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THE REGIONAL COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Landcare Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Tuesday, 23 November 2004 at 11.30am

Present

Councillors Laidlaw (Chairperson), Aitken, Baber, Buchanan, Greig, Long and Mr Ross

Also Present

Councillor Evans and Councillor Turver

Officers Present

Messrs Atapattu, Darroch, Dick, Forlong, Murphy, Paul, Purves, Waititi, Phillipa Crisp, and Tina Walker

Public Business

Procedural Items

LC 01 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Buchanan)

That the apologies from Councillor Glensor and Councillor Shields be confirmed.

LC 02 Public Participation

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

Matters for Recommendation to Council

LC 03 Waiwhetu Stream Floodplain Management Study

Report 04.599

File: N/03/21/01

Funding

The report was welcomed as a constructive and valuable blueprint for the future.

Councillor Evans noted that flooding in the Waiwhetu area was primarily a local rather than a regional issue and that any flood protection work to be undertaken as an outcome of the Waiwhetu study should be largely funded locally.

Councillor Baber asked that the study clearly identify local and regional benefits so that appropriate funding decisions can be made.

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Aitken)

- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) That the proposed strategy and scope contained in the Waiwhetu Stream Floodplain Management Study (WSFMS) scoping report, including the joint study arrangements with Hutt City Council and cost sharing arrangements, be endorsed.*
- (3) That officers have taken initiatives to commence part of the Waiwhetu Stream investigations, under the Flood Protection small streams investigations programme, in this 2004/05 financial year, be noted.*
- (4) That officers be authorised to discuss with Hutt City Council the possibility of forming a joint Advisory Committee to progress the issue, including the preparation of Draft Terms of Reference for consideration by both Councils.*
- (5) That the WSFMS will require additional funding in years 2005/06 and 2006/07, assuming project completion in June 2007, be noted.*

Resolved to Recommend to Council

- (6) (a) *That the funding for the balance of the WSFMS project investigations be considered as part of Greater Wellington's 2005/06 Annual Plan updates.*
- (b) *That subject to accepting recommendation 6 (a), the Council ask Hutt City Council to confirm that it will be a WSFMS project partner on the basis outlined in the scoping report and that it will also consider the Waiwhetu Stream Floodplain Management Study investigations for inclusion as part of Hutt City Council's 2005/06 Annual Plan process.*

LC 04 Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Detailed Design for Ava Rail and Strand Park Stopbank Upgrades

Report 04.617

File: N/03/17/06

Resolved

(Cr Long/Cr Greig)

- (1) *That the report be received.*
- (2) *That the proposed new programme for completing the detailed design for the Ava Rail and Strand Park Stopbank upgrades, be noted.*

Resolved to Recommend to Council

(Cr Long/Cr Greig)

- (3) *That \$138,000 of the Strand Park stopbank design budget be brought forward to 2004/05 and 2005/06 to allow the detailed design for Strand Park to proceed earlier.*

LC 05 Isolated Works Contribution

Report 04.619

File: N/03/17/06

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Long)

- (1) *That it be agreed the full 30% contribution be made to the Te Marua Golf Club for construction of the permanent repair works adjacent to the slip site, upon supply of supporting documentation verifying their expenses.*

Resolved to Recommend to Council

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Long)

- (2) *That the Landcare Division be authorised to spend up to a further \$50,000 on Isolated Works contributions in the 2004/05 year.*
- (3) *That it be noted that the additional funding of \$50,000 required in 2004/05 can be met from departmental surpluses, including the financial savings from the sale of the Mabey Road Depot.*

Matters for Decision

LC 06 Management Plans Update

Report 04.632

File: PK/03/02/01

Resolved

(Cr Baber/Cr Aitken)

- (1) *That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) *That officers investigate a terms of reference for a sub-committee of the Landcare Committee to consider and hear submissions on the management plans for the regional parks and draft Forest Lands Plan and report to the next Landcare Committee.*

Councillors expressed a preference for the membership of the Subcommittee to be open to all members of the Landcare Committee.

LC 07 Hutt River Advisory Committee – Continuation and Draft Terms of Reference

Report 04.648

File: N/03/13/25

Resolved

(Cr Long/Cr Greig)

- (1) *That the Hutt River Advisory Committee be re-established for the 2004 - 2007 triennium.*
- (2) *That the Terms of Reference for the Hutt River Advisory Committee as set out in Attachment 1 to this Report be confirmed, subject to an amendment in Clause 7 “Membership” approving up to four elected members each from Greater Wellington Regional Council, Hutt City Council and Upper Hutt City Council.*
- (3) *That Mr Macaskill be appointed as Independent Chairperson and Councillors Laidlaw, Evans, Glensor and Greig be appointed as members of the Hutt River Advisory Committee.*
- (4) *That the other bodies to be represented be invited to forward their nominations for appointment.*

LC 08 **Committee Appointments**

Report 04.650

File: E/06/02/02

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Greig)

- (1) *That Mr Gilbert be appointed as a member of the Landcare Committee.*
- (2) *That Councillor Buchanan and Councillor Laidlaw be appointed as the Council's representatives on the East Harbour Regional Park Working Party.*
- (3) *That representatives be appointed to the following groups as follows:*

Friends of Otaki River, Mr Gilbert

Friends of Waikanae River, Mr Gilbert

Whitireia Park Board, Councillor Shields

Wellington Conservation Board, Councillor Baber

Matters for Information

LC 09 **Jim Cooke Park River Realignment – Progress Report**

Report 04.633

File: N/06/15/01

Resolved

(Cr Long/Cr Buchanan)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC 10 **Divisional Manager's Report**

Report 04.644

File: E/06/16/03

Waikanae River Floodplain Management: Haul Road on the South Bank

Councillor Turver noted that the Friends of the Waikanae River have raised concerns about the poor state of the Haul Road on the south bank. Councillor Turver further noted that people considered that the main use of the Haul Road was as a walking track and that it should be maintained accordingly. He said there was a need for a meeting with the local residents to explain the extraction works being carried out by the contractor in that area of the river.

Mr Forlong said a meeting will be arranged. Mr Forlong said he would try to arrange a visit and familiarisation tour of the Porirua and Kapiti area for Councillors before Christmas if possible.

River Management within the Waikanae River Mouth Scientific Reserve

Councillor Turver noted that a buildup of gravel in the lower part of the river could lead to flooding in homes further up the Waikanae Valley. He asked whether Mr Ross could facilitate the necessary gravel extrusions, next to and within the Scientific Reserve. Mr Ross said he would discuss with his staff the need for an agreement on the wider issues of river management and possible extraction within the Scientific Reserve as it affected the Waikanae River.

The Rimutaka Incline Walkway

Councillor Evans said that the Rotary Clubs in the Hutt Valley regarded the Rimutaka Hill Incline Walkway as an extension of the Hutt River Trail and trusted that improvements would continue on the incline Walkway. Councillor Laidlaw suggested that a representative from the Rotary Clubs be invited to brief the Committee at a subsequent meeting.

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Long)

That the report be received and the contents noted

LC 11 Questions

There were no questions.

LC 12 General

There were no matters of general business.

The meeting closed at 12.33pm.

Cr C LAIDLAW
Chairperson

Date: