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Report of the Meeting of the Hutt River Advisory Committee held in the Level 5 Committee Room, The Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Thursday, 16 September 2004 at 4.30pm

Present

Mr Macaskill (Chairperson)

Councillors Laidlaw, Thomas and Werry (Greater Wellington Regional Council)

Councillors Baird, Cousins and Wallace (Hutt City Council)

Councillor Phillips (Upper Hutt City Council)

Officers Present

Messrs Atapattu, Darroch, Dick, Richards and Forlong (Greater Wellington Regional Council)

Messrs Albuquerque and Sherlock (Hutt City Council)

Public Business

Procedural Items

HRA 75 Apologies

Resolved

(Mr Macaskill/(Cr Thomas)

That the apologies from Councillor Evans, Greater Wellington Regional Council, Mayor Terris, Hutt City Council, Ms Mellish, Wellington Tenth's Trust and Mr Puketapu, Te Runanganui o Taranaki Whanui ki te Upoku o Te Ika a Maui be confirmed.

HRA 76 **Correspondence and Public Submissions**

The Chairperson said that 11 sets of correspondence and submissions had been received a few days before this afternoon's meeting and copies had been distributed to each member of the Committee.

At 4.32pm the Chairperson said he would adjourn the meeting to enable members to read the just distributed correspondence.

The Chairperson reconvened the meeting at 4.45pm and noted that members had now read the following correspondence and submissions:

- David Ronalds, 64A Owen Street, Belmont, to the Chairperson Hutt Advisory Committee dated 7 September 2004
- Fran Schollum, 10 Norfolk Street, Belmont to Tracy Berghan dated 9 September 2004
- FT Schollum and DW Schollum of 10 Norfolk Street, Belmont to Mr S Macaskill dated 11 September 2004
- Murray James Hey of 35 Norfolk Street, Belmont Domain, Lower Hutt, To whom it may concern, dated 13 September 2004
- 31 Residents of Norfolk Street, Belmont Domain, Hutt City, Submission to the Chairperson, Hutt River Advisory Committee, dated 13 September 2004
- Phil and Margaret Deeve, 15 Norfolk Street, Belmont, letter undated
- Fran Schollum of 10 Norfolk Street, dated 11 September 2004
- Edna Gluyas, 23 Norfolk Street, To whom it may concern, dated 15 September 2004
- Murray Heu, 35 Norfolk Street, Belmont Domain, Lower Hutt, To whom it may concern, dated 12 September 2004
- Colin and Tina Smith, letter to Chairperson, Hutt River Advisory Committee, dated 15 September 2004
- Colin G Smith, letter to Chairperson, Hutt River Advisory Committee, dated 15 September 2004

Resolved

(Mr Macaskill/Cr Baird)

That the correspondence be received.

HRA 77 **Public Participation**

Margaret Aitken

Margaret Aitken referred to the February 2004 flood event in which the Waiwhetu Stream caused considerable flooding in the lower part of the Hutt Valley and thought there would be an item on the agenda for today's meeting.

Mr Forlong noted that the Waiwhetu Stream was outside the Terms of Reference to this Committee. He provided an update for Committee members' information. Officers of the Hutt City Council and Greater Wellington had now completed a joint scoping report.

The appropriate Committees will consider the scoping report and its recommendations early in the new triennium.

Mr Travis Gawler, General Manager, Shandon Golf Course

Mr Gawler said he was attending the meeting to listen to the deliberations to learn how improvements might be progressed in the long term.

Edna Gluyas, 23 Norfolk Street, Belmont

Edna Gluyas referred to her memorandum that had just been considered by members dated 15 September 2004 and said there was not really much more to add other than to reinforce the comments she had made in her correspondence.

Mr Macaskill noted that removing information from the District Plan did not absolve responsibility from either Greater Wellington Regional Council or Hutt City Council to inform people of possible flood risks. Mr Macaskill said there had been a case in Christchurch confirming this view.

Tina Smith, 37 Norfolk Street, Belmont

Tina Smith said she wished to speak on behalf of the 31 signatures to the submission dated 13 September 2004 which responded to the proposals to insert changes into the Hutt City Council District Plan relating to flood risks.

Tina Smith noted that each signatory was in a one hundred percent agreement and were all very concerned with the whole situation.

Tina Smith also referred to her letter of 15 September 2004 also signed by husband Colin about their own home at 37 Norfolk Street, Belmont Domain. Tina Smith also referred to her letter dated 15 September 2004 also signed by Colin on the Norfolk Street stopbank.

Mr Macaskill said the issues raised by the Belmont Street residents in public participation correspondence and submissions would shortly be considered by the Committee under Item 4.

HRA 78 **Minutes***Resolved**(Mr Macaskill/Cr Phillips)**That the public and public excluded minutes of the meeting held on 24 June 2004, Report 04.440 and Report PE 04.441, be confirmed.***Matters for Consideration**HRA 79 **Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Progress Report on Proposed Changes to Hutt City District Council Plan****Report 04.540**

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Mr Atapattu, Project Engineer, Greater Wellington gave a presentation similar to the information he had shared with residents at a public meeting in Belmont.

Mr Albuquerque, Hutt City Council, explained the consultation process for adding changes to the Hutt City Council District Plan, repeating information he had already presented at public meetings in Hutt City.

Building Setback Line

Mr Macaskill said the professional advice before the Committee was to accept the re-naming of the erosion hazard line and to call it a **building setback line**. There were also additional changes suggested which will enable the building setback line to be moved closer to the river.

Stopbank Closure

Mr Macaskill noted that residents preferred a full stopbank with no District Plan controls. However professional advice was that there remained the potential for significant amounts of storm water to flow down Norfolk Street in a storm which could cause serious storm water runoff damage including flooding. Mr Macaskill said professional engineers advise the it would not be prudent to permanently close the gap in the stop bank.

Mr Macaskill said advice showed it was feasible to install gates/stop logs at Norfolk Street and the engineers believe this is achievable at a reasonable cost. In an emergency the work would be completed by Emergency Civil Defence staff.

District Plan Notification

Mr Macaskill also noted that while residents desired to see the District Plan controls removed it was the role and responsibility for authorities such as Greater Wellington Regional Council and the Hutt City Council to publicly advise known hazards. Professional advice noted that the proposed District Plan controls be included in the Plan.

Resolved (Cr Laidlaw/Cr Werry)

- (1) *That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) *That the actions described in this report following the consultation with residents be endorsed*

Resolved to Recommend to the Wellington Regional Council
(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Werry)

(3) That Hutt City Council should be asked to proceed with the proposed District Plan Change as specified subject to the changes proposed in this report.

Councillor Thomas dissented against the proposal not to provide a full stopbank.

Replies to Correspondence

Mr Forlong stated there would be individual replies to the correspondees and submissions and a general letter would also be included in all replies. Councillor Wallace, Councillor Baird and Councillor Cousins noted that it was very important to communicate the information back to the residents.

Mr Forlong also noted that there will be a strong effort to beautify the areas around the stopbank.

HRA 80 Hutt River Gravel Analysis Report

Report 04.542

File: N/03/09/05

Mr Dick, Manager, Flood Protection said he will check whether the Hutt River mouth is causing blockages which could negatively impact on the release of water from the Waiwhetu Stream.

Resolved (Mr Macaskill/Cr Cousins)

- (1) *That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) *That the gravel management policies contained in Section 4 above be endorsed.*

HRA 81 Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Whirinaki Crescent Stopbank Upgrade – Preliminary Design

Report 04.538

File: N/03/15/07

Mr Richards, Engineer, Greater Wellington gave a presentation.

Mr Macaskill said he was a member of the Wellington Golf Club and therefore declared an interest and would neither take part in the debate nor vote on this item.

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Baird)

- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) That the construction of a new stopbank through the Wellington Golf Club land and negotiation of the necessary agreement be endorsed.*
- (3) That the overall preliminary design and the proposed programme of work be endorsed.*

Resolved to Recommend to Wellington Regional Council

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Baird)

- (4) That the project budget be increased from \$544,000 to \$671,000 with amended cashflows as outlined.**

HRA 82 Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Project Manager's Report

Report 04.539

File: N/03/13/25

Resolved

(Cr Thomas/Cr Phillips)

- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) That reviewing Ava Bridge stopbank and Strand Park stopbank work programmes through the Annual Plan process to accommodate a possible new bridge in relation to the proposed cross valley link be endorsed.*

HRA 83 Questions

Councillor Thomas asked about a budget for the proposed improvements for the Waiwhetu Stream.

Mr Forlong said that information would be provided to Councillors in the next Councillors' Bulletin.

HRA 84 **General**

Suggested Meeting Dates 2005

Resolved

(Mr Macaskill/Cr Laidlaw)

That 24 February 2005, 30 June 2005 and 27 October 2005 be the proposed dates for the meeting of the Hutt River Advisory Subcommittee next year, subject to confirmation by Hutt city Council, Upper Hutt City Council and Greater Wellington.

Future of Subcommittee in New Triennium

Councillor Wallace said he trusted the Subcommittee will continue in the new triennium and said he had been very impressed with the professional advice from officers and the positive way the Subcommittee had conducted its business. Councillor Wallace said that Mr Macaskill's chairmanship had been extremely good and there had been major progress in implementing the Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan.

Councillor Wallace's comments were endorsed by other members of the Subcommittee.

Mr Macaskill said he would like to thank all those who had participated in the meetings which had been pleasant and constructive in achieving positive outcomes.

Mr Macaskill noted he had had a lifelong interest in the Hutt River and thanked members and officers for their participation during the past three years.

Councillor Laidlaw said the Subcommittee had worked well and was a good example of politicians from different Authorities and officers working together. The Subcommittee had a track record of constructive results and Councillor Laidlaw said he would be recommending the continuance of the Subcommittee in the new triennium.

HRA 85 **Exclusion of the Public**

Report 04.548

Resolved

(Mr Macaskill/Cr Laidlaw)

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

Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Land Acquisition Strategy

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>
<i>Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Land Acquisition Strategy</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:

The Greater Wellington Regional Council

The open part of the meeting closed at 7.25pm.

MR S A MACASKILL
Chairperson

Date

Wellington Regional Council – 28 September 2004

To be moved:

That the report of the Hutt River Advisory Committee meeting held on 16 September 2004, Items HRA 75 to HRA 85 inclusive, and the recommendations contained therein, be approved.