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Minutes of the Meeting of the Landcare Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Tuesday, 12 June 2001 at 9.30am

Present

Councillors Werry (Chairperson), Bonner, Laidlaw, Macaskill, McQueen, Shaw, Shields and Thomas, and Mr Gilbert

Also Present

Councillor Turver

Officers Present

Messrs Andrell, Ballantine, Darroch, Ms Edwards Mr Laws, Ms McLachlan, Messrs Paul and Stone

Public Business

Procedural Items

LC253 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Thomas)

That the apology from Councillor Long be confirmed.

LC254 **Public Participation**

Councillor Werry welcomed Mr Ian McArthur, Chairman, Paekakariki Community Board, who said he did not wish to speak and would observe the proceedings with interest.

LC255 Confirmation of the Minutes

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Bonner)

That the public minutes of the meeting held on 10 May 2001, Report 01.319, be confirmed.

Matter for Recommendation

LC256 Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee – 24 May 2001

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Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Macaskill/Cr Werry)

That the report of the meeting of the Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee held on 24 May 2001, Items HRF112 to HRF118, and the recommendations contained therein, be confirmed.

Councillor Werry said Landcare Division staff had made an enormous contribution to the successful completion of the public consultation process.

Matter for Decision

LC257 Access to Queen Elizabeth Park: Rainbow Court

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Financial Implications

It was agreed there was a need to improve the signage at Queen Elizabeth Park at the various points of entry and departure and the walkways within the Park.

Ms Edwards, Manager, Parks and Forests (Strategy and Marketing) said the Regional Council was taking a fresh look at signage and a new policy will evolve within the new Communications policy over the next few months.

Resolved

(Cr Thomas/Cr Shaw)

(1) *That the report be received and agree in principle with the contents, as amended.*

(2) *That the response made by officers to KCDC that WRC is likely to agree to*

inclusion of the accessway in Queen Elizabeth Park be endorsed and responsibility for maintenance of the accessway be accepted.

- (3) *That officers be asked to report back to the Landcare Committee for confirmation once KCDC has negotiated access.*

LC 258 Divisional Manager's Report

Report 01.388

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Kaitoki Hill Upgrade Pedestrian/Cyclist Linkages Across SH2 at Haywards Hill

Ms Edwards said she had received a letter from consultants for Transit New Zealand agreeing to provide linkages for pedestrians and cyclists across SH2 to access the Rimutaka Incline Walkway if the Regional Council will contribute \$70,000 to the project.

Following discussion Ms Edwards said she would prepare a report for the Policy and Finance Committee meeting on 10 July 2001.

**Parks and Forests(Operations) Department
Decommissioning Boating Pond, Wellington Road Entrance, Queen Elizabeth Park**

Resolved

(Cr Thomas /Cr Shaw)

- (1) *That the previous decision to remove the pond be endorsed.*
- (2) *That staff be asked to have urgent discussions with the Friends of Queen Elizabeth Park and the Paekakariki Community board, setting out the reasons for the decision.*
- (3) *Note that the contract documents be adjusted accordingly.*

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr McQueen)

That the report be received and its contents noted and staff be thanked for their organisation of this year's Arbor day events at Otari and Queen Elizabeth Park.

LC 259 Questions

There were no questions.

LC 260 General

Exotic Tree Planting

Councillor McQueen said that during a recent trip to the Northern Hemisphere he had noticed the successful use of exotic tree planting and native exotics in a variety of areas in both North America and Europe.

He said the Regional Council could consider the use of deciduous exotics as an occasional colourful contrast to the colours of indigenous plantation.

Mr Gilbert said while exotics had been planted successfully at forests in Hamner and Whakerewarewa, Council should be cautious in its plant selection to avoid the introduction of pests and disease.

Councillor Werry said these were good thoughts which will be considered carefully by the Regional Council in the planning for both parks and landscape planning.

The meeting closed at 11.45am.

COUNCILLOR R WERRY
Chairperson

Date