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Report 01.223

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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 Thursday, 29 March 2001 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 Gilbert

Also Present

Councillor Turver

Officers Present

Messrs Andrell, Annakin, Ballantine, Cross, Darroch, Dick, Susan Edwards, Anne Manley, Margaret McLachlan, and Messrs Oliver and Paul

Public Business

Procedural Items

LC233 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Laidlaw)

That the apology from Mr Ross be confirmed.

Matters for Recommendation

LC236 Kapiti Minor Watercourses – Status Report

Report 01.202

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Members discussed whether early progress could be made planning matters for the watercourses in Kapiti, especially the Waitohu and Mangaone Streams. There was a need to clarify the objectives and responsibilities of the Kapiti Coast District Council and the Regional Council. Mr Annakin stressed that projects had the link to the resources available in the Annual Plan and the Long-Term Financial Strategy. Members were keen to pursue community consultation. Members then resolved as follows:

Moved

(Cr Thomas/Cr Shaw)

That the Committee:

- (1) *Receives the report and note the contents.*
- (2) *Recommends to the Policy and Finance Committee that it:*
 - (a) *Agrees that the Council's current management of Kapiti minor watercourses requires review and that a number of broad management options are open to Council.*
 - (b) *Agrees that for the purposes of any review that the Kapiti minor watercourses be broken into five groups and that the review proceed on a group by group basis commencing with the Waimeha Stream.*
 - (c) *Notes the potential for new 'scheme plans' on the Waitohu and Mangaone streams, and that consideration for developing such scheme plans should follow completion of the programmed flood hazard assessments.*
 - (d) *Agrees that the 1991 Kapiti Coast Watercourses Agreement with the Kapiti Coast District Council should be reviewed on an on-going basis as each stream group is considered.*
 - (e) *Agrees that officers should consider the merits of setting up 'scheme consultative groups' for the Waitohu and Mangaone Streams following completion of the respective flood hazard studies.*
 - (f) *Notes that a report concluding investigations into a rating scheme for the Otaki River and its floodplain is due to be presented to the Landcare Committee by December 2001 and that this report will consider consistencies in funding of other Kapiti watercourses work.*

Amendment

(Cr McQueen/Cr Macaskill)

That the following motion be added as (2) above, with the existing (2) becoming (3), as follows:

That it be recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that it notes the major changes in land use, both rural and urban, which have caused significant changes in river/stream behaviour and will continue to do so and notes the need to consider an exacerbator/beneficiary convention in developing new management policies in this area.

CARRIED**Amendment**

(Mr Gilbert/Cr Laidlaw)

That the following motion be added as a new (3)(d) as follows:

Agrees that discussions are held with landowners including Iwi and other interested parties, to explore future options with respect to managing the Waitohu and Mangaone streams.

CARRIED

The motion as amended was then put and **CARRIED** as follows:

Resolved to Recommend**That the Committee:**

- (1) Receive the report and note the contents.**

Recommends to the Policy and Finance Committee that it:

- (2) Notes the major changes in land use, both rural and urban, which have caused significant changes in river/stream behaviour and will continue to do so and notes the need to consider an exacerbator/beneficiary convention in developing new management policies in this area.**
- (3) (a) Agrees that the Council's current management of Kapiti minor watercourses requires review and that a number of broad management options are open to Council.**
- (b) Agrees that for the purposes of any review that the Kapiti minor watercourses be broken into five groups and that the review proceed on a group by group basis commencing with the Waimeha Stream.**
- (c) Notes the potential for new 'scheme plans' on the Waitohu and Mangaone streams, and that consideration for developing such scheme plans should follow completion of the programmed flood hazard assessments.**
- (d) Agrees that discussions are held with landowners, including Iwi**

and other interested parties, to explore for the future the options with respect to managing the Waitohu and Mangaone streams.

- (e) Agrees that the 1991 Kapiti Coast Watercourses Agreement with the Kapiti Coast District Council should be reviewed on an on-going basis as each stream group is considered.
- (f) Agrees that officers should consider the merits of setting up 'scheme consultative groups' for the Waitohu and Mangaone Streams following completion of the respective flood hazard studies.
- (g) Notes that a report concluding investigations into a rating scheme for the Otaki River and its floodplain is due to be presented to the Landcare Committee by December 2001 and that this report will consider consistencies in funding of other Kapiti watercourses work.

Councillor Turver left at 11.10am.

LC237 Recreation and Tourism in WRC Parks and Forests, Policy Adoption

Report 01.205

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Resolved to Recommend

(Cr McQueen/Cr Long)

Recommends to the Policy and Finance Committee that the Council:

- (1) Agrees to the amendments to the draft policy as outlined in Attachment 3;
- (2) Adopts the "Policy for Recreation and Tourism in Wellington Regional Council Parks and Forests" as drafted for public consultation, along with the amendments proposed in Recommendation (1), as Council policy;
- (3) Agrees that the revised policy (including the revised charges) take effect from 1 July 2001;
- (4) Notes that this will replace the "Commercial Recreation and Related Services on Regional Council Lands - Concessions Policy" (January 1994) and "Charges for Services in Regional Parks" (adopted in February 1997);
- (5) Notes that Parks and Forests officers will work with Communications to publicise the changes to the current policy and charges and the reasons why (emphasising cost recovery, rather than profit and the criteria for waivers and discounts), and to advise current concessionaires of the changes likely to affect them when their contracts

come up for renewal;

- (6) Agrees that Parks and Forests officers make any typographical changes and minor amendments to ensure consistency with Recommendation (1).**

Councillor Shaw requested that officers contact Mr Taylor of the Tararua Tramping Club before the next Policy and Finance Committee meeting to discuss his concerns about the wording in the policy document.

Members noted the interest in “Green Dollars” but sought general application.

LC243 **Exclusion of the Public**

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Thomas)

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

Report Back on Land Purchase Proposal : York Bay

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>Report Back on Land Purchase Proposal : York Bay</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>

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:

Wellington Regional Council

The open part of the meeting closed at 12.55pm.

COUNCILLOR R WERRY

Chairperson

Date

Policy and Finance Committee – 19 April 2001

To be moved:

That the report of the meeting of the Landcare Committee held on 29 March 2001, Items LC233, LC 236 and LC237 and LC 243 and the recommendations contained therein, be adopted.