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Report 01.673

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Report of the Meeting of the Landcare Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Thursday, 6 September 2001 at 9.30am

Matters for Council Decision are shown in bold type and enclosed in a box.
Matters for Information of Council are in italic type.

Present

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

Officers Present

Messrs Andrell, Darroch, Dick, Ms Edwards, Messrs Forlong, Paul and Waititi

Public Business

Procedural Items

LC273 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Laidlaw)

That the apology from Mr Ross be confirmed.

LC274 **Public Participation**

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

LC275 Confirmation of the Minutes

Resolved

(Cr Long/Cr Laidlaw)

That the public and public excluded minutes of the meeting held on 26 July 2001, Report 01.632 and PE 01.633, be confirmed, the public excluded business to remain confidential.

Matter for Recommendation

LC276 Otaki River: Upper Rahui South Bank Erosion Report

Report 01.610

File: N/6/22/6

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Long/Cr Laidlaw)

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| <p>(1) That the report be received and the contents noted.</p> <p>(2) (a) That partial implementation of the Otaki Floodplain Management Plan, Rahui south bank river alignment works (approximate cost \$200,000) be considered as part of the 2003-2013 LTFS process.</p> <p>(b) That the six submitters to the Regional Council's 2001/02 Annual Plan of the recommendations of this report be advised.</p> |
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Matters for Decision

LC277 Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory (HRFMP): Implementation Proposed Ava to Ewen Upgrade Works

Report 01.613

File: N/3/17/3

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Macaskill)

That Council:

- (1) Notes the "risk based" design standard for the Hutt River flood protection scheme is 2300 cumecs. However, new bridges and key stopbanks, such as those in the Ava to Ewen reach, will be designed to the 2800 cumec level.*
- (2) Notes that a new bridge to meet the 2800 cumec design standard can be constructed for about \$20 million, and that Tranz Rail currently has no programme for replacing the bridge.*
- (3) Notes that a "stopbank strengthening" option to enable a 2300 cumec flood to pass through the existing bridge is feasible and will cost between \$5 and \$7 million.*

- (4) *Agrees that officers formally request Tranz Rail to construct a new bridge with Regional Council assistance.*
- (5) *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.*
- (6) *Endorse commencement of detailed design and preparation of the consent application for the Ava to Ewen reach works, on the assumption that the “stopbank strengthening” option for the Ava crossing will be confirmed.*
- (7) *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.*
- (8) *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.*

Members noted there will be a ‘Memorandum of Understanding’ with Tranz Rail and this will include Emergency Management.

LC278 Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory – 3 September 2001

Report 01.668

File: E/6/10/6

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Thomas)

That the report of the meeting of the Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee held on 3 September 2001, Items HRF127 to HRF133, be confirmed.

Matters for Information

LC279 Mangaone Stream Flood Hazard Assessment

Report 01.612

File: N/6/30/2

Resolved

(Cr Long/Cr Werry)

That Council:

- (1) *Receives the report and notes the general extent of flooding identified by the Mangaone Stream Flood Hazard Assessment.*
- (2) *Notes that refinements are to be made to the flood hazard maps.*

- (3) *Notes the Flood Protection Group's intention to consult with the community by Christmas 2001, in collaboration with the Kapiti Coast District Council.*

Community Connection

Mr Paul said the community consultation will include farming, horticulture and lifestyle issues within the framework of a sustainable drainage and floodplain plan. Councillor Turver and Mr Gilbert will be invited to participate in the consultation.

LC 280 Ranger Services Performance Indicator

Report 01.652

File: R/1/1/12

Wainuiomata/Orongorongo Ranger Security Service

Members discussed the \$30,000 reduction in the Wainuiomata/Orongorongo Ranger Security Service and Mr Forlong will confirm the cut has no negative impacts on security.

Visitation Statistics

Mr Andrell said he was reviewing public attendance measuring techniques and ways to improve the quality of the visitation statistics.

Future Policy

Members had a wide ranging discussion on future policy including:

- the need to know more about what opportunities could be explored such as windfarming?
- whether visitor policy is about creating or meeting demand?
- whether eco tourism should be encouraged.
- what is the right balance between custodial and environmental responsibility and public access.

Resolved

(Cr Thomas/Cr McQueen)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC281 Environmental Asset Management Plan Performance Indicator

Report 01.608

File: R/1/1/16

Resolved

(Cr McQueen/Cr Thomas)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC282 **Parks and Forests Asset Management Plan Performance Indicator**

Report 01.607

File: R/1/1/16

Resolved

(Cr Shaw/Cr Long)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC283 **Flood Protection Group 2000/01 Asset Monitoring Report**

Report 01.643

File: N/50/1/6, N/50/1/22

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Long)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC284 **Divisional Manager's Report**

Report 01.662

File: E/6/16/3

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Long)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC 285 **Questions**

There were no questions.

LC 286 **General**

Last Meeting of 1998-2001 Triennium

Mr Forlong thanked Councillor Werry and members for their support and then presented each member with a totara tree as a memory for their membership of the Landcare Committee during the past three years.

Councillor Werry

Councillor Werry said he had enjoyed being Chairperson of the Landcare Committee in what had been a stimulating and exciting period. The staff had been strong advocates and had worked with great enthusiasm to achieve their goals.

Councillor Shaw

Councillor Shaw thanked Councillor Werry, colleagues and staff and said he had enjoyed the creative way the Committee had deliberated during the past three years.

Councillor Macaskill

Councillor Macaskill thanked Councillor Werry and members. Councillor Macaskill also thanked Landcare staff and was especially grateful for the way they had helped him to understand issues with onsite briefings around the region.

Councillor Long

Councillor Long thanked Councillor Werry for his Chairmanship.

Mr Gilbert

Mr Gilbert said it had been a great insight to be part of the Committee and was especially pleased at the way the Friends of the River Groups had developed.

Councillor Bonner

Councillor Bonner thanked staff for the good results during the past three years and said the Council was in very good hands.

Councillor Laidlaw

Councillor Laidlaw said the Committee and staff had been centred in a creative way and he was grateful to have been part of a very interesting Committee.

Councillor Thomas

Councillor Thomas thanked Councillor Werry and the staff.

Councillor McQueen

Councillor McQueen said he had enjoyed the past six years with the Landcare Committee. The staff were professional in their approach and their sense of commitment had produced some memorable results.

The meeting closed at 12 noon.

COUNCILLOR R WERRY
Chairperson

Date

Wellington Regional Council – 27 September 2001

To be moved:

That the report of the meeting of the Landcare Committee held on 6 September 2001, Items LC273 to LC286 inclusive, be adopted.