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THE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Report 04.175

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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 March 2004 at 10.00am

Present

Councillors Laidlaw (Chairperson), Barr, Evans, Kirton, McDavitt, Shields and Thomas and Mr Gilbert

Officers Present

Messrs Ballantine, Campbell, Darroch, Dick, Forlong, Harris, Oliver, Amanda Cox and Tina Walker and Dr Crisp

Also Present

Councillor Turver

Public Business

Procedural Items

LC 174 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Thomas)

That the apology from Councillor Werry be confirmed.

LC 175 **Public Participation**

Mayor John Terris, Hutt City Council: Future Flood Protection along Waiwhetu Stream

Mayor Terris said members will be aware of the significant flooding in the Riverside Drive and Bell Road Area caused by the Waiwhetu Stream over topping its banks at the time of the flooding on 16 February 2004.

Mayor Terris urged the Landcare Committee to commission reports as a matter of urgency, as a preliminary to developing a plan for flood protection for those adversely affected by the recent flooding.

Mayor Terris also suggested the Hutt River Advisory Committee be kept informed as the programme is developed.

A copy of the representations from Mayor Terris was circulated.

Following questions Councillor Laidlaw said the matters raised by Mayor Terris will be addressed when the Committee considers Item 4, Flood Damage, Western Rivers, on the agenda for today's meeting.

Mr John Lancashire, Friends of Queen Elizabeth Park

Councillor Laidlaw welcomed Mr John Lancashire, the recently elected Chairman of the Friends of Queen Elizabeth Park and invited him to speak.

Mr Lancashire said the Friends group held its first meeting on 15 March 2004 and will meet monthly on the third Monday of every month at Paraparaumu Library. The first task will be to establish a strategic direction backed up by firm proposals for the park. The next meeting will include a presentation by Victoria Owen, Advisor, Planning and Policy.

Another important task for the Committee will be to update the list of members. There will also be planting and restoration projects for later in the year.

Councillor Laidlaw thanked Mr Lancashire for his comments noting that Greater Wellington looked forward to working closely with the Friends Group including the review of the management plan for Queen Elizabeth Park later in the year.

LC 176 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Kirton)

That the minutes of the meeting of 5 February 2004, Report 04.65, be confirmed.

Matter for Recommendation

LC 177 Flood Damage, Western Rivers – February 2004

Report 04.149

File: N/70/04/01

Waiwhetu Stream

Mr Dick said both Mayor Terris and Councillor Evans had requested that a joint officer task force be established to investigate solutions for the flooding risk posed by the Waiwhetu Stream. Mr Dick said Greater Wellington officers will be working closely with officers at the Hutt City Council as storm water flooding is also a problem in the area.

Members agreed that a report be prepared for consideration by the Landcare Committee and as there will be significant input from Hutt City Council staff there will not be a need for a joint Committee. Also this was not a matter for the Hutt River Advisory Committee as it was outside the Committee's Terms of Reference.

Resolved (Cr Shields/Cr Evans)

- (1) *That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) *That a scoping report be prepared on investigations required to look at options for reducing the flood impacts from the Waiwhetu Stream for subsequent consideration by the Committee.*

Resolved to Recommend to Policy, Finance & Strategy (Cr Shields/Cr Evans)

- (3) *That it:*
 - (a) *Approve the expenditure of \$441,200 to undertake flood damage repair work in the western rivers and streams as set out in Attachment 2 to Report 04.149.*
 - (b) *Approve funding of the \$441,200 flood damage repair expenditure by reallocating \$170,708 from existing maintenance budgets, by withdrawal of \$135,246 from the Flood Contingency Reserve and withdrawal of \$135,246 from a combination of the River Rate Reserves and invoicing the relevant Territorial Authorities under the Watercourses Agreement.*
 - (c) *Approve the expenditure of up to \$206,000 for new capital edge protection works on the lower Otaki River (to be loan funded), to be completed by 30 June 2005.*
 - (d) *Approve an increase in the Wainuiomata River maintenance budget by \$10,000.*
 - (e) *Increase the Isolated Works subsidy budget by \$9,000 for the 2004/05 year*

Matters for Decision

LC 178 **Parks and Forests Storm Damage**

Report 04.142

File: PK/01/01/11

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Barr)

- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) That an additional \$46,140 to fund Parks and Forests storm damage repairs be approved within 2003/04 general rates.*

Councillor Kirton left at 12 noon.

LC 179 **Kapiti Flood Hazard Plans – Revised Plans for Notification**

Report 04.125

File: N/10/06/01

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Evans)

- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) That the Otaki and Waikanae River revised flood hazard maps (Attachments 1 and 2) be forwarded to KCDC for their proposed District Plan, subject to any minor technical changes agreed to by the Divisional Manager, Landcare.*
- (3) That the March public meeting in Otaki be delayed until KCDC and GW reach an agreed position over the timing of the construction of the Chrystalls Extended Stopbank.*

LC 180 **Regional Park Plans: Revised Timetable**

Report 04.136

File: PK/03/02/01

Resolved

(Cr Thomas/Cr Shields)

- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) That the revised process and timelines for preparing the regional park management plans be approved.*

Matters for Information

LC 181 Hutt River Advisory Committee – 26 February 2004

Report 04.86

File: E/06/10/06

Resolved

(Cr Barr/Cr Thomas)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC 182 Transfer of Management and Control of Land Owned by Hutt City Council

Report 04.141

File: PK/12/01/08

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Barr)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC 183 Landcare Division Triple Bottom Line Summary Report

Report 04.132

File: LM/03/01/04

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Barr)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC 184 Divisional Manager's Report

Report 04.133

File: E/06/16/03

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Evans)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC 185 Questions

There were no questions.

LC 186 General

Water Course Agreements

Councillor Evans said, that with the change in weather patterns and following the recent flooding events in the Hutt Valley and Wainuiomata, it could be timely to review Greater Wellington's Water Course Agreements with the Hutt City Council.

Councillor McDavitt said there were many such agreements and if there were to be a review it should include all the Water Course Agreements across the region.

Mr Forlong said he will circulate a briefing paper through the Councillors' Bulletin and include an item on Water Course Agreements for the next meeting of the Landcare Committee.

Coastal Dune Vegetation Network 2004 Conference

Councillor Barr said his attendance at the recent Coastal Dune Vegetation Network 2004 Conference had been very worthwhile and had included visits to Island Bay, Owhiro Bay and Eastbourne. The Conference included an illuminating paper on Queen Elizabeth Park.

The meeting closed at 12.30pm.

Cr C LAIDLAW
Chairperson

Date: