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Minutes of the Meeting of the Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Thursday, 21 September 2000 at 4.40pm

Present

Councillors Shields (Acting Chairperson), Thomas and Werry (Wellington Regional Council)
Mayor Terris, Councillor Cousins (Hutt City Council)
Councillor Guppy (Upper Hutt City Council)

Officers Present

Messrs Annakin, Atapattu, Darroch, Dick, and Paul, (Wellington Regional Council)
Mr Garlick (Hutt City Council)
Mr Miller and Mr Wallach (Upper Hutt City Council)

Quorum

At 4.40pm there were still only five members present and Councillor Shields suggested the meeting commence without the quorum number of six. Business would be formalised once a quorum was established.

Public Business

Procedural Items

HRF97 Apologies

Resolved

(Cr Thomas/Mayor Terris)

That the apologies from Councillor Macaskill (Wellington Regional Council), Councillor Baird (Hutt City Council), Councillor Harris (Upper Hutt City Council) and Mr Puketapu (Te Runanganui o Taranaki Whanui ki te Upoko o Te Ika a Maui) be confirmed.

HRF98 Public Participation

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

HRF99 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Mayor Terris)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 29 June 2000 be confirmed.

Matters for Consideration

HRF100 Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Project Leader's Report

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Ava Railway Bridge

Councillor Thomas raised the prospect of a joint road/rail bridge and asked that officers include this in the list of available options. Mr Annakin undertook to brief the Committee, at the next meeting, on the developing discussions with Tranz Rail.

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Thomas)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

HRF101 Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan (HRFMP): Programme to Project Completion

Report 00.671

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Councillor Cousins arrived at 4.55pm.

Quorum

At 4.56pm members resolved as follows:

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Guppy)

That decisions taken during the informal part of the meeting be now approved.

Programme: 2001 Election Year

Mayor Terris said the Local Government elections will be held in October 2001 and asked whether the suggested adoption process in June-August could be brought back to June-July. Mr Annakin said officers will consider resequencing the programme.

District Plans

Councillor Cousins asked that there be as much co-ordination as possible with the District Planning processes. Mr Annakin and Mr Paul said the Floodplain Management Plan and the District Plans are living documents and complementary and there will be processes for ongoing inclusion and modification.

It was noted that the Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan will be effectively completed in July 2001 before the respective District Plans Non-structural Measures processes begin. However, the Non-structural Options Working Group involving officers from the Hutt City Council, the Upper Hutt City Council and the Wellington Regional Council, will have been involved in the non-structural policy process before the completion of the Management Plan. The District Plans will then be guided by the non-structural principles contained in the completed Floodplain Management Plan.

Resolved

(Mayor Terris/Cr Thomas)

- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) That the programme to Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan completion be endorsed subject to any timetable variations as a result of discussions with officers of Hutt and Upper Hutt City Councils in relation to their respective council meetings' programmes.*

HRF102 Questions

Flood Hazard Assessment.

Councillor Thomas referred to the Flood Hazard Assessment report on the Wainuiomata River which had been considered at the last meeting of the Landcare Committee. Councillor Thomas said the report had good and relevant information for the Hutt River and noted copies of the report are being referred to the Hutt and Upper Hutt City Councils.

Official Information Request: Mr Ray Torrie

Councillor Thomas noted that Mr Torrie had lodged an Official Information Request and that enquiries had not yet been completed. Councillor Thomas asked that a copy of the reply to Mr Torrie go to the Advisory Committee.

Non-structural Measures – Officers’ Working Group

Councillor Cousins asked about the timing for the officers’ discussion in the non-structural measures before the completion of the Floodplain Management Plan.

Mr Paul said the non-structural proposals will be reviewed by the officers’ Non-structural Options Working Group in late January 2001. They will then be separately presented to the Hutt and Upper Hutt City Councils in February 2001, if requested. Any feedback from these processes will be included in the “consultation draft” of the plan for final consultation over the period from March 2001 to April 2001.

There will also be consultation associated with the District Plan non-structural measures processes over the 2 years from July 2001.

HRF103 **General**

Next Meeting

The next meeting is set down for Thursday, 30 November 2000.

The meeting closed at 5.10pm.

Chairperson

Date