

Minutes of the Meeting of the Landcare Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Thursday, 4 May 2000, at 9.30am

Present

Councillors Werry (Chairperson), Bonner, Laidlaw, Long, Macaskill, McQueen, Shaw, Shields and Thomas and Messrs Gilbert and Ross

Also Present

Councillor Gibson.

Officers Present

Messrs Andrell, Annakin, Campbell, Cameron, Darroch, Ms Edwards, Ms Manley and Messrs Murphy, Paul and Wootton

Public Business

Procedural Items

LC152 **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

LC153 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

LC154 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved

(Cr Long/Cr Thomas)

That the Public and Public Excluded minutes of the meeting held on 23 March 2000, Report 00.242 and Report PE00.243, the public excluded part to remain in public excluded, be confirmed.

Matters for Recommendation

LC155 Investing in the Future: Ara Tahī Submissions

Report 00.281

File: LM/4/3/1

Resolved

(Cr Thomas/Cr Laidlaw)

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

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Thomas/Cr Laidlaw)

(2) That the Policy and Finance Committee:

- (a) agree that following consideration of the Ara Tahī submissions on the draft Long-term Financial Strategy, no adjustment be made to the proposed Landcare Operating Plans, 2000-2010 with the exception of the timing of the Whareroa Bridge replacement, to be accelerated into year 2000/01, noting the additional loan servicing costs:*
- (b) note that a number of issues raised through the iwi submissions and subsequently, are recommended as suitable for inclusion in the Iwi projects budget in the proposed Resource Policy Department Operating Plan.*

LC156 Landcare Committee Terms of Reference

Report 00.283

File: E/6/2/2

Resolved

(Cr Long/Cr Thomas)

(1) That the General Responsibilities of Standing Committees be noted.

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Long/Cr Thomas)

(2) That the Terms of Reference of the Landcare Committee, as amended, be adopted.

Matter for Decision

LC157 October 1998 Flood Damage Repair: Progress Report

Report 00.275

File: N/90/6/1

Members discussed the appropriate balance fence between willows and native plants for flood protection work. Councillor Shields requested that Elements publish a story with photographs showing where willows and native plantings had been successful in repair works.

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Bonner)

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

(2) That the additional forecast capital expenditure at Traceys on the Otaki River be noted and the reallocation of \$25,000 from the other Kapiti capital projects to fund this additional requirement, be endorsed.

Morning tea: 10.40am

Resumption: 10.50am

Councillor Gibson left after morning tea.

Matters for Information

LC158 Regional Parks Visitor Satisfaction Survey

Report 00.278

File: R/14/6/2

Mr Ross, Conservator, explained the customer satisfaction survey conducted by the Conservation Department and members agreed officers should investigate whether a similar Council-wide survey should be used by the Regional Council.

Resolved

(Cr Long/Cr Laidlaw)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC159 Regional Parks Land Purchase Reserve Fund

Report 00.277

File: R/1/1/4

Resolved

(Cr Macaskill/Cr Long)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC160 Divisional Manager's Report

Report 00.279

File: E/6/16/3

Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan, Non-structural Measures

Councillor Werry expressed concern about the potential for structures such as stopbanks erected on private land below the standards of the Floodplain Management Plan. Councillor Werry asked whether the Regional Council could stop such developments?

There were legal provisions such as the Resource Management Act and the District Planning process but members agreed the Regional Council could not stop development on private land. These issues would be progressed through the Non-structural part of the Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan.

Arbor Day

Mr Annakin highlighted that six Arbor Day events were planned, with VIP attendances. Details would appear in the Bulletin.

Councillor Thomas left at 12.30pm.

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Macaskill)

That the Divisional and Departmental reports be received and the contents noted.

LC161 **Questions**

There were no questions.

LC162 **General**

Motorised Vehicles in Regional Parks

Councillor McQueen said the Hutt City Council had recently recommended the closure of the private roads in Belmont Regional Park due to problems with vehicles in the Western hills. Councillor McQueen said there was a need for a policy for recreational users of motorised vehicles in the Hutt and asked whether there were any moves in this direction.

Ms Edwards said a meeting had been arranged with officers of the Hutt City Council and a report will be prepared for the Committee. Increased pressure for Motorised Recreation access to Council land had been noticed.

The meeting closed at 12.45pm.

COUNCILLOR R WERRY
Chairperson

Date