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Minutes of the Meeting of the Utility Services Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Thursday, 10 February 2000 at 9.30am

Present

Councillors McQueen (Chairperson), Laidlaw, Macaskill, Shaw, Shields, Thomas, and Werry

Officers Present

Messrs Benham, Darroch, Karin Floyd, Kennedy, Leonard, Morrison, Roberts and Sells

Public Business

Procedural Items

US 91 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Thomas)

That the apology from Councillor Hutchings, and the apology for lateness from Councillor Shields, be confirmed.

US 92 **Public Participation**

Paul Hughes

Paul Hughes said he had been involved in Forestry Management Policy development for over 20 years and was concerned the Regional Council was appearing to ignore the requirements of the Management Plan in its forestry policy in the Pakuratahi Catchment. Mr Hughes also regretted the Council had apparently not yet published the net income from logging in the catchment.

Councillor McQueen thanked Mr Hughes for his representations and said the broader issues raised would be debated by the Regional Council at its Policy and Finance Committee.

Albert Landon, Petone

Mr Landon said he had enjoyed many years of drinking non-fluoridated water from the Petone water supply and could see no reasons for closing down the Buick Street Pumping Station. Mr Landon asked the Regional Council to reconsider its decision to close the Station and said he was sure that it could be re-opened at small cost.

Mary Burn, Petone

Mary Burn said misleading information had been circulated about fluoridated water and questioned the health and dental statistics to support its inclusion in Petone water. The Regional Council should hold a region wide referendum, before more dollars were spent on a new Pumping Station.

Councillor Shields arrived at 10.00am.

US 93 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved

(Cr Thomas/Cr Shaw)

That the ordinary meeting held on 8 December 1999, Report 00.62, and the Public and the Public Excluded minutes of the emergency meeting held on 8 December 1999, Report 00.59 and Report PE 00.60 be confirmed, the public excluded part to remain in public excluded.

Matter for Recommendation

US 94 Water Treatment Plant Grading and Related Capital Works

Report 00.50

File: B/20/13/1, B/2/7/3

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Werry/Cr Thomas)

That the Policy and Finance Committee in the half yearly review recommends that the sum of \$210,000 be allocated for instrumentation and process control upgrading at the Te Marua and Wainuiomata Water Treatment Plants in 1999/2000, provided that the total Capital Works budget of \$4.165 M is not exceeded.

Councillor's Proposal

US 95 Future Land Use and Land Management in the Pakuratahi Catchment

(1) Councillor Euan McQueen

Report 00.33

File: R/2/3/1, B/20/1/1

Councillor McQueen said a recent letter from Mr Hughes should be circulated.

Resolved

(Cr McQueen/Cr Werry)

- (1) *That the Utility Services Committee receive this report, and note its contents.*
- (2) *That the Committee note that the principles and criteria set out in the Interim Management Plan for Forest Land Management be taken into account on determining future land use in the Catchment.*

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr McQueen/Cr Werry)

- (3) *That the contents of this paper and the Divisional Manager's, Utility Services, report be the basis for a workshop for all Councillors.*
- (4) *That the subject is then reported on and debated at the Policy and Finance Committee in the context of the Long Term Financial Strategy.*

Councillor McQueen noted the issues raised by Mr Hughes about the Forest Lands Water Collection Areas – interim Management Plan 1996, would be fully considered under the agreed process.

Councillor McQueen thanked members and officers for the discussion.

(2) Divisional Manager, Utility Services

Report 00.48

File: O/5/12/4, F/5/8/14

Resolved

(Cr McQueen/Cr Werry)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

Morning tea: 10.50am

Resumption: 11.05am

Matter for Decision

US 96 **Wellington City Council Annual Report 1998/99: Statement of Service Performance**

Report 00.44

File: B/20/1/7

Resolved

(Cr Shaw/Cr Werry)

(1) That the report be received and the contents noted.

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Werry)

(2) That the General Manager, Wellington Regional Council, write to the Chief Executive, Wellington City Council, expressing his concern at the inaccuracy of the information in Wellington City Council's Annual Report.

Matters for Information

US 97 **Divisional Report**

Report 00.46

File: O/2/1/10

Resolved

(Cr Shaw/Cr Werry)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

Other Matters

US 98 **Questions**

There were no questions.

US 99 **General****Fluoridation**

Councillor Shaw suggested the Regional Council Fluoridation policy include a reference to ongoing research, and regular policy reviews. Councillor McQueen said water quality standards were continually under review and the Ministry of Health also monitored health standards for water supply.

US100 **Exclusion of the Public****Report 99.63**

Resolved

(Cr McQueen/Cr Shaw)

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

- (1) Contract No 1191: Rallywood Bridge*
- (2) Wainuiomata Reaction Tank: Final Cost*

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>(1) Contract No 1191: Rallywood Bridge</i>	<i>Because of the need to carry on commercial negotiations</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 (ie to carry on commercial negotiations).</i>
<i>(2) Wainuiomata Reaction Tank: Final Cost</i>	<i>Because of the need to carry on commercial negotiations</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 (ie to carry on commercial negotiations).</i>

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:

Wellington Regional Council (1) and (2)

The open part of the meeting closed at 12.30pm

COUNCILLOR EUAN McQUEEN
Chairman

Date: