

Report 99.203

20 April 1999

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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 Tuesday, 20 April 1999 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 Ross

Officers Present

Messrs Andrell, Annakin, Cameron, Campbell, Darroch, Ms Edwards, Ms Newell and Messrs Murphy and Paul

Public Business

Procedural Items

LC44 **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

LC45 Public Participation**Mr P H Hill, Manager, Wellington Fish and Game Council**

Mr Hill said the Landcare Committee was today considering the policy for game bird hunting on the Otaki River and he would be very disappointed if the river bed was closed off for registered hunters though he acknowledged the complex land ownership and management issues.

Mr Hill said there was little public land suitable for hunting in the Wellington Fish and Game region. The Otaki river provided good hunting potential for the urban members of Wellington Fish and Game especially at the Rangiuru Estuary and Chrystals Lagoon for ducks and the south bank below State Highway 1 for pheasants.

Mr Hill said he supported option 2 as set out in the recommendations in the report on the Order Paper and his Council would very much appreciate approval for continued access. Fish and Game will co-operate and assist in any detail associated with the new policy.

Following a question and answer session Mr Werry said he would consider item 6 as the first item of business under matters for decision.

LC46 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved

(Cr Thomas/Cr Shaw)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 1999 be confirmed.

Matter for Decision**LC47 Game Bird Hunting on the Otaki River**

Report 99.167

File: N/6/21/16

Resolved

(Cr Long/Cr Bonner)

- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) That option 2, controlled game bird hunting on the Otaki River at specific locations, be approved, and that officers be requested to prepare a detailed proposal in conjunction with Fish and Game New Zealand for approval by the Committee.*
- (3) That public consultation be arranged through appropriate means to ensure that all interests are taken into account in the preparation of the proposal.*

- (4) *That Ngati Raukawa of the local Tangata Whenua are specifically consulted about the proposals for game bird hunting on the Otaki River.*

The meeting agreed the need for wide consultation but noted that any new arrangements could not be in place in time for the upcoming hunting season.

Matter for Recommendation

LC48 Proposed Disestablishment of the WRC Rural Fire District

Report 99.163

File: F/6/1/2

David Etchells, Emergency Management Officer, Upper Hutt City Council, was present for this item.

- Resolved to Recommend** **(Cr McQueen/Cr Thomas)**
- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.**
 - (2) That the Committee, as the Rural Fire Authority:**
 - (a) Recommends that Council approve in principle the disestablishment process for the WRC Rural Fire District and seeks comments from each rural fire authority affected by the proposal and the NZ Fire Service.**
 - (b) Notes that a further report will be made when responses are received.**
 - (c) Notes that the Landcare Committee will be advised of the fire protection measures in place when the new fire season commences on 1 October 1999.**

Morning tea: 10.55am

Resumption: 11.10am

Matters for Decision

LC49 Waikanae and Otaki Rivers Environmental Strategies

Report 99.141

File: N/6/11/16

Councillor Macaskill said that “a key community opportunity” existing via the Eileen Blake property. Councillor Macaskill said officers should consult with the

Kapiti Coast District Council as ideally the land should be purchased by that Council.

Resolved (Cr Bonner/Cr Thomas)

- (1) *That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) *That the Waikanae and Otaki River Environmental Strategies be adopted as guidelines for environmental enhancement work to be undertaken by the Wellington Regional Council as part of its Flood Protection activities.*
- (3) *That any request for substantive changes that arise out of Kapiti Coast District Council consideration of the strategy be reported back to the Landcare Committee for approval.*

LC50 Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee Meeting – 14 April 1999

Report 99.172

File: E/6/10/6

Resolved (Cr Macaskill/Cr Thomas)

That the report of the Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee meeting held on 14 April 1999 be received and the contents noted.

LC51 Appointment of Honorary Rangers

Report 99.174

File: R/2/3/4

Resolved (Cr Macaskill/Cr Shaw)

- (1) *That the appointment of Honorary Rangers in terms of section 47 of the Wellington Regional Water Board Act 1972 for the purpose of detecting and investigating offences within the water catchment areas of the Council, including the power to issue trespass notices to any person who has entered a catchment area without authorisation, be approved.*
- (2) *That the Manager, Regional Parks (Operations) be delegated the power to appoint persons to be Honorary Rangers, including the issuing of a warrant of authority duly authorised under the seal of the Council.*

Matters for Information

LC52 **October 1998 Flood Damage Repair: Progress Report**

Report 99.152

File: N/90/6/1

Councillor Macaskill said that the owners of the first house to be raised at Otaihanga was thrilled that the flood risk had been removed from their home and had forwarded a personal note of gratitude to the Wellington Regional Council via Councillor Turver.

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Bonner)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC53 **Waikanae Floodplain Management Plan – Kauri-Puriri Flood Mitigation Measures: Project Completion Report**

Report 99.143

File: N/6/13/2

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Macaskill)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC54 **Divisional Manager's Report**

Report 99.171

File: E/6/16/3

Councillor Shields asked that more and bigger pictograms be used in park signage.

Resolved

(Cr Thomas/Cr McQueen)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC55 **Questions**

New Public Hospital in Wellington Region

Councillor Bonner noted that Councillor Macaskill and Councillor Shields would be attending a tertiary health meeting for members of Parliament on 7 May and asked what would be discussed at the meeting.

Councillor Shields said various groups were presently gathering material for the best location for the new public hospital within the region and the meeting on 7 May 1999 would review the information. The political debate would not be held until all the studies had been completed. Councillor Shields said a summary paper should be prepared for the next meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee.

Councillor Macaskill left the meeting at 12.30pm.

LC56 General

There were no items of general business.

LC57 Exclusion of the Public

Resolved

(Cr Shaw/Cr McQueen)

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

Appointment of Kapiti Representative on the Landcare Committee

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</i>	<i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
<i>Appointment of Kapiti Representative on the Landcare Committee</i>	<i>Because of the need to carry on commercial negotiations)</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 carry on commercial negotiations).</i>

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, or 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:

Wellington Regional Council

The open part of the meeting closed at 12.31pm.

CR R WERRY
Chairperson

Date

Wellington Regional Council – 18 May 1999

To be moved:

That the report of the meeting of the Landcare Committee meeting held on 20 April 1999, Items LC44 to LC57 inclusive, and the recommendations contained therein, be adopted.