



Report 04.207

20 April 2004

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Wellington Regional Council
held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, 142
Wakefield Street, Wellington on Tuesday, 20 April 2004 at
11.40am**

Present

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

Officers Present

Messrs Benham, Darroch, Forlong, Harris, Schollum and Wright and Drs Bradbury, Hastie and Watson

Public Business

Procedural Items

379 **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

380 **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public who wished to participate in the meeting.

381 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved (Cr Barr/Cr Aitken)

- (1) *That the minutes of the Council meeting, Report 04.128 of 9 March 2004, and the public and public excluded record of the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee meeting, Report 04.126 and Report PE 04.127 of 9 March 2004 be confirmed, the public excluded business to remain confidential.*
- (2) *That the minutes of the Council meeting, Report 04.148 of 18 March 2004, and the public and public excluded record of the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee meeting, Report 04.146 and Report PE 04.147 of 18 March 2004 be confirmed, the public excluded business to remain confidential.*

382 **Chairperson's Report**

Report of 04.199

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Resolved (Chairperson/Cr Laidlaw)

That the report be received.

Resolved (Cr Kirton/Cr Turver)

- (1) *That the meeting schedule for 2004 be amended to delete the Utility Services Committee meeting on 1 April and to change the Passenger Transport Committee meeting from 6 May to 7 May.*
- (2) *That Councillor Aitken be granted leave of absence from 7 May 2004 to 28 May 2004.*

Reports of Committees

383 **Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee – 20 April 2004**

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Resolved (Cr Barr/Cr Buchanan)

That the recommendations of the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee meeting held on 20 April 2004 be adopted.

384 **Rural Services and Wairarapa – 16 March 2004****Report 04.145**

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*Resolved**(Cr Long/Cr Kirton)*

That the report of the Meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 16 March 2004, Items RSW277 to RSW290 inclusive, and the recommendation contained therein, be adopted.

385 **Landcare – 23 March 2004****Report 04.161**

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*Resolved**(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Barr)*

That the report of the Meeting of the Landcare Committee held on 23 March 2004, Items LC174 to LC176, and Items LC178 to LC186 inclusive, be adopted.

386 **Passenger Transport – 30 March 2004****Report 04.172**

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*Resolved**(Cr Turver/Cr Evans)*

That the report of the Meeting of the Passenger Transport Committee held on 30 March 2004, Items PT164 to PT173 inclusive, be adopted.

387 **Regional Land Transport – 31 March 2004****Report 04.173**

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RLT 135 Project Investigation Priorities: Western Corridor Package Investigation

*Moved**(Cr Barr/Cr Werry)*

That the wording of the Resolved to Recommend to Council (1) of paragraph RLT 135 be as follows:

- (1) That the words “That Transit be requested to change the name of the “TGM Investigation” to “Western Corridor Package Investigation” to better reflect the scope of this work” be adopted.*
- (2) That the wording of the second part, “and the continuing place of the Transmission Gully Motorway route as part of a wider regional plan” not be approved.*

- (3) *That in the light of the subsequent high cost estimate of \$830 million for TGM, the wording in (2) be sent back to the RLTC for further consideration.*

The above motion was **CARRIED** on a show of hands 7 votes in favour and 5 votes opposed.

Members noted that Transit New Zealand was looking at other options including the upgrading of the existing coastal State Highway 1 and rail and bus improvements before making a decision on Transmission Gully.

Mr Harris said Council officers were meeting shortly with Transit New Zealand to discuss the Western Corridor Package Investigation. The outcome will be reported back to Council.

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Evans)

That the report of the Meeting of the Regional Land Transport Committee held on 31 March 2004, Items RLT 130 to RLT 134 inclusive, RLT135, as amended above, and RLT 137 and RLT 138 and the recommendations contained therein, be adopted.

388 Environment –6 April 2004

Report 04.180

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Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Evans)

That the report of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held on 6 April 2004, Items E282 to E296 inclusive, and the recommendation contained therein, be adopted.

Matters for Consideration

389 Ara-Tahi – 24 March 2004

Report 04.200

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Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Shields)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

390 Questions

There were no questions.

391 **General****Harvey Norman Request to Construct a Driveway over the Stopbank at Melling and to Lease a Section of the Riverside Car park, Hutt River**

Councillor Laidlaw said Mayor J Terris had advised in writing there were complications in reaching agreement with Harvey Norman. The Landcare Committee will consider the matter at its next scheduled meeting.

Relationship between the Council and the Regional Land Transport Committee

Councillor Evans and Councillor Barr said it would be useful if officers prepared a report on the relationship between Council and the Regional Land Transport Committee.

Mr Harris confirmed officers had completed a preliminary review but any changes should be deferred until the Terms of Reference for all Committees are reviewed in anticipation of the new Council later in the year.

Mr Harris said it will be a comprehensive review and will include the impacts of the new Local Government Legislation which will apply in the next triennium.

The meeting closed at 12.50pm.

Cr M K SHIELDS
Chairperson

Date: