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THE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Report 03.655

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Landcare Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Tuesday, 7 October 2003 at 9.30am

Present

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

Officers Present

Messrs Darroch, Dick, Forlong, Harris, Jackson, Laws, Amanda Cox, Margaret McLachlan and Tina Walker

Public Business

Procedural Items

LC 147 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Barr)

That the apologies from Councillor Shields and Mr Gilbert be confirmed.

LC 148 **Public Participation**

Mr Robin Maud, Convenor, Rotary River Trail Committee

Councillor Laidlaw said that with leave of members he would like to ask Mr Jackson, Advisor Community Projects to introduce Mr Robin Maud of Hutt Rotary who wished to speak.

Mr Jackson said the Regional Council had been involved with Community Groups in a number of projects such as wetland, riparian and replanting restorations at various locations in the region including Queen Elizabeth Park, a totara grove at Te Marua, and the Hutt River Trail. Mr Maud has led the involvement of Hutt Rotary and other Rotary Clubs in the Hutt Valley in a number of co-operative ventures with the Regional Council. Mr Jackson then invited Mr Maud to speak.

Mr Maud in thanking members for the opportunity to speak, said that the Hutt Rotary Club had been involved in community projects for the past ten years. He was pleased that Hutt and other Rotary Clubs in the Hutt Valley were now involved with the Regional Council in projects such as the promotion of the Hutt River Trail. There were plans to extend the trail through Upper Hutt, over the Rimutakas and into the Wairarapa.

Mr Maud said the River Trail Committee had recently assisted with the completion of a walkway under the Waione Street Bridge on the Eastern side of the Hutt River near Seaview. This involved the building of a wooden walkway cantilevered out over the river and attached to the road bridge. This walkway had cost \$30,000 and had been jointly funded by Greater Wellington, the Hutt Rotary Clubs and Hutt City Council. Mr Maud said the teamwork had been really good and will continue with the development of the river trail walkway beyond Upper Hutt and into the Wairarapa.

Mr Maud said that as the trail improves the numbers using the walkway continues to increase each day of the week.

Councillor Laidlaw thanked Mr Maud for the very constructive collaboration now taking place in the Hutt Valley between Rotary Clubs, the Hutt City and Upper Hutt City Councils and the Regional Council.

LC 149 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Yardley)

That the minutes of the meeting of 26 August 2003, Report 03.528, be confirmed.

Matter for Decision

LC 150 **Report of the Hutt River Advisory Committee meeting held on 25 September 2003**

Report 03.557

File: E/6/10/6

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Yardley)

That the report of the Hutt River Advisory Committee meeting held on 25 September 2003, Items HRA 42 to HRA 48 inclusive, be adopted.

Matters Arising

Land Survey Immediately Adjacent to the Existing Whirinaki Stopbank near St Patrick's College

Mr Dick noted that discussions with St Patrick's College, Silverstream, were progressing.

Matters for Information

LC 151 **Parks and Forests Capital Works Programme Unbudgeted Expenditure for 2003/04**

Report 03.573

File: PK/14/01/03

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Yardley)

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

(2) That it be noted that the unbudgeted but fully funded capital expenditure of \$88,000 will occur in 2003/04 to complete the Whareroa Beach and MacKays toilet blocks.

LC 152 **Divisional Manager's Report**

Report 03.576

File: E/06/16/03

Floodplain Management Plans – Recent Event at Paekakariki

Mr Dick referred to the recent storm damage and flooding in Paekakariki and gave a summary of the rainfall readings for Kapiti Coast, the surrounding hills and Battle Hill.

Mr Dick said this was essentially a matter for the Kapiti Coast District but undertook to contact the District Council to see if there is any way in which the Regional Council can assist in the clean up after the storm.

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Barr)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC 153 **Questions**

There were no questions.

LC 154 **General**

There were no matters of general business.

LC 155 **Exclusion of the Public**

Report 03.577

File: E/6/18/2

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Barr)

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

1. *Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan (HRFMP) Contract 1223: Belmont edge protection improvements – tender acceptance.*
2. *Offer of land for addition to East Harbour Regional 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 matter</i>	<i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
<i>1. Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan (HRFMP) Contract 1223: Belmont edge protection improvements – tender acceptance</i>	<i>To enable the Council to carry on negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage.</i>	<i>That the public conduct of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists, i.e. to preserve commercial confidentiality and to enable the Council to carry on negotiations (including commercial negotiations), without prejudice or disadvantage.</i>

2. Offer of land for addition to East Harbour Regional Park

To enable the Council to carry on negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage.

That the public conduct of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists, i.e. to preserve commercial confidentiality and to enable the Council to carry on negotiations (including commercial negotiations), without prejudice or disadvantage.

These resolutions are 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:

1 & 2 Greater Wellington – The Regional Council

The open part of the meeting closed at 11.10am.

Cr C LAIDLAW
Chairperson

Date: