



Report 05.163

18 March 2004

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held in the Committee Room, Greater Wellington Regional Council, 34 Chapel Street, Masterton, on Thursday, 17 March 2005, at 9.30 am.

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, Turver.
Messrs Dalziell, McQueen, Read and Southey.

Also Present:

Officers Present:

S Blakemore, M Hewison, W O'Donnell, L Race, D Walker, C Wright.

Procedural Items

RSW 19 Apologies

There were no apologies.

RSW 20 Public Participation

Mr Handley Thomson – Chairman, AA Wairarapa District

Mr Thomson spoke of the need for stock truck effluent sites in the Wairarapa and commented on the current situation whereby an

environmental issue existed with stock effluent being unsightly, smelly, and in turn damaging road surfaces. No sites in the Wairarapa had been planned in Transit's list of effluent disposal sites for construction over the next 3 years, and he believed that provision needed to be made for a disposal site in the vicinity of the saleyards at the south end of Masterton and a further site in south Wairarapa before the Rimutaka Hill.

He considered that a good outcome would be for discussions to commence with Transit to investigate the need for effluent disposal facilities throughout the Wellington region and to also initiate an educational awareness campaign.

Cr Kirton arrived at 9.37am.

The Chairman indicated that Report 05.110 (Item 5 on the order paper) would be considered next following the Public Participation section.

Cr Baber arrived at 9.40am.

Matter for Committee Decision

RSW 21 Stock Truck Effluent Dump Sites

Report 05.110

File: WP/02/14/02

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Baber)

- (1) That the report be received.*
- (2) That staff facilitate discussions with Transit and other interested parties on the issue.*
- (3) That Greater Wellington, in collaboration with other road controlling agencies, undertake a modest educational awareness programme.*

Procedural Item

RSW 22 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved

(Mr Southey/Cr Turver)

That the minutes of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 9 December 2004 be confirmed.

Matter for Committee Decision

RSW 23 Applications for Resource Consent for the Continued Operation of the Moroa and Longwood Water Races, Masterton

Report 05.93

File: WP/03/06/01

Stephen Thawley, Senior Resource Advisor, was present for the discussion on this item.

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Mr Read)

That the Committee, under delegated authority by the Wellington Regional Council pursuant to sections 105 and 108 of the Resource Management Act 1991, grant the resource consents relating to the operation of the Moroa and Longwood water races applied for by the South Wairarapa District Council, subject to the proposed consent conditions outlined in the Attachment to Report 05.93.

Matters Reported for Information

RSW 24 Divisional Manager's Report

Report 05.116

File: WS/08/05/01

Concerning 3.2 Barrage Gates

The Committee was made aware of the current low levels in Lake Wairarapa resulting from the required painting of the Barrage Gates which could impact on the forthcoming duck shooting season.

Concerning 4.8 and 4.9

Members requested that Manchurian Wild Rice and Nodding Thistle be included in a future rural services newsletter to raise the public's awareness of these pest plants.

The Committee's attention was also brought to the need for an educational programme to be run in conjunction with the SPCA regarding feral cats.

Concerning 4.10 Gorse

Mr Dalziell stressed the importance of landowners dealing with the control of gorse on their properties where he believed the spread of gorse had become worse over the last 5 years and would effectively become a long term issue and even bigger boundary issue problem in the future if not dealt with now. Ragwort was seen as another pest plant requiring an awareness programme to be initiated.

Concerning 4.15 Juken Nissho Ltd and SE Wairarapa

The Committee was informed that major issues were involved with Juken Nissho still maintaining their policy to not allow access for Greater Wellington to use 1080 control methods.

Mr O'Donnell also indicated that Stage 3 of the South East Wairarapa aerial operation was unlikely to proceed this financial year because of issues around the use of deer repellent.

Mr Dalziell indicated that the Animal Health Board were lobbying both issues in Wellington. He gave a brief summary indicating that there was an area for negotiation in relation to the JNL issue and an attempt was being made to ensure there would be no delays with the SE Wairarapa operation.

Resolved

(Mr McQueen/Cr Kirton)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 25

Financial Report for the Eight Months to 28 February 2005

Report 05.117

File: WS/08/05/01

Resolved

(Mr Southey/Cr Kirton)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

Morning tea: 10.35am
Resumed at: 10.50am

Cr Buchanan left the meeting at 10.50am

RSW 26 Kopuaranga River Enhancement Project

Report 05.105

File: WO/02/25/10

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Mr Read)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 27 Riparian Management Implementation

Report 05.87

File: WP/04/05/01

Kirsten Forsyth (Policy Advisor) and Ted Taylor (Section Leader, Resource Investigations) were present for the discussion on this item.

It was noted that the report had also been considered by the Environment Committee at its February meeting.

It was agreed that a copy of the Raglan Community Project's summary report referred to in the presentation will be circulated to members.

Resolved

(Mr Read/Mr McQueen)

That the report be received and that the contents be noted.

RSW 28 Unwanted Agricultural Chemicals

Report 05.115

File: WP/03/06/05

It was noted that the report had also been considered by the Environment Committee at its February meeting.

Resolved

(Mr Dalziell/Cr Kirton)

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

(2) *Note that staff will be raising this issue as part of the 2006 LTCCP process.*

(3) *That the Committee encourage the continuation of Greater Wellington's involvement with the collection of unused chemicals.*

RSW 29 Tsunami Hazards in the Wellington Region

Report 05.112

File: WP/02/14/02

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Baber)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 30 Farm Waste Plastics

Report 05.84

File: WP/02/14/02

Susannah Guscott, Resource Advisor, was present for the discussion on this item.

Members requested that an item raising the public's awareness of proposals for dealing with farm plastic waste be included in the next rural services newsletter.

Resolved

(Mr Dalziell/Mr Southey)

That the report be received and the information noted.

RSW 31 Regional Council Input into District Planning

Report 05.109

File: WP/02/14/02

Faith Barber, Resource Advisor, was present for the discussion on this item.

Resolved

(Mr Southey/Mr Read)

That the information be received.

RSW 32 Resource Consents (Non Notified)

Report 05.108

File: WP/03/06/01

Resolved

(Mr Southey/Cr Baber)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 33 Catchment Works

Report 05.111

File: WO/03/30/01

Resolved

(Mr Southey/Cr Kirton)

That the schedule be received.

RSW 34 Questions

Mr Southey queried the length of time between the holding of this meeting and the previous meeting on 9 December 2004 and considered that it had been too long for Committee members to bring forward any matters they may have had for consideration.

Members noted that the scheduled meeting for 3 February 2005 had been cancelled because of insufficient business to be discussed and the Chairman indicated that this may be the case from time to time.

RSW 35 General Business

There were no items of general business.

The meeting closed at 11.35am.

Cr F R Long
CHAIRMAN

Date: