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Report 02.299

29 May 2002

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held in the Otaki Service Centre, Kapiti Coast District Council, Main Street, Otaki, on Tuesday, 28 May 2002, at 9.30 a.m.

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), Buchanan, Kirton, McDavitt, Shields and Turver.
Messrs Benton, McQueen and Southey.

Also Present:

Councillors Barr and Laidlaw.

Officers Present:

S Blakemore, I Gunn, W O'Donnell, L Race, C Wright.

Procedural Items

RSW 54 Apology

Resolved

(Mr Southey/Mr McQueen)

That the apology from Mr Dalziell be confirmed.

RSW 55 Public Participation

The Chairman welcomed 12 members of the Kapiti Coast community to the meeting.

Clive Cottle stated that problems were being encountered in the Te Horo and Otaki Beach areas with pigeons in grain storage sheds and river areas. There were also problems with stoats and weasels which were discouraging tuis to return to the bush.

Irene Mackle had concerns with the effect on neighbouring bores in relation to an adjacent dairy farmer's land use resource consent application. Officers advised that this would be followed up with relevant staff in the Wellington office for a response.

Carl Lutz complimented staff on the excellent job being achieved with the killing of possums in Otaki and enquired as to when the next 1080 aerial drop was expected to occur and the future strategy for possum control. Mr Lutz also commented on the prevalence and control of Banana Passionfruit in the Otaki area.

Cr Kirton arrived at 9.50 a.m.

RSW 56 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved (Cr Shields/Mr Southey)

That the minutes of the meeting of the Rural Services & Wairarapa Committee held on 16 April 2002 (Report 02.229) be confirmed.

Matters for Recommendation to Policy, Finance & Strategy Committee**RSW 57 Separate Scheme Rates and Balances**

Report 02.267

File: Y/0/4

An amended Attachment 1 to Report 02.267 incorporating rating percentage figures for Catchment Schemes was tabled.

Resolved (Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)

- (1) *That the 2002/03 separate scheme rates be approved as scheduled.*
- (2) *That a minimum rate of \$10.00 be applied to all rateable property as provided for under the Rating Powers Act 1988.*
- (3) *That the Lower Wairarapa Valley Scheme Pukio Loans totalling approximately \$208,000 be repaid in July 2002.*

RSW 58 Bovine Tb Works and Services Rates – 2002/03**Report 02.248****File: Y/4/1/1***Resolved**(Mr Southey/Cr Shields)*

- (1) *That the Bovine Tb Rates for 2002/03 be \$0.30 (plus GST) per rateable hectare in operational areas.*
- (2) *That the rate apply to all rateable properties over 10 hectares in size residing within operations identified in the approved Bovine Tb vector control programme.*
- (3) *That a minimum rate of \$10.00 (plus GST) be applied to all rateable property as provided for under the Rating Powers Act 1988.*

RSW 59 Predator Control – Mt Bruce National Wildlife Centre**Report 02.273****File: Y/4/0/3***Resolved**(Cr Buchanan/Mr McQueen)*

- (1) *That the Council agree in principle to commit resources to assist the National Wildlife Trust, Rangitaane o Wairarapa, and the Department of Conservation with the Mount Bruce Reserve restoration programme.*
- (2) *That the Council agree in principle to fund a predator control programme on properties within the Wellington Region, adjacent to the Mount Bruce Scenic Reserve.*
- (3) *That a late request be made to the Policy, Finance & Strategy Committee for funding of a predator control programme for 2002/03 and subsequent years to be included in the LTFS.*

Matters for Committee Decision**RSW 60 Hornwort Control – Registration of the Herbicide Endothall****Report 02.262****File: Y/15/6/1***Resolved**(Cr Shields/Cr Turver)*

- (1) *That the Committee recognises the ongoing threat that Hornwort poses to the Lake Wairarapa wetlands, the Lower Valley Development Scheme, and the Kapiti area, if an effective control agent is unavailable.*

- (2) *That the Committee supports in principle the proposal for the Council to provide a share of the registration costs up to a maximum of \$10,000.*

RSW 61 Pest Plant Control – Wellington City Programme

Report 02.264

File: Y/15/3/1

Resolved

(Cr Long/Cr Turver)

- (1) *That Cr Buchanan, Cr McDavitt, Mr McQueen, and a representative from Wellington City Council, be appointed to the Regional Pest Management Strategy Sub-Committee to consider the future of the Wellington City Programme.*
- (2) *That the Regional Pest Management Strategy Sub-Committee report on progress to the Committee at its 20 August 2002 meeting.*

Morning tea: 10.52 a.m.

Resumed at: 11.05 a.m.

Matters Reported for Information

RSW 62 Divisional Manager's Report

Report 02.272

File: Y/21/1

Resolved

(Mr Benton/Cr Turver)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 63 Financial Report for the Nine Months to 31 March 2002

Report 02.259

File: Y/2/1/1

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Turver)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 64 Water Take Compliance Monitoring

Report 02.271

File: Y/12/2/5

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Mr McQueen)

That the report be received and the information noted.

RSW 65 Regional Council Input into District Planning

Report 02.269

File: Y/11/2

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Buchanan)

That the information be received.

RSW 66 Resource Consents (Non Notified)

Report 02.266

File: Y/12/2/0

Resolved

(Mr Benton/Cr Kirton)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RSW 67 Catchment Works

Report 02.261

File: Y/0/4

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Turver)

That the schedule be received.

RSW 68 Questions

(1) Cr Turver

Cr Turver thanked Committee members for holding the meeting of the Rural Services & Wairarapa Committee in Otaki and enquired as to the frequency with which future meetings could be held in the Otaki area.

Cr Long indicated that Committee meetings in the western part of the Region would be held on a biennial basis.

(2) Mr Benton

Mr Benton requested a report on self-help methods for landholders to assist with the control of pests.

RSW 69 General Business

Committee members were advised that the short tour of Council activities in the Kapiti area scheduled to follow the Committee meeting would cover some of the issues that had been raised during the meeting.

The meeting closed at 11.58 a.m.

CR F R LONG
Chairperson

Date: