

HUTT CITY COUNCIL

WAIWHETU STREAM ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE

Report of an ordinary meeting held at the Pelorus Trust Sports House,
Hutt Park , Lower Hutt on
Monday 10 November 2009 commencing at 2.00pm

PRESENT: Cr P Lamason, GWRC (Chair)
Cr S Greig, GWRC
Cr P Glensor, GWRC
Cr R Jamieson, HCC
Cr R Styles, HCC
Mayor DK Ogden, HCC
Mr L Roberts, Waiwhetu Stream Working Group

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Mr T Puketapu and Cr I Buchanan, GWRC.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr B Sherlock, General Manager City Infrastructure, HCC
Mr G Campbell, Manager Flood Protection, GWRC
Mr J Eyles, Project Manager, GWRC
Mr W O'Donnell, Divisional Manager, Catchment Management, GWRC
Mr J Coakley, Consultant, URS
Mr R Grobecker, Engineer, Waiwhetu Stream Contract, CPG
Mr S Beddow, Contracts Manager, Brian Perry Civil
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 Subcommittee's power to determine are shown as "**RESOLVED.**"

1. APOLOGIES**RESOLVED:****Minute No. WSAS 090601**

"That the apologies received from Mr Puketapu and Cr I Buchanan be accepted and leave of absence be granted."

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. MINUTES

Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2008 – circulated pages WSAS R/1 – WSAS R/7.

RESOLVED:**Minute No. WSAS 090602**

"That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2008 – circulated pages WSAS R/1 – WSAS R/7, be confirmed as a true and correct record."

**4. WAIWHETU STREAM FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT STUDY
WAIWHETU CONSTRUCTION UPDATE (RM20-H88-1 /N/03/21/01)**

Report No. WSAS2009/6/1 by the Project Manager – circulated pages 1-6.

The Project Manager elaborated on the report. He invited members to participate in a site visit planned at the conclusion of the meeting.

He introduced Mr R Grobecker, Engineer, Waiwhetu Stream Contract, CPG and Mr S Beddow, Contracts Manager, Brian Perry Civil.

In response to a question from a member, he advised that beneficially reusing the cleanfill from the widening and deepening was preferable to paying disposal fees. He noted that Hutt City Council's Parks and Gardens Division had been approached in regard to the cleanfill, but had expressed no interest. Mayor Ogden advised that he would discuss the cleanfill issue with Council officers to explore possible options for the use of the cleanfill in the City.

Members noted that the Waste Minimisation Act (WMA) had been passed in September 2008. The WMA imposed a waste levy of \$10 per tonne on all land filled solid waste from 1 June 2009. The WMA had resulted in an unbudgeted unfavourable variance of approximately \$250,000.00 to the

cost of the project. Members noted that the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) had declined an application for a waiver as it was considered by MfE that the issue was not unexpected by the project. Mayor Ogden advised that officers had drafted a reply to MfE in relation to the declined application for a waiver.

Cr Styles expressed concern that the waste levy imposed as a result of the WMA could cause future clean-ups to cease. He advised that this issue should continue to be brought to the attention of MfE.

Mayor Ogden offered to meet the Minister for the Environment. The Chair thanked Mayor Ogden for his suggestion and advised she would investigate the offer further and confirm the next step.

In response to a suggestion from Cr Greig, the Project Manager advised that he would investigate, through the GWRC Iwi Liaison officers, the possibility of obtaining Maori funding for the work being undertaken on Maori land.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WSAS 090603

"That the Subcommittee:

- (i) receives the report; and*
- (ii) notes the contents of the report."*

**5. WAIWHETU STREAM FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT STUDY
NEXT STAGES OF THE FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PLAN
(RM20-H88-1 / N/03/21/01)**

Report No. WSAS2009/6/2 by the Project Manager - circulated pages 7-23.

The Project Manager elaborated on the report. He highlighted that there would be work required to finalise the Floodplain Management Plan before the end of the triennium.

In response to a question from a member, Mayor Ogden advised that once the Hutt City Council decision in regard to the District Plan Change 12 was finalised, officers would respond formally to the Waiwhetu Stream Advisory Subcommittee on possible changes to the Waiwhetu Stream as a result of any infill housing.

In response to a question from Mayor Ogden, the Manager Flood Protection, advised that historic information confirmed that two rounds of

consultation was required on the selected packages of options to ensure that the difficult decisions required would reflect the results of the consultation. He advised that it was expected to take two to three months to complete the two consultation cycles.

Mayor Ogden expressed concern at the length of time required for the consultations. He indicated that it was important to get the work completed.

Members requested officers to provide a report on funding and programme for the Waiwhetu Stream Floodplain Management Plan to its next meeting.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WSAS 090604

"That the Subcommittee:

- (i) receives the report;*
- (ii) notes the contents of the report;*
- (iii) requests officers to report to its next meeting on the funding options and programme for the Waiwhetu Floodplain Management Plan; and*
- (iv) endorses the next stages of the process to complete the Waiwhetu Floodplain Management Plan."*

6. WAIWHETU STREAM FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT STUDY PROJECT MANAGER'S REPORT (RM20-H88-1 / N/03/21/06)

Report No. WSAS2009/6/3 by the Project Manager – circulated pages 24-29.

In terms of Standing Order 40.10 **Mr Mike Gilbert, representing Waiwhetu Marae** was invited to participate in discussion on this item. He advised that the work being undertaken on the clean-up of the Waiwhetu Stream had been positive and congratulated the members on the work. He noted that Iwi were waiting for the completion of the project and looked forward to the fish returning to the stream. He suggested that an investigation of establishing a walkway along the stream be undertaken once the clean-up was completed.

Mayor Ogden expressed concern regarding the infrequency of the Subcommittee meetings.

The Chair requested officers to investigate the possibility of public access to the project as part of the GWRC summer programme.

In response to a question from a member, the Project Manager advised that, although it was projected that the project could be completed on budget, there was risk that the complexity of the project and unforeseen problems could put this at risk.

Mr Roberts noted that the sewage rising main under the stream may also pose a risk to the success of the project.

The Chair noted the venue for the meeting and requested that future meetings of the Sub-Committee be held at the Pelorus Trust Sportshouse.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WSAS 090605

"That the Subcommittee:

- (i) receives the report;*
- (ii) notes the proposed meeting dates for the Waiwhetu Stream Advisory Subcommittee as follows:

Wednesday 17 March, 2010
Wednesday 23 June, 2010
Wednesday 1 September, 2010;*
- (iii) requests officers to confirm the Pelorus Trust Sportshouse as the venue for the above meetings for 2010; and*
- (iv) notes the contents of the report.*

7. QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 3.00pm. Site visit followed.

Cr Prue Lamason
CHAIR

**CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 17th day of March 2010**