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THE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Report 05.147

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Landcare Committee held in the Council Chamber, Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Tuesday, 22 March 2005 at 9.30am

Present

Councillors Laidlaw (Chairperson), Baber, Buchanan, Glensor, Greig, Long and Shields and Messrs Gilbert and Ross

Also Present

Councillor McDavitt

Officers Present

Messrs Atapattu, Dick, Forlong, Harris, Oliver, Turfrey, Waititi, and Phillipa Crisp, Margaret Meek, Fiona Shaw, Trecia Smith, and Tina Walker

Public Business

Procedural Items

LC 24 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Shields)

That the apology from Councillor Aitken, be accepted.

LC 25 Public Participation

Mr Barry Jenness, 26A Hathaway Avenue, Lower Hutt

Barry Jenness spoke in support of his written submission on flood protection for the Hathaway Avenue area. He stated that the Hathaway Avenue residents wanted Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) to speed up flood protection in the area.

He advised also that if this flood protection work was not done important facilities such as the Hutt Hospital could be affected.

Mr Rod Gillespie, Hutt Golf Club

Rod Gillespie spoke on behalf of the Hutt Golf Club regarding the impact of flooding on the course. He stated that the club wanted a stopbank to be put in place down Harcourt Werry Drive. He requested that Greater Wellington staff help with boundary planting. Rod Gillespie emphasised that the speed with which the stopbank could be put in place, and the placement of the stopbank, were important.

Dr Richard Sadlier, Friends of Belmont Regional Park (Inc)

Richard Sadlier suggested options for Greater Wellington in financing the purchase of Waitangirua farm. He stated that the Friends of Belmont Regional Park (the Friends) are very keen for Greater Wellington to acquire the farm. Dr Sadlier suggested that Greater Wellington should ask to have the farm valued as an ongoing farming operation as opposed to the highest and best use. Richard Sadlier advised that the Friends would remove its potential opposition to the establishment of a wind farm at the park if Greater Wellington purchased the farm. He advised that the Friends would want a letter of understanding from Greater Wellington to assist the Friends in this regard.

LC 26 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved

(Cr Long/Cr Shields)

That the public and public excluded Minutes of the meeting held on 8 February 2005, Report 05.118 and Report PE 05.119, be confirmed, the public excluded part to remain confidential.

Matters for Recommendation to Council

LC 27 Kaitoke Regional Park Management Plan Review

Report 05.106

File: PK/13/01/11

Resolved

(Cr Long/Cr Greig)

(1) That the report be received and the contents noted.

Resolved to Recommend to Council

(Cr Long/Cr Greig)

- (2) *That the Kaitoke Regional Park Management Plan be adopted, subject to minor technical or editorial amendments to be approved by the Committee Chair, and in accordance with section 619, Local Government Act 1974.*
- (3) *That the Kaitoke Regional Park Management Plan adopted in 1991 be revoked.*
- (4) *That Officers finalise publishing the Kaitoke Regional Park Management Plan be approved.*

Matters for Decision

LC 28 **Waiwhetu Stream Advisory Committee: Terms of Reference**

Report 05.104

File: N/03/21/01

Councillor Laidlaw suggested the following to the draft Terms of Reference:

The fifth bullet point under Heading 4 Objectives should have the following words added to it (amendment in italics):

“ensures that methods adopted to mitigate the effects of flooding consider and integrate with the Waiwhetu Stream and its environment, recognising its unique nature and the role it plays in the life of the communities. In particular a high level of integration with the existing Waiwhetu stream rehabilitation programme.”

This would provide a clearer link between the Waiwhetu floodplain study and the rehabilitation programme.

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan /Cr Shields)

- (1) *That the formation of a joint Advisory Committee to progress the Waiwhetu Stream Floodplain Management Study, which would be a subcommittee of the GWRC’s Landcare Committee, be agreed.*
- (2) *That the proposed Terms of Reference as amended, for the Waiwhetu Stream Advisory Committee (Attachment 2,) for consideration by the Advisory Committee at its first meeting, be endorsed.*
- (3) *That it be noted that the Waiwhetu Stream Advisory Committee will meet approximately quarterly and meeting dates are yet to be confirmed.*
- (4) *That it be agreed that Stuart Macaskill be appointed as the independent chair of the Waiwhetu Stream Advisory Committee.*

- (5) *That three elected members, Councillors Laidlaw, Glensor and Greig (with Councillor Evans as alternate) be appointed to the Waiwhetu Stream Advisory Committee.*

LC 29 **Hutt River Advisory Committee – 17 February 2005**

Report 05.67

File: E/06/10/06

Councillor Glensor advised that he would like officers of Greater Wellington to provide information on the possibility of bringing forward the decision making process as to the position of a stopbank at the Hathaway Avenue/Hutt Golf Club area including any resourcing and that he would like to be informed of any resource implications in doing this.

Mr Forlong suggested that council staff would provide this information in response to submissions to the Annual Plan.

Councillor Laidlaw advised that the Committee will need to explain to the parties involved that Greater Wellington does have some constraints in erecting a stopbank in the immediate future.

Resolved

(Cr Greig/Cr Laidlaw)

That the report of the Hutt River Advisory Committee meeting held on 17 February 2005, Items HRA 01 to HRA 09 inclusive, be approved.

Matters for Information

LC 30 **Divisional Manager's Report**

Report 05.130

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Councillor Glensor stated that he believed the committee should be proactive over Waitangirua farm. He stated that if Landcorp proceed as they have indicated using the land for housing is most likely which would be the least desirable option for Greater Wellington. He confirmed several options for the use of the farm land:

- single block in public ownership;
- working farm;
- wind farm;
- housing.

Councillor Shields confirmed that she would prefer the farm stays in public ownership

Councillor Buchanan stated that he and Councillor Laidlaw would be having a meeting with Conservation Minister Chris Carter next week to discuss the possibilities for future ownership of the farm. He advised that at the same time they would explore a number of other options with the view to maintaining the integrity of the regional park.

Resolved

(Cr Baber/Cr Shields)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC 31 **Questions**

There were no matters of general business.

LC 32 **General**

There were no matters of general business.

The meeting closed at 11.10 am

Cr C LAIDLAW
Chairperson

Date: