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Report 01.319

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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, 10 May 2001 at 9.30am

Present

Councillors Werry (Chairperson), Bonner, Long, Macaskill, Shaw, and Messrs Gilbert and Ross

Also Present

Councillors Allen and Turver

Officers Present

Messrs Andrell, Annakin, Ballantine, Bissell, Darroch, Hearfield, Laws, Margaret McLachlan, Messrs Paul and Waititi and Nola Urquhart

Public Business

Procedural Items

LC244 Apologies

Resolved

(Cr Bonner/Cr Shaw)

That the apologies from Councillors Laidlaw, McQueen, Shields and Thomas be confirmed.

Members noted that Councillor Shields was absent on other Council business at Local Government New Zealand.

LC245 Public Participation

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

LC246 Confirmation of the Minutes

Kapiti Minor Water Courses, Status Report

It was noted that the resolution under (3)(d) on Page 4 should read as follows:

*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 **and that the discussions be held this calendar year.***

Resolved

(Cr Long/Cr Shaw)

That the public and public excluded minutes of the meeting held on 29 March 2001, Report 01.298, as amended above, and Report PE01.299, be confirmed.

Matter for Recommendation

LC247 Gift of Land for Reserve – Rimutaka Hill

Report 01.290

File: R/8/2/2

Resolved

(Cr Long/Cr Shaw)

- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) That the offer of the Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand to gift to the Council 67.1317 hectares of land on the Rimutaka Hill Road (contained in CT 55A/550, CT 48C/988 & CT 48C989) be accepted subject to the Society's conditions that:*
 - (a) the land be declared a scenic reserve under Section 19(1)(a) of the Reserves Act 1977 (subject to the requirements of Section 14 of the Act);*
 - (b) if ever the land is no longer required by the Council it is to be offered back to the Society on the same basis, (ie as a gift)*
 - (c) the Society's part in the acquisition be recognised in literature produced by the Council on the reserve and that the Society, in consultation with the Regional Council, can erect a sign or plaque*

recognising the gift.

- (3) *That a letter be sent to the Forest and Bird Society, signed by the Council Chairperson, congratulating the Society for acquiring the land and gifting it to the Wellington Regional Council.*

Matter for Decision

LC248 Cleary's Road Alternative Route – Report Back

Report 01.305

File: R/2/3/3

Mr Gilbert declared an interest saying he owned property in the area and would not be voting on this item.

Resolved

(Cr Long/Cr Macaskill.)

That the Council:

- (1) *Receives the report and note the contents.*
- (2) *Notes the environmental impacts of the proposal and agrees that the impacts are acceptable and sustainable.*
- (3) *Agrees to the ARAC proposal to enhance the motorised recreational values of the Akatarawa Forest by allowing use of the existing portion of Cleary's Road, as outlined in the ARAC proposal, as a bog.*
- (4) *Notes that the proposal is a departure from existing policy and agrees to advise ARAC that the approval should not be considered as a precedent for future applications.*
- (5) *Agrees to construct an alternative road for forest management access around the bog.*
- (6) *Agrees that the work should be undertaken by professional contractors managed by Council.*
- (7) *Agrees that the work be Council funded and authorises the Manager, Parks and Forests Operations, to negotiate and finalise a contribution from ARAC.*

Signage

It was agreed that appropriate signage be erected so that other recreational users such as trampers and mountain bikers understand the terms and conditions under which ARAC are using the area.

Use Agreement

It was also agreed that Council have a written 'use' agreement with ARAC which will be used to monitor any unacceptable impacts in the area.

Morning tea: 10.20am
Resumption: 10.40am

Councillor Turver left at 10.40am.

Agenda

Councillor Werry said that with leave of the meeting he would now like to ask Mr Gilbert to speak about the 'Friends of the River Group', Waikanae. Councillor Werry said Mr Gilbert had a prior appointment and would be leaving the meeting at 11.00am.

LC 249 General

'Friends of the River Group', Waikanae

Mr Gilbert said the 'Friends of the River Group' Waikanae had now been working for 12 months and the group had settled down well. It met as a Committee approximately once every month and met last evening at the Waikanae Marae. The agenda included gravel extraction and native ferns vegetation.

There was an overall membership of 100 people and the group was now developing the terms of reference and would soon be considering registration as an incorporated society. There was a good relationship with the local Iwi.

Mr Gilbert said the Regional Council had been correct in asking the local community to take an interest in their local river and the Council's vision was now starting to take shape.

The first Annual General Meeting would take place on 13 June 2001 and Mr Gilbert concluded that members would be welcome to attend that meeting.

Following questions, Mr Gilbert left the meeting at 10.45am.

Matters for Information

LC250 Parks and Forests Marketing Strategy Update

Report 01.297

File: R/1/6/1

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Macaskill)

That the Council:

- (1) receives the report and notes the progress on the action plan for marketing the Council's parks and forest for 2000/01.*

(2) *notes the success of the Regional Outdoors programme.*

(3) *notes Parks and Forests will run another events programme during 2001/02.*

LC251 **Divisional Manager's Report**

Report 01.306

File: E/6/16/3

Resignation of Divisional Manager

Mr Annakin, Divisional Manager said that as he was attending his last meeting of the Landcare Committee to take a new position in the public sector he would like to sincerely thank members for their encouragement and support during his association with the Committee since 1995. Mr Annakin said it had been a wonderful experience working with members, the management team and staff.

Findlay Street Realignment Works

Mr Annakin said that the Wellington City Council had contacted the Regional Council about riparian management at the Findlay Street Realignment Works. This meant that the completion of the project would be delayed until the issue had been clarified. With the advent of winter this would now probably be next year.

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Macaskill)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

LC252 **Questions**

Battle Hill and Belmont Regional Park

Councillor Shaw asked whether Transit New Zealand had approached Landcare Division about roading projects relating to Battle Hill and Belmont Regional Park.

Mr Annakin said there had been no approach for Battle Hill and the Division was aware of the motorway plans for the area and expected contact from Transit New Zealand at some stage. Mr Annakin also said the Division was not aware of any proposals for Belmont Regional Park.

LC249 **General** (Contd)

Andrew Annakin's Last Meeting

Councillor Werry referred to a statement he had prepared and which he had circulated to members about Andrew Annakin, Divisional Manager who was attending his last meeting of the Landcare Division. Councillor Werry said Andrew will be missed by everyone and invited Councillor Macaskill to speak.

Councillor Macaskill said he and members had been impressed with Andrew's ability especially when he became Divisional Manager of the Landcare Division and thanked Andrew for all that he had done for the Regional Council.

Councillor Shaw said he had enjoyed Andrew's company and wished him well for the future.

The meeting closed at 11.40am.

COUNCILLOR R WERRY
Chairperson

Date