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Report 02.218

23 April 2002

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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, 23 April 2002 at 11.45am

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 Laidlaw (Chairperson), Barr, Evans, Kirton, McDavitt, Shields, Thomas, Werry and Yardley and Mr Gilbert

Officers Present

Messrs Darroch, Dick, Ms Edwards, Messrs Forlong, Paul and Waititi

Also Present

Councillors Long and Turver

Public Business

Procedural Items

LC 18 Apologies

There were no apologies.

LC 19 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved (Cr Yardley/Cr Barr)

(1) *That the minutes of the meeting of 12 February 2002 (Report 02.151), be confirmed.*

Resolved (Cr Yardley/Cr Barr)

(2) *That the minutes of the meeting of 19 February 2002 (Report 02.152), be confirmed.*

Matter for Recommendation

LC 20 Draft Wetland Action Plan 2002-2006

Report 02.198 File: ENV/5/1/13

This item will be reported separately to the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee.

Matter for Decision

LC 21 Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Report of Advisory Committee meeting held 11 April 2002

Report 02.199 File: E/6/10/6

Resolved (Cr Laidlaw/Cr Werry)

That the report of the meeting of the Hutt River Advisory Committee held 11 April 002, Items HRA 01 to HRA 07 inclusive, and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

Matters for Information

LC 22 Tunnel Gully Culvert, Pakuratahi Forest

Report 02.111 File: R/2/8/1

Resolved (Cr Yardley/Cr Barr)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC 23 **Partnerships in Wellington's Regional Parks**

Report 02.203

File: R/15/01/01

Resolved

(Cr Thomas/Cr Turver)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

Members discussed the item in the context of the recent tragedies on the Hutt River Banks and suggested that the officers investigate:

- (1) Working with Hutt City Council, Upper Hutt City Council and New Zealand Police to improve safety and security of park users.
- (2) Trimming river willows to maintain aesthetic values and improve personal security around the river banks.
- (3) The use of voluntary river wardens and how their presence could promote a good and safe environment.
- (4) Sending thank-you letters to voluntary groups who care and participate in the welfare of Regional Parks.

LC 24 **Divisional Manager's Report**

Report 02.205

File: E/6/16/3

Friends of the Waikanae River

Mr Gilbert said he will arrange for members to be invited to a future meeting of the Friends Groups.

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Thomas)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC 25 **Questions**

Parks and Forests Management Plan Reviews

Councillor Barr noted that eels were about to come into Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries Quota Management System and that concerns had been raised about the sustainability of the eel fishery. Given that the WRC had a responsibility for managing rivers, lakes and estuaries, Councillor Barr suggested that the WRC may have a role in managing eel fisheries. Councillor Barr requested that a letter be sent to the Ministry of Fisheries noting the WRC's desire to see a sustainably managed eel fishery and offering to play a role in that management. This will be referred to the Environment Committee.

LC 26 **General**

There were no matters of general business.

LC 27 **Exclusion of the Public**

Report 02.210

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Werry)

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

Purchase of Mangahanene Nos 1 & 2, Otaki River

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>Purchase of Mangahanene Nos 1 & 2, Otaki River</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 (including commercial negotiations) without prejudice or disadvantage.</i>
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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 and the Logan Whanau

The open part of the meeting closed at 12 .55pm.

Cr C LAIDLAW
Chairperson

Wellington Regional Council – 14 May 2002

To be moved:

That the report of the meeting of the Landcare Committee held on 23 April 2002, Items LC 18 and LC 19 and Items LC 21 to LC 27 inclusive, be adopted.