

Minutes of the Meeting of the Landcare Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Tuesday, 23 November 1999, at 11.15am

Present

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

Officers Present

Messrs Andrell, Annakin, Dick, Ms Edwards and Messrs Paul and van Dyk

Public Business

Procedural Items

LC110 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Thomas)

That the apology of Cr Laidlaw be confirmed.

LC111 **Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

LC112 Confirmation of Minutes

Cr McQueen said that he looked forward to the joint approach of the Utility Services and Landcare Divisions to review the Forest Lands and Water Collection Area Interim Management Plan.

Resolved (Cr Bonner/Cr Thomas)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 1999 (Report 99.591) be confirmed.

Matter for Recommendation

LC113 Hutt River Floodplain

Report 99.679

File: N/3/13/25

Resolved (Cr Long/Cr Shaw)

That the Landcare Committee:

- (1) *Note the express desire of the Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee, following consultation with Hutt Valley residents, for a modified Risk Based 2300 cumec Design Standard (LC99.541) for the Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan.*
- (2) *Recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee that through the Long-term Financial Strategy process, the Council considers expenditure on Floodplain Management Plan implementation for the Western Region based on an average capital works expenditure of \$2 million per annum through the life of the plans.*
- (3) *Note that for the Hutt River, the above recommendation (2) is premised on:*
 - *Completing the Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan by June 2001;*
 - *Appropriate non-structural measures are incorporated into district plans;*
 - *The need to review the Plan over time to accommodate Climate Change, and other developments in hazardscape measurement, understanding, and land use patterns generally;*
 - *Regional affordability and the intergenerational benefit of progressively enhanced flood mitigation systems, past and present.*
- (4) *Recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee that it supports the above recommendations, for community consultation through the Long-term Financial Strategy process.*

Matters for Decision

LC114 Millennium Preparation – Rural Fire District

Resolved

(Cr Long/Cr Thomas)

- (1) That the Report be received and its contents noted.*
- (2) That the Committee approves the Council's Principal Rural Fire Officer imposing a total fire ban in the Wellington Regional Council Rural Fire District between 27 December 1999 and 5 January 2000, subject to:*
 - (a) The predicted rise in the Fire Danger Rating eventuating.*
 - (b) The other rural fire authorities on the Wellington Rural Fire Co-ordinating Committee agreeing to the Fire Ban.*

LC115 KiwiWalks for the Council's Parks and Forests

Report 99.659

File: R/8/3/1

Resolved

(Cr Thomas/Mr Gilbert)

- (1) That the Committee approves the incorporation of the Hutt River Trail and Tane's Track in the KiwiWalks Programme*
- (2) That the Committee notes that further walking tracks may be suitable for inclusion in the KiwiWalks programme and authorises the Manager, Regional Parks (Strategy & Marketing) to approve the addition of these walking tracks into the programme at her discretion.*
- (3) That the Committee notes that the launch of the Wellington Regional Council's involvement in the KiwiWalks programme will be held at the Hutt River Trail on 12 February 2000.*

Matter for Information

LC116 Planting Concept Plan : Battle Hill Farm Forest Park – Western Zone

Report 99.558

File: R/3/1/2

Ross Jackson, Project Liaison Officer, and Rose Armstrong, Consultant Landscape Architect, were present for this item.

Cr Shields asked that the Wellington Regional Council be more clearly identified on regional park signage. Cr Thomas suggested that it also be made clear that the general public was welcome.

Members expressed a preference for a mix of exotic tree species. Mr Gilbert also suggested native woodlot heritage plantings.

Resolved (Cr Thomas/Cr Shaw)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

Matter for Decision

LC117 Community Tree Planting Proposal for Battle Hill Farm Forest Park

Report 99.660

File: R/3/1/6

Ross Jackson, Project Liaison Officer, was present for this item.

Members were concerned at the proposed cost per tree, and asked officers to explore a range of planting, protection and funding options within the overall proposal.

Cr McQueen left at 12.20pm.

Resolved (Cr Macaskill/Cr Shields)

That the Landcare Committee:

- (1) *Support the concept of a community tree planting programme at Battle Hill Farm Forest Park.*
- (2) *Direct officers to work through the details and costs of the programme with Porirua City Officers and interested parties, prior to reporting back to the Committee in April/May for approval to proceed with the project.*
- (3) *Approve officers applying to the New Zealand Millennium Office for funding for the scheme.*

Matters for Information

LC118 Regional Parks Commercial Concessions

Report 99.663

File: R/16/2/1

Resolved (Cr Thomas/Cr Long)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

LC119 Forest Ecosystem Monitoring : WRC Forests

Report 99.667

File: F/2/4/1

Resolved

(Cr Bonner/Cr Long)

- (1) That the report be received and its contents noted.*
- (2) That the Committee note that forest monitoring will form an integral component of Ecosystem Management Levels of Service in the Environmental Asset Plan.*

LC120 October 1998 Flood Damage Repair : Progress Report

Report 99.650

File: N/90/6/1

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Shaw)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

LC121 Divisional Manager's Report

Cr Werry noted that he and Crs Shields and Thomas would attend the Hutt City Council committee meeting to discuss the proposed Kilmister Block sale.

Report 99.652

File: E/6/16/3

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Thomas)

That the Divisional and Departmental reports be received and their contents noted.

LC122 Questions

There were no questions.

LC123 General

There were no items of general business.

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Shaw)

That the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

- (1) Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan : Property Purchase 56 Connolly Street*
- (2) Otaki Floodplain Management Plan : Chrystalls Bend Stopbank Upgrade*
- (3) Chrystalls Stopbank Upgrade : Purchase of Stage 2 Land - Williams Family Farm Limited*

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

<i>General subject of each matter to be considered:</i>	<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i>	<i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
<i>(1) Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan : Property Purchase 56 Connolly Street</i>	<i>To enable the Council to carry on negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage.</i>	<i>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist (ie. to enable the Council to carry on negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage.</i>
<i>(2) Otaki Floodplain Management Plan : Chrystalls Bend Stopbank Upgrade</i>	<i>To enable the Council to carry on negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage.</i>	<i>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist (ie. to enable the Council to carry on negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage.</i>

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This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1) (a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act of section 6 or section 7 or section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

- (1) Wellington Regional Council, Rentokil Limited*
- (2) Wellington Regional Council, Landowners party to any sale, Tenderers for Contract No. 1188*
- (3) Wellington Regional Council, Williams Family Farm Limited*

The public part of the meeting closed at 12.37pm.

Cr R Werry
Chairperson

Date