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Minutes of the Meeting of the Landcare Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Thursday, 13 July 2000, at 9.30am

Present

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

Also Present

Councillor Turver

Officers Present

Messrs Andrell, Annakin, Cameron, Cross, Darroch, Dick, Ms Edwards and Ms Manley

Public Business

Procedural Items

LC173 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Long)

That the apology from Councillor Macaskill be confirmed.

LC174 Public Participation

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

LC175 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Bonner)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 June 2000, Report 00.498, be confirmed.

Matters for Decision

LC176 Friends of the River Groups: Otaki and Waikanae

Report 00.367

File: N/6/21/21, N/6/11/21

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Thomas)

- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) That the Memoranda of Understanding between the Wellington Regional Council's Flood Protection Group and the Otaki and Waikanae Friends of the River Groups, be endorsed.*
- (3) That Mr Gilbert be appointed as the representative to each of the Otaki and Waikanae Friends of the River committees.*

LC177 Parks and Forests Marketing Strategy

Report 00.489

File: R/1/6/1

Members had a wide ranging discussion including the following:

- Was there an overall goal for Parks and Forests marketing; need to avoid “either/or” messages? (balancing fun with fitness)
- Could there be greater co-operation between groups involved in marketing recreation and tourism in the region?

- When/how will park signage be improved? Could signage be promoted on public transport? Should signage include greater inducements for park recreation?
- Links noted to the Concessions Policy and to other parts of the Council eg eco-tourism and catchment access (liaison with Iwi will be important).

Mr Annakin noted the points raised in the discussion and would report back to the Committee as the strategic direction was implemented.

Resolved

(Cr McQueen/Cr Long)

- (1) *That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) *That the marketing strategic direction for Parks and Forests be approved, as outlined in the report focusing on contributing to the Council's objectives of:*
 - *healthy people in a safe Region;*
 - *a high quality environment;*
 - *a prosperous and viable Region*
- (3) *That the broad action plan for marketing the Council's parks and forest from 2000/01 – 2002/03 as outlined in Table 1 of the report, be approved.*
- (4) *That officers will report progress against the action plan at the conclusion of each financial year, be noted.*
- (5) *That officers bring together those groups promoting similar facilities for an integrated meeting about parks.*

LC178 **Parks and Forests, Review of Concessions Policy and Charges**

Report 00.499

File: R/16/2/1

Mr Ross Corbett, Tourism Resource Consultants, was present for this item.

Following questions about the level of charges Mr Corbett said the policy compared favourably to similar policies at the Department of Conservation and the Auckland Regional Authority.

It was noted the consultation and policy documents should include a reference that costs are to be used for the further development of facilities and services in the parks, rather than profit.

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Long)

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

- (2) *That the proposed charges for services in Parks and Forests be approved for inclusion in the draft Policy for Commercial and Non-commercial Recreation and Tourism Activities on Regional Council Land and draft Information Booklet;*
- (3) *That the draft Policy for Commercial and Non-commercial Recreation and Tourism Activities on Regional Council Land and the draft Information Booklet (including charges) be approved for release for public consultation;*
- (4) *That following public consultation, officers report back to the Landcare Committee making final recommendations on the Policy for Commercial and Non-commercial Recreation and Tourism Activities on Regional Council Land, the Information Booklet, and charges, (taking into account feedback received during public consultation), for the Committee's approval.*

LC179 Landcare Division Asset Management Plans

Report 00.491

File: LM/3/1/3, R/1/1/16, N/50/1/30

Mr Annakin tabled the 6 volumes of the Flood Protection Western Rivers Asset Management Plan and 7 Volumes of the Parks and Forests Asset Management Plan.

Resolved

(Cr Thomas/Cr Bonner)

- (1) *That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) *That the Landcare Division's functional area Asset Management Plans be received.*
- (3) *That the progress made in preparing Asset Management Plans that enable asset management processes to become operational, be noted.*
- (4) *That the links between Asset Management Plans and the Long-term Financial Strategy process and that the funding gaps identified in October 1999 have been funded through the Long-term Financial Strategy process, be noted.*
- (5) *That the work outlined in the Asset Management improvement plans, be noted.*
- (6) *That Volume 4 of the Parks and Forests Asset Management Plan will substitute for the Forest Working Plan for the Natural Forest areas, be noted.*
- (7) *Congratulate the Landcare Division staff on achieving a standard of national significance in the preparation of these Asset Plans.*

LC180 **Wellington Regional Council Rural Fire District Disestablishment**

Report 00.495

File: F/6/1/2

Resolved

(Cr McQueen/Cr Shaw)

- (1) *That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) *That the Committee, as the WRC Rural Fire Authority:*
 - (a) *note the final steps to be taken towards disestablishing the WRC RFD.*
 - (b) *note that the conditions required by the NRFA are already in place or provided for and budgeted in the 2000/01 Annual Plan and 10 year LTFS.*

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr McQueen/Cr Shaw)

It was further resolved to recommend:

- (c) *that the Council confirm that it will comply with the conditions outlined by the NRFA.*

LC181 **Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan**

(1) **Presentation of Non-structural Measures**

Alistair Cross, Resource Planner, Flood Protection, gave a presentation on the Non-structural Measures Workshop Outcomes and Public Involvement.

(2) **Update on Environmental Strategy Proposals**

Mr Geoff Dick, Manager, Flood Protection Operations, said the Environmental Strategy proposals would be formally presented to the next meeting of the Landcare Committee.

(3) **Report 00.503**

File: E/6/10/6

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Laidlaw)

That the report of the meeting of the Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee held on 29 June 2000, Item HRF89 to HRF96 inclusive and the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

Matters for Information

LC182 October 1998 Flood Damage Repair: Progress Report

Report 00.482

File: N/90/6/1

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr McQueen)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC183 Forest Health Survey Results

Members noted the full report was available in the Councillors' Lounge.

Report 00.483

File: F/2/4/5

Resolved

(Cr McQueen/Cr Long)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC184 Waikanae River Gravel Analysis

Report 00.475

File: N/6/11/3

Members keen to ensure consultation with Friends of the River and Iwi.

Resolved

(Cr Bonner/Cr Llaidlaw)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC185 Divisional Manager's Report

Geoff Cameron's Departure

Councillor McQueen said Geoff Cameron had a quality knowledge of the forestry eco system and his professional skills had been of great value to the Regional Council. Councillor McQueen wished Geoff every success for the future.

Report 00.510

File: E/6/16/3

Resolved

(Cr Long/Cr McQueen)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC186 **Notice of Motion – Councillor Shaw**

Report 00.507

File: E/5/1/53

Resolved

(Cr Shaw/Cr Shields)

That the WRC assists the Friends of Maara Roa to develop practical plans for walking tracks and associated plantings for the Cannons Creek Valley below the Takapu Farm Road.

LC187 **Questions**

There were no questions.

LC188 **General**

There were no matters of general business.

LC189 **Exclusion of the Public**

Report PE 00.509

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr McQueen)

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

Educational Woodlot Plantings on Battle Hill Farm Forest Park

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>
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<i>Educational Woodlot Plantings on Battle Hill Farm Forest Park</i>	<i>To enable the Council to carry on negotiations without prejudice (including commercial and industrial 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 enable the Council to carry on negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage (including</i>
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commercial and industrial negotiations)

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 1.00pm.

COUNCILLOR R WERRY
Chairperson

Date