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Report of the Meeting of the Policy, Finance and Strategy Subcommittee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on 3, 5 and 6 June 2003, at 9.30am

Matters for Council Decision are shown in bold type and enclosed in a box.
Matters for Information of Council are in italic type.

Present

Councillors Kirton (Chairperson), Aitken, Barr, Buchanan, Evans, Laidlaw, Long, McDavitt, Shields, Thomas, Turver, Werry and Yardley

Officers Present

Allard, Bradbury, Cutler, Dick, Hastie, Nicol, Norrish, Schollum, Stone and Wright

Public Business

Procedural Items

PF&SS/C 15 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Thomas)

That the apology from Councillor Evans, and Councillors Kirton and Aitken for lateness, be confirmed.

It was agreed that, as both the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson were absent, Councillor Shields would preside as the Chairperson until Councillor Kirton (Chairperson) arrived at the meeting.

PF&SS/C 16 Public Participation

There were no members of the public, aside from submitters, who wished to participate in the meeting.

Matters for Recommendation

PF&SS/C 17 Consideration of Submissions – Towards a Sustainable Region: Greater Wellington Regional Council’s Proposed Ten-Year Plan 2003-2013 Incorporating the 2003-2004 Annual Plan: Tuesday, 3 June, Thursday, 5 June and Friday, 6 June 2003

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Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr McDavitt)

- (1) That the report be received.*
- (2) That the oral submissions be heard.*
- (3) That all written submissions be considered.*
- (4) That the comments from officers on the submissions be noted.*
- (5) That the General Manager be requested to further report on the implications of any proposals that the Subcommittee considers warrant further consideration at the meeting on 16 June as well as any other matters that will impact on rate requirements.*
- (6) That formal responses be sent to persons and organisations making submissions on the basis of managers’ comments or as otherwise may be directed, following formal adoption of the ten-year plan.*

Councillors confirmed that they liked the way officers’ comments were written in the form of a draft letter to the submitter.

PF&SS/C 18 Response to Consultation on the Long-Term Council Community Plan

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Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Yardley)

That the report be received and the information noted.

Councillor Aitken arrived at the meeting at 9:45am.

PF&SS/C 19 **Consideration of all submissions**

Councillors considered each written and oral submission in the order detailed below. As each submission was considered Councillors requested changes and additions to the responses that had been drafted by council officers. They also flagged issues that they wanted to discuss once all submissions had been considered and they had an overview of all the points raised by submitters.

Written submissions 1 – 22 were considered.

Councillor Kirton arrived at 10:00am and apologised for his lateness. Councillor Kirton then took the Chair.

Written submissions 23 – 29 were considered.

It was agreed that where submitters had not supplied their name and contact details, the submission should only be received and noted and that no response was required from officers or Council.

Morning tea 10:30am – 10:45am

Written submissions 30 – 35 were considered.

Oral submissions:

Submission 299	Max Shierlaw, Citizens Watch	11:00am
Submission 328	Dr Nick Lambrechtsen	11:15am
Submission 126	Frank Forstner	11:35am
Submission 293	Marion Swanson	11:40am
Submission 298	Mehdi Yassaie	12:00pm

Written submissions 36 – 62 were considered.

Councillors discussed that there needed to be more consistency in responses to submitters who had raised similar points. A standard answer in response to rail service problems was required to ensure all submitters had the same understanding.

It was also requested that, where responses to submitters advised that Greater Wellington Regional Council did not deal with water shortages in Kapiti, it should be clarified that Greater Wellington is only involved in supplying “*bulk*” water.

Lunch 12:30pm – 1:00pm

Written submissions 63 – 74 were considered.

Oral submissions:

Submission 90	Dada Jitendranada	1:15pm
Submission 238	Bob Morris	1:25pm
Submission 314	Barbara Mitcalfe, Chris Horne, Wellington Botanical Society	1:40pm
Submission 323	Steve Ritchie	2:00pm
Submission 253	Pip Piper	2:15pm

Councillors Laidlaw and Turver left the meeting at 2:30pm.

Oral submissions:

Submission 342	Michael Taylor, Tararua Tramping Club	2:35pm
Submission 325	Michael Taylor	2:50pm

Afternoon tea 3:05pm – 3:15pm

Oral submissions:

Submission 330	Mayor Terris, Kim Kelly, Hutt City Council	3:15pm
Submission 183	Denis Montgomery	3:35pm
Submission 319	Chris Horne	3:40pm
Submission 335	Gabrielle Archer	3:50pm

The meeting adjourned at 4:10pm.

The meeting reconvened on Thursday 5 June at 9:30am.

Present

Councillors Kirton (Chairperson), Aitken, Barr, Buchanan, Laidlaw, Long, McDavitt, Shields, Thomas, Turver, Werry and Yardley

Officers Present

Allard, Bradbury, Hastie, Norrish, Schollum, Stone, Watson and Wright

Public Business

Procedural Items

PF&SS/C 15 **Apologies**
(continued)

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Thomas)

That the apology from Councillor Evans, and Councillors Kirton, Turver and Werry for lateness, be confirmed.

It was agreed that Councillor Shields would preside as the Chairperson until Councillor Kirton arrived at the meeting.

PF&SS/C 19 **Consideration of all submissions**
(continued)

Written submissions 75 – 83 were considered.

Oral submissions:

Submission 46	Jo Morgan	9:45am
Submission 315	Barney Scully	9:50am
Submission 254	Penny Deans and Andrew Gawith	10:00am

Councillors said they were keen to resolve the issue of odour pollution from Taylor Preston works. It was suggested that the situation be reviewed through the Environment Committee.

Written submissions 84 – 100 were considered.

Councillor Werry arrived at 10:20am and Councillor Turver arrived at 10:30am.

It was decided that submissions raising topics relevant to central government and territorial authorities' functions should be aggregated, summarised and sent to the appropriate government agencies.

Morning tea 10:40am – 11:00am

Oral submissions:

Submission 206	Nick Morley-Hall	11:00am
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Councillors suggested that Nick Morley-Hall set up a working party to make a submission on the Queen Elizabeth Park Draft Management Plan, which would be due for consideration in the near future.

Submission 331	Russell Plume, Pauatahanui Inlet Community Trust	11:20am
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Submission 251	Tony Coard	11:25am
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Written submissions 101 – 129 were considered.

Councillors noted it was important to think about the response to those on fixed incomes.

Written submissions 130 – 160 were considered.

Oral submission:

Submission 290	Andrew Stewart	12:15pm
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Lunch 12:30pm – 1:00pm

Councillor Kirton arrived at 12:35pm and apologised for his lateness. Councillor Kirton took the chair after the lunch break.

Oral submissions:

Submission 312	Mayor Guppy, Max Pedersen, Upper Hutt City Council	1:10pm
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Submission 194	Betty van Gaalen, Kapiti Coast Grey Power Association	1:20pm
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Written submissions 161 – 176 were considered.

Oral submission:

Submission 244	Robin Boldarin and David Butler, Wellington Labour Local Body Committee	2:00pm
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Written submissions 177 – 183 were considered.

Oral submission:

Submission 344	Geoff Copps, Go Wairarapa	2:20pm
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Afternoon tea 2:40pm – 2:50pm

Written submissions 184 – 228 were considered.

Oral submissions:

Submission 289	Jean Cordue	3:30pm
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Submission 286	Sarah Millington, Sustainable Wairarapa	3:40pm
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Written submissions 229 – 234 were considered.

Submission 320	Mayor Prendergast, Councillor Foster, Paul Desborough, Wellington City Council	4:00pm
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The meeting concluded at 4:20pm.

The meeting reconvened on Friday 6 June at 9:30am.

Present

Councillors Kirton (Chairperson), Aitken, Barr, Buchanan, Laidlaw, Long, McDavitt, Shields, Thomas, Werry and Yardley

Officers Present

Allard, Bradbury, Dick, Hastie, Norrish, Schollum, Stone and Watson

Public Business

Procedural Items

PF&SS/C 15 **Apologies**
(continued)

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Thomas)

That the apology from Councillor Evans and Councillor Turver be confirmed.

PF&SS/C 19 **Consideration of all submissions**
(continued)

Written submissions 235 and 236 were considered.

Oral submission:

Submission 172	Irene Jackson, Johnsonville Residents' Association	9:35am
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Written submission 237 was considered.

Oral submission:

Submission 291	Lewis Vasbenter	9:50am
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Written submissions 238 – 260 were considered.

Oral submissions:

Submission 68	Veronica Kerr	10:10am
Submission 329	Betty Weeber	10:25am

Written submissions 261 – 290 were considered.

Morning tea 10:50am – 11:10am

Oral submissions:

Submission 327	Dr Stephen Palmer, Regional Public Health	11:10am
Submission 300	Dr John Horrocks	11:25am
Submission 326	Mayor Brash, Dr Blakeley and Councillor Watson (Deputy Major), Porirua City Council	11:35am

Councillors suggested a workshop to discuss transport and flood protection rates with Porirua City Council.

Oral submission:

Submission 228	Ken Mosely	12:00pm
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Councillors decided that it would be appropriate for the Landcare Committee to follow-up the issue of mountain bikers and walkers using the same paths and tracks in Council parks.

Written submissions 291 – 344 were considered.

Lunch 12:30pm – 1:00pm

John Allard and Greg Schollum summarised the key points that had been discussed over the three days of the meeting. John Allard noted that:

- the question of Council's involvement in the economic development of the region needed to be revisited.
- responses to submitters need to be of certain tenor.
- the targets and baselines in the plan could start to be improved.
- Council policies such as the Policy on Significance need to be improved over time.

Councillors expressed an interest in further discussing the following points raised by submitters:

- renewable energy
- Wairarapa irrigation project
- economic development initiatives

- new regional park/coastal trail investigation
- Porirua Interchange delay

Greg Schollum noted that, while some projects would only require a facilitative and investigative role, others would have implications on the proposed plan and budget. These would, therefore, need to be discussed in detail at the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee meeting on 16 June, before the plan is finalised.

Oral submission:

Submission 138 Brenda Halkett, Colin Pell and 1:45pm
 other residents from Hayward
 Street

Councillor Laidlaw advised that there would soon be a review of the Flood Hazard Report. The first six months of the review will focus on assessing the stopbank on the Waiwhetu Stream near Hayward Street. Then Council will undertake a wider assessment of flooding on the whole of the Waiwhetu, which could take up to 2 years.

Councillors requested that Geoff Dick talk to Hutt City Council about whether the LIM report detailed the flood problems and also check the Certificate of Title.

The meeting closed at 2:15pm.