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THE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Report 05.118

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Landcare Committee held in the Council Chamber, Upper Hutt City Council, 838-842 Fergusson Drive, Upper Hutt on Tuesday, 8 February 2005 at 9.30am

Present

Councillors Laidlaw (Chairperson), Aitken, Baber, Buchanan, Glensor, Greig, Long and Shields and Messrs Gilbert and Ross

Also Present

Councillors Evans, Kirton and Turver

Officers Present

Messrs Atapattu, Ballantine, Campbell, Darroch, Dick, Forlong, Oliver, Waititi, and Phillipa Crisp, Catriona Robertson, Fiona Shaw, Trecia Smith, and Tina Walker

Welcome

Mayor Wayne Guppy welcomed Councillor Chris Laidlaw, Chairman, Landcare Committee, Councillors and staff to the Upper Hutt City Council. He noted that the two Councils had been developing closer linkages during the past few years. Greater Wellington was important to Upper Hutt, being the largest land owner within the boundary and having much of the responsibility for the management of the Hutt River. Mayor Guppy said he was delighted to welcome the Landcare Committee and its members and looked forward to a continuing closer working relationship in the future.

Public Business

Procedural Items

LC 13 Apologies

There were no apologies.

LC 14 Public Participation

Chris Horne and Barbara Mitcalfe

Chris Horne and Barbara Mitcalfe spoke in support of their written submission on the Kaitoke Regional Management Plan Review. They requested the Committee to consider the establishment of tramping access from Pakuratahi Forks to Frances Stream and Akatarawa road and/or an alternative potential route to Akatarawa Road as outlined on a plan circulated by Mr Horne.

Barbara Mitcalfe, Wellington Botanical Society

Barbara Mitcalfe spoke of the need to continue restoring the Te Marua bush remnant. In particular, she referred to Page 30 of the Greater Wellington publication *Managing Your Bush Block* a guide to looking after indigenous forest remnants in the Wellington region. Page 30 describes the Greater Wellington's community partnership protecting Te Marua Bush. Barbara Mitcalfe said the Botanical Society valued the partnership and trusted the existing joint management relationship will continue.

LC 15 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved

(Cr Long/Cr Greig)

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2004, Report 04.695, be confirmed.

Matters for Recommendation to Council

LC 16 Flood Damage, Western Rivers – January 2005

Report 05.24

File: N/70/04/01

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Greig)

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

Resolved to Recommend to Council

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Greig)

- (2) (a) *That the expenditure of \$1,138,500 be approved to undertake flood damage repair work in the western rivers and streams as set out in Attachment 1 to Report 05.24, to make funds available under the isolated works policy and to undertake survey and ongoing management in Kapiti.*
- (b) *That the funding of the \$1,138,500 flood damage repair expenditure be approved by reallocation of \$506,000 from the projected Flood Protection surplus, withdrawal of \$176,000 from the Flood Contingency Reserve and withdrawal of \$446,500 the River Rate Reserves and note that a private contribution of \$10,000 is proposed.*
- (c) *That the bringing forward of \$82,000 expenditure from 2005/06 (loan funded) be approved for extending the new capital edge protection works on the lower Otaki River.*
- (d) *That Council considers whether additional rates should be levied in 2005/06, as part of finalising the 2005/06 Annual Plan, to start clearing the projected reserve deficits in the Kapiti River Rate Reserve and the Flood Contingency Reserve.*
- (3) *That the Landcare Committee consider the requests from Otaihanga residents to bring forward the raising/flood proofing of up to 6 houses but defer any decision until the other options including stop banking has been considered by staff and residents and reported back to this Committee.*

Matters for Decision

LC 17 Parks and Forests Hearing Subcommittee

Report 05.3

File: PK/03/02/01

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Shields)

- (1) *That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) *That a Subcommittee be established to hear submissions on Parks and Forests Management Plans.*

- (3) *That the Terms of Reference contained within Report 05.24 for the Subcommittee be adopted.*
- (4) *That the hearing dated, 16 March 2005, to hear submissions on the Forest Lands Plan: Future Water Collection Areas, be endorsed.*

LC 18 Kaitoke Regional Park Management Plan Review

Report 05.4

File: PK/13/01/11

Trecia Smith, Advisor, Planning and Policy said officers will study the representations from Chris Horne and Barbara Mitcalfe together with the other submissions.

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Aitken)

- (1) *That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) *That the attached submissions on the Kaitoke Regional Park Draft Management Plan be considered.*
- (3) *That officers be approved to finalise the drafting of the Kaitoke Regional Park Management Plan for consideration incorporating the changes highlighted within this report for consideration at the next Landcare Committee Meeting.*

LC 19 Queen Elizabeth Park Management Plan Review Update

Report 05.8

File: PK/14/01/11

Resolved

(Cr Greig/Cr Long)

- (1) *That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) *That the key issues arising from the pre-consultation phase be noted.*
- (3) *That officers be instructed to prepare a draft QEP Management Plan.*

Matters for Information

LC 20 Divisional Manager's Report

Report 05.23

File: E/06/16/03

Responding to a comment from Councillor Turver, Mr Dick said he will report to the next Committee on gravel extraction including the scale and cost.

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Aitken)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC 21 **Exclusion of the Public**

Report 05.38

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Greig)

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

Waitangirua Farm - Matters

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>Waitangirua Farm - Matters</i>	<i>Because of the need to preserve commercial confidentiality and to enable the Council to carry on negotiations, including commercial 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 preserve commercial confidentiality and 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:

Greater Wellington Regional Council

The meeting adjourned to the public excluded part at 11.03am and reconvened at 11.15am.

LC 22 Questions

Councillor Aitken asked what progress had been made regarding Whareroa Farm since the Council meeting on 31 January 2005.

Mr Forlong said papers circulated in the Councillors' Bulletin included a request that Landcorp Limited delay the sale of Whareroa Farm. Mr Forlong said Greater Wellington had subsequently received a reply from Landcorp Limited saying that they would not delay the sale process. Councillor Buchanan and Councillor Laidlaw will meet the SOE Minister responsible for Landcorp Limited at Parliament in the afternoon following today's Landcare meeting.

LC 23 General

There were no matters of general business.

The open part of the meeting closed at 11:20 a.m.

Cr C LAIDLAW
Chairperson

Date