellington Regional Council for feedback on technical aspects of their proposal. The Coalition expected to submit a public document within two months when the Wellington Regional Council would have an opportunity to make submissions on the proposal. Following the public process the Ministry of Conservation would then consider, within an undefined time period, whether or not the proposal should be approved as a marine reserve on the south coast.

Members would give further consideration to marine reserves later in the meeting.

Harbour Matters

Matter for Decision

E 125 **Implications of the Revised Harbours Legislation**

Report 99.491

File: J/1/2/3

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)

- (1) *That the repeal of the Harbours Act 1950 and its replacement by the Local Government Amendment Act No 2 1999 be noted.*
- (2) *That the council reviews all of its Harbour Bylaws in light of the Local Government Amendment act (No 2) 1999.*

Civil Defence Matters

Matter for Decision

E 126 **Report on the Regional Civil Defence Plan**

Report 99.457

File: C/3/1/3

Resolved

(Cr Allen/Mr Morrison)

- (1) *That the Regional Defence Plan be endorsed.*
- (2) *That the endorsed Regional Civil Defence Plan be submitted to the Civil Defence Commissioner for approval..*

Environmental Matters

Matters for Decision

E 127 **Managing the Effects of Subdivision on the Natural Character of the Coastal Environment**

Report 99.489

File: X/26/1/1

Councillor Buchanan welcomed Karen Brewster, Section Leader Policy and Planning, Wairarapa Office, and invited Karen and Richard Peterson, Policy Advisor Resource Policy to speak to the report.

Members noted an article in the Wairarapa Times Age of 8 September 1999 about Report 99.489.

Councillor Macaskill said that he had received a message from Susan Forbes, Kapakapanui endorsing the principles outlined in the paper for consideration at today's meeting.

Resolved (Cr Turver/Cr Gibson)

- (1) *That the report be received and its contents noted.*
- (2) *That the Committee affirms the actions of staff to continue to vigorously oppose coastal subdivisions where they adversely effect the natural character of the coastal environment.*
- (3) *That appropriate information and consultation strategies be implemented to ensure understanding of this project.*

E 128 **New Zealand Coastal Society Seminar 16-17 September 1999**

Report 99.507

File: ENV/13/1/1

Resolved (Cr Buchanan/Cr Shields)

That the Committee nominate the Chairperson, Environment Committee, Councillor Allen, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Shaw, Councillor Turver and Mr Morrison to attend the New Zealand Coastal Society Seminar 16-17 September 1999.

E 129 **Alternate Regional On-Scene Commander for Marine Oil Spills**

Report 99.492

File: J/4/1/1

Resolved (Cr Shields/Cr Allen)

- (1) *That Grant Nalder be appointed Alternate Regional On-Scene commander in terms of the Section 317 of the Maritime Transport Act 1994.*
- (2) *That Grant Nalder be congratulated for his appointment.*

E 130 Reclassification of Somes Island Lighthouse Reserve

Report 99.456

File: J/6/1/6

Resolved

(Cr Allen/Cr Turver)

That consent be granted to the cancellation of the vesting of the Somes Island land, being Section 3 SO 20946, comprising 3,465 square metres, as a reserve for a lighthouse subject to the Department of Conservation declaring the land to be a Scientific Reserve and granting the Council a lease in perpetuity at a rent of 10 cents and preserving the Council ability to use and redevelop the site for the purpose of lighthouse and navigation.

E 131 Council-Owned Companies and Environmental Sensitivity

Report 99.508

File: ENV/10/1/1

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Gibson)

That the Committee recommends to the Policy and Finance Committee of the Council, that discussions be entered into with Port Investments Ltd and Port Wellington Ltd for the purpose of amending the constitution, or statement of corporate intent as appropriate, of the company to include a suitable statement acknowledging the intent to act in an environmentally responsible manner in all its operations.

Matters for Information

E 132 Divisional Manager's Report

Report 99.458

File: E/6/18/3

Councillor Shields left at 12 noon on other Council business.

Zero Waste Workshop

Councillor Gibson said he had attended a worthwhile workshop and had had a productive discussion with Telecom about recycling old telephone books when they were next replaced.

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Allen)

That the reports from the Divisional Manager, the Department Managers and the Divisional Accountant be received.

E 133 **Air Emissions Inventory**

Report 99.471

File: ENV/6/3/2

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Macaskill)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

E 134 **Compliance Monitoring – Resource Consents**

Report 99.486

File: K/4/3/2

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr McDavitt)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

E 135 **Update on Boatshed Use Permits and their Compliance Monitoring**

Report 99.485

File: K/3/6/13

Resolved

(Cr Gibson/Mr Morrison)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

E 136 **Incident Response Report**

Report 99.487

File: K/4/6/1

Resolved

(Cr Allen/Cr Macaskill)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

E 137 **Regional Council Input to District Planning**

Report 99.488

File: X/26/1/1

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Gibson)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

E 138 **Decisions on Non-notified Resource Consent Applications**

Report 99.470

File: Various

Members thanked officers for listing Non-notified Resource Consent applications noting these were helpful to Councillors in their constituency work.

Resolved

(Cr Allen/Cr McDavitt)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

E139 **Questions**

There were no questions.

E140 **General**

Marine Reserves

Councillor Shaw said that while he wished to share his thoughts on the subject of Marine Reserves particularly along the west coast of the region it may be more appropriate to save the discussion for a more suitable time.

Councillor Buchanan said that following the presentation from the South Coast Marine Reserve Coalition at today's meeting there were a number of issues for consideration by members. Councillor Buchanan said that if Councillor Shaw agreed a workshop would be organised for members to consider in depth all aspects of marine reserves. Councillor Shaw said he was happy with this suggestion.

Councillor Buchanan noted that the Regional Council needed to establish its role and policy position for marine reserves prior to consideration of the South Coast Marine Reserve proposal when it was published for public submissions.

Councillor Buchanan noted there would be a presentation on Environmental Care Groups in the Level 5 Committee Room following lunch.

The meeting closed at 12.50pm.

CR I BUCHANAN

Chairperson

Date: