

Report 99.307

8 June 1999

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Report of the Meeting of the Landcare Committee held in the Committee Room, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Tuesday, 8 June 1999 at 9.30am

<p>Matters for Council Decision are shown in bold type and enclosed in a box. <i>Matters for Information of Council are in italic type</i></p>

Present

Councillors Werry (Chairperson), Bonner, Mr Gilbert, Councillors Laidlaw, Long, Macaskill, McQueen, Shaw, Shields and Thomas and Mr Ross

Also Present

Councillor Turver

Officers Present

Messrs Andrell, Annakin, Cameron, Darroch, Dick and Ms Edwards

Public Business

Procedural Items

LC58 Apologies

There were no apologies.

Councillor Werry said Councillor Macaskill would be leaving the meeting early on other Local Government business.

LC59 Public Participation

There were no members of the public who wished to participate in the meeting.

Welcome

Councillor Werry welcomed Mr Gilbert, representing the Kapiti constituency, to his first meeting and said Mr Gilbert was a very welcome member of the Committee.

LC60 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved

(Cr McQueen/Cr Long)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 April 1999 be confirmed.

Members agreed that the *KiwiWalks* item be the first item of business.

Matter for Decision**LC61 *KiwiWalks* for the Council's Parks and Forests****Report 99.219**

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Ms Natalie Baty, Active Living Programme Co-ordinator, Sport Wellington Region, spoke about *KiwiWalks*, a Hillary Commission Promotion with local Councils, and suggested ways the Regional Council could become involved with the Programme. Ms Baty noted that was the first Regional Council to be approached and there was already one walk in Wellington in Oriental Bay. Copies of walkway signage and leaflets were distributed for information. Truck signage would incorporate the WRC logo. There are minimal cost implications for Regional parks.

Following questions, Councillor Werry said walking was the most popular recreational activity in New Zealand and visitor numbers to Regional Parks suggested this. Councillor Werry thanked Ms Baty for her comments to the Committee.

Councillor Macaskill left at 9.45am.

Resolved

(Cr McQueen/Cr Thomas)

- (1) That the incorporation of appropriate Wellington Regional Council walking tracks in the *KiwiWalks* Programme be approved in principle.*
- (2) That officers be asked to report back to the Committee for specific approval once it is clear which tracks meet the *KiwiWalks* criteria.*

Matter for Recommendation

LC62 1999/2000 Annual Plan – Recommended Variations

Report 99.289

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This matter was reported separately to the Policy and Finance Committee on 22 June 1999.

Matter for Information

LC63 October 1998 Flood Damage Repair : Progress Report

Report 99.270

File: N/90/6/1

Boulcott Stopbank

Councillor Thomas sought appropriate recognition on completing this work. Mr Dick also explained the remaining potential for a land purchase.

Public Understanding

Members noted the public frequently do not understand flood damage repair work and asked whether signage could be erected at Manor Park Golf Course and on the popular Hutt River walkway to explain the projects underway.

Recreational Users Along the Hutt River

Members noted the increasing popularity of the walkways on the Hutt River and asked officers to investigate within the long term financial strategy discussions, the need for a ranger.

Waikanae River

Councillor Turver criticised the lack of communication of programmed delays for the State Highway 1 to Maple Lane Capital Works. Councillor Turver sought reassurances should there be a repeat flood event in October.

Officers agreed to keep Councillor Turver and the local community briefed on any delays in capital improvements. Mr Paul said that the original capex programme had always been ambitious; he expected work to commence in October/November this year.

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Thomas)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

Matter for Decision

Morning tea: 10.50am

Resumption: 11.05am

LC64 Findings of Akatarawa Visitor Survey

Report 99.274

File: R/2/10/2

Mr C Cosslet, Corydon Consultants was present for this item.

A copy of the consultant's report was distributed.

Cattle Grazing and Fence Breakage

Mr Gilbert noted the difficulties of managing commercial forestry and recreation interests. Members noted the fundamental tension between visitor values and plantation forestry.

Visitor Monitoring Strategy

Mr Ross said the Conservation Department could assist with visitor monitoring expertise including ways to identify numbers and types of vehicles and their users.

“Park” Status

With the increasing recreation use of the Akatarawa Forest members asked whether the forest was beginning a new phase for users. Councillor Shaw wants the Forest formally incorporated into the Regional Parks network. That should be considered further during the Long Term Financial Strategy discussions.

Members acknowledged that the Akatarawa Forest was a valuable resource region for legitimate motorised recreation.

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Laidlaw)

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

(2) That a second Akatarawa Forest Recreation User Survey be completed in two year's time.

Matters for Information (contd)

LC65 Regional Parks Visitor Satisfaction Survey

Report 99.271

File: R/2/3/4

Councillor Laidlaw asked about parallels with the Auckland Regional Council.

Resolved

(Cr Shaw/Cr Long)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

LC66 Divisional Manager's Report

Report 99.288

File: E/6/16/3

Belmont Regional Park

Members noted a meeting will be held with the local residents association on issues to do with the Cannon's Creek entrance to Belmont Park.

Ms Edwards advised that this area of the park was across Landcorp land. Entry points had been persistently vandalised in the past.

Resolved

(Cr Shaw/Cr Shields)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

LC67 Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee – 26 May 1999

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Long)

That the report be received and the information noted.

LC68 Questions

There were no questions.

LC69 General

There were no items of general business.

LC70 **Exclusion of the Public***Resolved**(Cr McQueen/Cr Shields)*

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

Chrystall's Stopbank Project : Purchase of Additional Land

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>
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<i>Chrystall's Stopbank Project : Purchase of Additional Land</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>
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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, or 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:

*Wellington Regional Council
Williams Family Farm Limited*

The open part of the meeting closed at 12.33pm.

CR R WERRY
Chairperson

Date

Wellington Regional Council – 29 June 1999

To be moved:

That the report of the meeting of the Landcare Committee meeting held on 8 June 1999, Items LC58 to LC70 inclusive, be adopted.