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Minutes of the Meeting of the Landcare Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Thursday, 16 November 2000, at 9.30am

Present

Councillors Werry (Chairperson), Bonner, Long, Macaskill, Shaw, Shields and Thomas and Messrs Gilbert and Ross

Officers Present

Messrs Andrell, Annakin, Darroch, Dick, Susan Edwards and Mr McLean.

Public Business

Procedural Items

LC202 Apologies

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Bonner)

That the apologies from Councillors Laidlaw and McQueen be confirmed.

LC203 Public Participation

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

LC204 Confirmation of Minutes*Resolved**(Cr Long/Cr Shields)*

That the minutes of the meeting held on 24 August 2000, Report 00.693, be confirmed.

Matters for Decision**LC205 October 2000 Flood Damage – Western Rivers****Report 00.788**

File: N/70/4/1

*Resolved**(Cr Long/Cr Shields)*

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

*Resolved to Recommend**(Cr Long/Cr Shields)*

- (2) (a) That the expenditure of up to \$554,570 in the current 2000/01 financial year to undertake flood damage repair work in the Hutt, Otaki and Waikanae Rivers and the Waitohu Stream, be approved.*
- (b) That funding of the \$554,570 flood damage repair expenditure in 2000/01 by reallocating \$206,650 from existing maintenance budgets, and by withdrawal of up to \$173,960 from the Flood Contingency Fund and up to \$173,960 from River Rate Reserves, be approved.*
- (c) That the funding of flood damage repairs will not impact on the level of Regional rates unless the current level of reserve contributions are increased, be noted.*
- (d) That expenditure of \$480,000 on new capital improvement works on the lower Otaki River in the current 2000/01 year, an increase of \$410,000 on the existing capital budget, be approved.*
- (e) That funding of the \$480,000 capital improvement works on the lower Otaki River by a combination of the current 2000/01 capital budget – \$70,000, and by bringing forward \$410,000 of capital budget from years 2001/02 to 2003/04 in the current Flood Protection Operating Plan, be approved.*
- (f) That the impact on Regional rates of accelerating capital improvement works into the 2000/01 year will be reviewed by the Committee as part of the 2001/02 business planning process, be noted.*

LC206 Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Environmental Strategy

Report 00.780

File: N/3/13/16, N/3/13/25

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Thomas)

- (1) That the primacy of the flood defence system is to be ensured by the inclusion of clear policies in the Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan, be noted.*
- (2) That Hutt City Council and Upper Hutt City Council have endorsed the Hutt River Environmental Strategy, be noted.*
- (3) That the Hutt River Environmental Strategy, noting that the Flood Protection Group requires flexibility to carry out minor editing and layout changes as part of the publishing process, be adopted.*
- (4) In noting the endorsement of the Environmental Strategy by the Hutt City Council and the Upper Hutt City Council members congratulate all staff involved in bringing these planning processes to a satisfactory conclusion*

Matters for Information

LC207 October 1998 Flood Damage Repairs : Final Report

Report 00.787

File: N/90/6/1

Resolved

(Cr Bonner/Cr Shields)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC208 October 2000 Flood Damages: Parks and Forests

Report 00.789

File: R/1/9/6

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Werry)

- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) That any additional funding requirements will be put forward for consideration by the Council as part of the Six Month Review process, be noted.*
- (3) That officers report on the need for an appropriate storm damages contingency fund for parks and forests.*

Risk Profile

Responding to a question from Mr Gilbert, Mr Annakin said the parks and forests storm contingency would be considered when officers review the Flood Contingency Fund, shortly.

Mr Gilbert also suggested that any consideration of a contingency fund for Parks and Forest be considered as part of the Regional Council's total risk profile.

LC209 Waikanae River Gravel Extraction Review

Report 00.785

File: N/6/11/3

Mr Ross stressed that the consideration of environmental impacts include the Scientific Reserve. Mr Gilbert believed that noise was also an important consideration.

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Shields)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC210 Otaki River Mouth Estuary

Report 00.779

File: N/6/21/16

Site Visit

Members noted a site visit to Otaki River mouth lagoon could be arranged later in the process.

Friends of the River

Mr Gilbert commended the Estuary report and members noted it would be included on the agenda for the next Friends of the River meeting.

Resolved

(Cr Bonner/Cr Shaw)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC211 Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee – 21 September 2000

Report 00.708

File: E/6/10/6

Resolved

(Crs Shields/Cr Werry)

That the report of the meeting of the Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee held on 21 September 2000, Items HRF97 to HRF103 inclusive, be received.

Councillor Thomas left at 11.00am.

LC212 Divisional Manager's Report

Report 00.793

File: E/6/16/3

Discovering Wellington's Regional Parks

A copy of a new publication about Wellington's regional parks, in the November edition of Forest and Bird, was distributed.

Councillor Shaw asked for more information on playgrounds in Regional Parks and the relevant public safety regulations.

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Shaw)

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

Other Matters

LC213 Questions

There were no questions.

LC214 General

Wellington City Council Flood Protection Cost Allocation

Councillor Werry reported that he and Mr Allard, Corporate Advisory Services Manager, had attended, on 25 October 2000, a meeting of the Finance and Corporate Committee Wellington City Council about Flood Protection Cost Allocation for Wellington ratepayers.

Councillor Werry said he and Mr Allard had explained how Wellington residents were included in the consultation process about flood protection cost allocation through the LTFS process.

LC215 Exclusion of the Public

Report PE 00.791

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Shields)

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

Land Purchase Proposal: York Bay

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>Land Purchase Proposal: York Bay</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

The open part of the meeting closed at 11.40am.

COUNCILLOR R WERRY
Chairperson

Date