

Report 99.502

Minutes of the Meeting of the Landcare Committee held in the Committee Room, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Tuesday, 31 August 1999 at 9.30am

Present

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

Officers Present

Messrs Andrell, Annakin, Cameron, Dick, Ms Edwards and Messrs Paul and van Dyk

Public Business

Procedural Items

LC82 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Long)

That the apology of Cr Thomas be confirmed.

LC83 Public Participation

Paul Hughes, Wellington Resident

Mr Hughes addressed the Committee on the Regional Council's Forest Lands and Water Collection Areas Interim Management Plan. Mr Hughes tabled copies of correspondence between himself and the Council in this matter. Mr Hughes referred specifically to section 6.3(2) of the Plan, which required the Council to consider wider values before replanting logged areas.

Members noted that this issue was a responsibility of the Utility Services Committee and requested a report back through both Committees.

LC84 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Shaw)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 July 1999 (Report 99.424), including the public excluded part of the meeting (Report PE99.425), be confirmed, the public excluded part to remain public excluded.

Matters for Decision

LC85 Regional Parks, Commercial Concessions and Community Connections

Report 99.481

File: R/16/2/1

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Shields)

That officers from the Landcare and Environment Divisions, together with the Communications section, report to the Landcare Committee on ways, consistent with the Regional Council's goal of sustainable management, to support the Environmental Education Initiative by better co-ordinating the use of Regional Parks and forests (possibly using concessions) and thereby enhancing the Regional Council's profile in the community.

LC86 New Zealand Native Forests Restoration Trust Application for a Grant to Purchase Land

Report 99.455

File: R/2/11/1

Cr McQueen declared an interest in the New Zealand Native Forests Restoration Trust.

Resolved

(Cr Macaskill/Cr Shields)

That the Committee:

- (1) Acknowledge the value of the work by the New Zealand Native Forests Restoration Trust to protect indigenous forest lands.*
- (2) Decline the request by the New Zealand Native Forests Restoration Trust, at this time, seeking a grant towards the purchase of the land known as Pigeon Bush.*
- (3) Agree the Chairman advise the New Zealand Native Forests Restoration Trust of the decision not to contribute to the land purchase, and the reasons why.*
- (4) Note that further examination of the concepts and principles raised in this proposal, including the practice of covenanting, will take place within the context of the Long-term Financial Strategy.*
- (5) Request officers to report back, in the first instance to the Landcare Committee, on the specific issues raised in this paper, and on mechanisms to empower the Council in this area.*

LC87 “Pencarrow” Regional Park

Report 99.494

File: R/6/1/1

Resolved

(Cr Long/Mr Gilbert)

That the Committee:

- (1) Request advice from officers on the formal process of a name change for East Harbour Regional Park.*
- (2) Consider adopting the new name “Pencarrow Regional Park”.*

Morning tea: 10.55am

Resumption: 11.10am

LC88 Control and Management of Whitiireia Park

Report 99.482

File: R/1/15/1

Mr Ross declared an interest as Chair of the Whitiireia Park Board.

Members agreed there be a Councillor visit of Whitiireia Park.

Resolved

(Cr Shaw/Cr Shields)

That the Committee:

- (1) *Receive the report and note its contents.*
- (2) *Note the recreation, environmental and heritage Signature Values of Whitireia Park.*
- (3) *Agree that Whitireia Park has regional significance and that at some point in the future the Wellington Regional Council may be the appropriate level of government to manage the Park.*
- (4) *Agree that should the Wellington Regional Council take over Whitireia Park, then it would be appropriate to bring it up to the standards and service levels of the Regional Parks Network and that sufficient funding will need to be allocated for this purpose.*
- (5) *Request officers to model the costs for consideration through the Long-term Financial Strategy for the year commencing 2000/01*
- (6) *Note that there are still significant issues to resolve and work through with the Department of Conservation and Whitireia Park Board prior to the Council agreeing to take over the Park.*
- (7) *Agree to the process and programme of work outlined in Table 2 as a basis, should the Council agree to take over Whitireia Park.*
- (8) *Note the opportunities to contribute to key Council objectives and outcomes through maintaining and/or enhancing the values at Whitireia Park, (eg Community and Iwi Connection, Environmental Education and Communication Strategy, RPS implementation, Biodiversity).*

LC89 Hutt River Mouth Extraction : Resource Consents for the Deposition of Surplus Dredged Material

Report 99.478

File: N/3/10/1

Mr Ross asked that the monitoring results be reported back to the Committee.

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr McQueen)

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

- (2) *That the Committee endorses the “good neighbour” initiatives recommended in Section 8 of this report, and notes that no special additional funding for this work is sought at this stage.*
- (3) *That the “good neighbour” initiatives, endorsed by the Committee in (2) above, be communicated to the relevant Petone Beach and Hikoikoi Reserve interest groups, and the Petone Community in general.*

LC90 October 1998 Flood Damage Repair : Progress Report

Report 99.462

File: N/90/6/1

Resolved

(Cr Shaw/Cr Laidlaw)

That the Committee:

- (1) *Receive this report and note its contents.*
- (2) *Support the increase in expenditure, from \$105,000 to \$215,000, to construct more permanent rock groynes at Owen Street. The revised work is consistent with recommendations from the Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan investigations. Increased costs will be accommodated from within the existing flood damage repair and maintenance budgets.*

Matters for Information

LC91 Possum Control Operation : Wainuiomata and Orongorongo Water Collection Areas

Report 99.459

File: B/10/1/1, F/2/4/8

Resolved

(Cr Long/Cr Shaw)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

LC92 1998/99 Regional Parks Capex Projects

Report 99.445

File: R/8/2/3

Cr Shields asked that any press release also be sent to the *Kapiti Observer*.

Resolved

(Cr Shaw/Cr Long)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

LC93 **Divisional Manager's Report**

Report 99.493

File: E/6/16/3

Cr Shields requested a presentation from officers on the millennium community planting project at Battle Hill Farm Forest Park, and noted the possibility of a similar project at Cannons Creek.

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Shaw)

That the Divisional and Departmental reports be received and their contents noted.

LC94 **Questions**

There were no questions.

LC95 **General**

There were no items of general business.

The meeting closed at 12.33pm.

Cr R Werry
Chairperson

Date