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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, 24 August 2000, at 9.30am

Present

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

Also Present

Councillor Gibson

Officers Present

Messrs Andrell, Annakin, Cameron, Darroch, Dick, Jackson, Purves, Paul and Wootton

Public Business

Procedural Items

LC190 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Shaw)

That the apologies from Councillor Bonner and Mr Ross be confirmed and also the apology for lateness from Mr John Gilbert, be confirmed.

LC191 Public Participation

Valerie Smith, Convenor, Friends of Belmont Regional Park

Valerie Smith said the new Western Corridor Implementation Plan included a link road between Lower Hutt and Porirua traversing Belmont Regional Park. Valerie Smith said a new road bisecting the park would seriously impact on its special character of recreation and tranquillity and that the environmental and social costs far outweigh financial gains.

A copy of Valerie Smith's representations was circulated.

Following questions Councillor Werry said the road was still only a possibility provided for in the Corridor Plan, one of several options. Residents would be consulted at the appropriate time.

LC192 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved

(Cr Shaw/Cr Thomas)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2000, Report 00.595, and the public excluded minutes, Report PE 00.596, be confirmed, the public excluded part to remain in public excluded.

Matter for Recommendation

LC193 Whitireia Park Board Membership

Report 00.631

File: R/1/15/1

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Long/Cr McQueen)

(1) That it agrees to a representative being co-opted onto the Whitireia Park Board.

(2) That it appoints Councillor Shaw as its Whitireia Park board co-opted representative

Matters for Information

LC194 Wainuiomata River Flood Hazard Assessment

Report 00.593

File: N/4/11/4

Councillor Macaskill arrived at 10.05am.

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Thomas)

- (1) That the report be received and the findings of the Wainuiomata Flood Hazard Assessment study be noted.*
- (2) That the Wainuiomata Flood Hazard Assessment summary report will be referred to the Hutt City Council, be noted.*

LC195 **October 1998 Flood Damage Repair: Progress Report**

Report 00.592

File: N/90/6/1

Resolved

(Cr McQueen/Cr Long)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC196 **Flood Protection Group 1999/00 Asset Maintenance Report**

Report 00.619

File: N/50/1/6, N/50/1/22

Resolved

(Cr Long/Cr Thomas)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC197 **Regional Parks 1999/00 Asset Maintenance Report**

Report 00.601

File: R/1/9/6

Resolved

(Cr McQueen/Cr Laidlaw)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC198 **Hutt Environmental Strategy Presentation**

Mr Clive Anstey, Consultant, gave a presentation on the Hutt Environmental Strategy.

A copy of the overheads was circulated and members noted the plan would be presented to Upper Hutt City Council on 5 September 2000 and the Hutt City Council on 6 September 2000, seeking their endorsement. The Plan would be considered for final approval by the Landcare Committee at the scheduled 16 November 2000 meeting.

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr McQueen)

That the presentation be received and the Landcare team be congratulated on their efforts to complete the Draft Environmental Strategy for the Hutt River.

Councillor Gibson left at 11.45am.

LC199 Divisional Manager's Report

Mr Annakin introduced Phillipa Crisp, the new Landcare Advisor, Environmental Stewardship.

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Long)

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

Other Matters

LC200 Questions

Western Corridor Implementation Plan

Councillor Shaw asked how the Landcare Committee would be involved in consideration of a proposed Western Corridor Implementation Plan and the possible impact on Belmont Regional Park.

Mr Annakin said the Landcare Division had representation on an in-house officers' committee, chaired by the Environment Division.

Care Groups

Councillor Shaw also asked about progress on a question he had raised in the Policy and Finance Committee about an overview role for Care Groups.

Mr Darroch said Mr Stone was examining these questions and a report will be presented in due course.

LC201 General

There were no matters of general business.

The meeting closed at 12.15pm.

COUNCILLOR R WERRY
Chairperson

Date