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Report of the Meeting of the Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee held in the Level 5 Committee Room, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Monday, 3 September 2001 at 4.30pm

Present

Councillors Macaskill (Chairperson), Thomas and Werry (Wellington Regional Council)
Councillors Baird and Cousins (Hutt City Council)
Councillor Harris (Upper Hutt City Council)

Officers Present

Messrs Atapattu, Cross, Darroch, Dick, Forlong, Paul, and Wilshere (Wellington Regional Council)

Public Business

Procedural Items

HRF127 Apologies

Resolved

(Cr Macaskill/Cr Cousins)

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

HRF128 Public Participation

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

HRF129 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved

(Cr Harris/Chairperson)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2001, Report 01.665, be confirmed.

Matters Arising - Paragraph HRF 124 Quorum

Members noted the suggested new quorum should be as follows:

- 2-Wellington Regional Council
- 1-Hutt City Council
- 1-Upper Hutt City Council
- 1-Iwi

Matters for Consideration

HRF130 Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan (HRFMP): Project Leader's Report

Report 01.630

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HRFMP Launch

Members noted the launch of the Plan will take place on 9 October 2001, at the Manor Park Golf Club.

There will be over 150 invited guests and the event will be a genuine opportunity to acknowledge a genuine achievement for the community in the best possible way.

Schools in the Hutt Valley have been contacted and children have been invited to write a poem about the Hutt River. The poems will be used to support the launch.

Resolved

(Cr Macaskill/Cr Thomas)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

HRF131 Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Implementation Proposed Awa to Ewen Upgrade Works

Report 01.614

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Resolved

(Cr Cousins/Cr Baird)

- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) That the recommendations in Report 01.613 to the Landcare Committee be endorsed except that recommendation (5) be amended (as underlined) to read as follows:*

Supports negotiations with Tranz Rail to reach an understanding on a “stopbank strengthening” option to cope with a 2300 cumec flood, in the event that Tranz Rail is unwilling to replace the existing bridge in the near future.

Members also agreed the following be added as recommendations (7) and (8) to the Landcare Report as follows:

Resolved

(Cr Cousins/Cr Baird)

- (1) That the Hutt City Council be advised of the joint initiative by officers of Hutt City and Wellington Regional Councils to investigate stormwater pumping at the Opahu Stream (Black Creek) outlet to the Hutt River, noting the potential advantages and cost savings that may be available to both Councils through a joint approach.*
- (2) That the Hutt City Council (Joint Upper Hutt and Hutt City Council Service Committee) be advised that the trunk sewer at the Ava Railway Crossing is at risk from erosion in relatively low flood events and that re-alignment of the sewer be considered as part of any upgrades of the trunk sewer network.*

HRF132 **Questions**

There were no questions.

HRF133 **General**

(i) Next Meeting

Members noted there could be a need for an early meeting in the new triennium to further progress issues discussed this evening.

(ii) Other Matters

Chairmanship

Councillor Thomas thanked Councillor Macaskill for his chairmanship.

Last Meeting of Triennium

Councillor Macaskill wished members electoral success in the forthcoming elections so their experience and judgement could continue to be used in the Advisory Committee.

The meeting closed at 6.25pm.

Chairperson

Date

Landcare Division – 22 November 2001

To be moved:

<p>That the report of the meeting of the Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee held on 3 September 2001, Items HRF127 to HRF133, and the recommendations contained therein, be confirmed.</p>
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