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HUTT CITY COUNCIL

WAIWHETU STREAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Report of a meeting held in the Wainuiomata Library & Service Centre, Queen Street, Wainuiomata

Thursday 8 February 2007 commencing at 3.30pm

PRESENT:

Mr S Macaskill (Chair)
Mr L Roberts, Waiwhetu Stream Working Group (until 5.55pm)
Cr P Glensor, GWRC
Cr S Greig, GWRC
Cr VR Jamieson, HCC
Cr RW Styles, HCC
Mayor DK Ogden

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Mr T Puketapu, Cr Laidlaw, Cr Baird, Cr Evans, Cr G Barratt, HCC

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr R Hart, Chief Executive Officer, HCC
Mr B Sherlock, Divisional Manager Utility Services, HCC
Mr G Dick, Divisional Manager Catchment Management, GWRC
Mr G Campbell, Manager Flood Protection, GWRC
Mr J Eyles, Project Manager, GWRC
Mr T Porteous, Biodiversity Co-ordinator, GWRC
Ms K Muldowney, URS New Zealand Ltd
Mr J Easter, URS New Zealand Ltd
Ms D Bush, Committee Advisor, HCC

REPORT TO COUNCIL

PUBLIC BUSINESS

Matters requiring specific consideration by Council are shown as "RECOMMENDED" while those matters which are within the Committee's power to determine are shown as "RESOLVED."

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1. APOLOGIES

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WSAC 070101

"That the apologies received from Mr T Puketapu, Cr Laidlaw, Cr Baird, Cr Evans and Cr Barratt be accepted and leave of absence be granted."

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Speaking under public comment **Ms Delores Thomas** advised the meeting that she was a property owner on the south end of Riverside Drive and had suffered substantial flood damage to her property during the flooding in 1976 and February 2004. She reported that, after consultation with other property owners in her immediate area, it appears that insurance companies are not insuring homes in that area and as a result the value of properties has reduced.

She requested the meeting to give urgent consideration to house raising those houses identified as being particularly vulnerable to further flooding.

She advised the meeting that she had personally suffered a significant financial loss as a result of the last flood.

The Chair thanked Ms Thomas for her comments and advised that officers will investigate this issue and prepare a report to the Committee on how many houses are affected and a recommendation on how to proceed from here. See Resolution (ii) of **Minute No. WSAC 070105**.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WSAC 070102

"That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2007, circulated pages WSAC R/1 – WSAC R/5, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting."

4. 2007 MEETING SCHEDULE FOR WAIWHETU STREAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RM50-15-11)

Memorandum dated 18 January 2007 by the Committee Advisor - circulated page 1.

The Committee confirmed the scheduled meeting dates for 2007.

5. WAIWHETU STREAM FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT STUDY VIABILITY OF SOURCE CONTROL (AD35-18-1 / N/03/21/01)

Report No. WSAC2007/1/1 by the Project Manager – circulated pages 2 - 17.

The Project Manager presented his report and introduced the representatives from URS to make a presentation on the Management Study of the Viability of Source Control.

Mr J Easter of URS New Zealand Limited presented the results of the investigation to the Committee.

The report considered all phases of the investigation and presented a number of options to the Committee for consideration.

It was suggested that URS New Zealand attend a Hutt City Council meeting and make this presentation as all issues pertain to Lower Hutt City. The Chair requested officers arrange this as soon as possible.

There is a tight timeframe for Hutt City Council as the District Plan is being worked on and it is important that this issue is included to ensure consistency.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WSAC 070103

"That the Committee:

- (i) receives the report and notes its contents;*
- (ii) requests Hutt City Council to investigate source control as part of the city's residential plan;*
- (iii) requests that officers from both councils establish a Working Group to further develop the source control concept and other Phase 2 items;*
- (iv) requests that further consultation be undertaken to assess community acceptance of adopting a source control regime for the Waiwhetu catchment; and*
- (v) requests that further updates on source control from the Working Group be presented to the committee at future WSAC meetings."*

6. WAIWHETU STREAM FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT STUDY: CONTAMINATED SITES REMEDIATION FUND APPLICATION: MEETING WITH MINISTRY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
(AD35-18-1 / X/23/5/13)

Report No. WSAC2007/1/2 by the Biodiversity Coordinator – circulated pages 18 – 20.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WSAC 070104

"That the Committee receives this report and notes its contents."

The Biodiversity Coordinator from Greater Wellington Regional Council updated the Committee on the progress since the application was submitted.

He advised that a meeting date of March 6 had been secured with the Minister for the Environment, Mayor Ogden and GW Chair Buchanan to progress this issue.

He also advised that there had been a meeting with officers of the MfE to discuss the funding application and that indications were that MfE would be prepared to help fund the project to 40% of the requested amount. This equated to about \$1.2 million for this financial year and a further \$1.2 million for the next financial year.

It was agreed by the Committee that precedents set by previous funding applications around the country indicated this important issue had significant reasons to be considered as a special project for funding and therefore should attract a larger amount of funding.

The Committee agreed they would contact Hon T Mallard to discuss this further and officers would proceed with further discussion with the MfE.

7. WAIWHETU STREAM FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT STUDY PROJECT MANAGER'S REPORT (AD35-18-1 / N/03/21/01)

Report No. WSAC2007/1/3 by the Project Manager – circulated pages 21 – 26.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WSAC 070105

"That the Committee:

(i) receives the report and notes its contents.

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- (ii) *Requests officers undertake work to identify the most flood prone houses and options to raise them and also to consider financial options to undertake this work."*

The Project Manager spoke to his report.

7. QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.00pm.

Mr S Macaskill

CHAIR

**CONFIRMED as a true and correct record dated
this 7th day of May 2007**