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Report of the Meeting of the Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Thursday, 25 May 2000 at 4.30pm

Present

Councillors Macaskill (Chairperson), Thomas and Werry (Wellington Regional Council)

Mayor Terris, Councillor Baird and Councillor Cousins (Hutt City Council)

Councillor Guppy and Councillor Harris

Mr Puketapu (Te Runanganui o Taranaki Whanui ki te Upoko o Te Ika a Maui)

Officers Present

Messrs Annakin, Atapattu, Cross, Darroch, Ms Newell, Messrs Paul and Wilshere, (Wellington Regional Council)

Mr Garlick (Hutt City Council)

Mr Miller (Upper Hutt City Council)

Apologies

Mayor Kirton, (Upper Hutt City Council)

Mrs Mellish (Wellington Tenth Trust)

Public Business

Procedural Items

HRF82 Apologies

Resolved

(Cr Macaskill/Cr Werry)

That the apologies from Councillor Kirton and Mrs Mellish, and the apology for lateness from Mr Puketapu, be confirmed.

HRF83 Public Participation

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

HRF84 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved

(Cr Macaskill/Cr Werry)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 25 May 2000 be confirmed.

Matters Arising

Councillor Macaskill said information on the Design Standard funding options had been distributed to Advisory Committee members before it had been made generally available for LTFS consultation.

Councillor Macaskill referred to Mayor Terris' request to discuss the Chairmanship. Mayor Terris said that Councillor Macaskill had handled the chairmanship of the Committee in an admirable and effective way and thanked Councillor Macaskill for his style of management. Mayor Terris offered his continuing support.

Matters for Consideration

HRF85 Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Project Leader's Report

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Resolved

(Cr Macaskill/Cr Baird)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

HRF86 Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Environmental Strategy Update**Report 00.326**

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Mr Puketapu arrived at 4.55pm.

Implementation and Management

Mayor Terris said it was important that the group responsible for the implementation of the environmental strategy was politically accountable to the Wellington Regional Council.

Members discussed the benefits of establishing a 'Friends of the River' group similar to the group working for the Waikanae and Otaki rivers. Councillor Harris suggested that schools and Probis groups should also be involved.

Other groups such as the Forest and Bird and other volunteer groups in the community should also be included.

Mayor Terris noted important links with Hutt City for a heritage trail.

Wellington Regional Council Presentations on Environmental Strategy

It was agreed by the meeting that officers should co-ordinate with the Upper Hutt and Hutt City Councils a programme to present the environmental strategy to various community groups surrounding the river. It was also agreed a presentation be given to both authorities.

River Ranger

Councillor Macaskill sought the views of the meeting on the proposed River Ranger. There was general support.

Mayor Terris said it would be useful to investigate honorary rangers for the river. The Hutt City Council said that such a scheme was working well at Pencarrow.

Mr Puketapu said that his Runanga was currently involved in the establishment of a fishing officer and said the exercise had some valuable applications for the wider environmental strategy.

Priorities

Councillor Cousins queried the attention given to the western vs. the eastern bank. A proposal for a Bridle Trail from the Titahi Bay Pony Club was also noted.

Councillor Baird said that given budgetary constraints it was important at an early stage, to complete works such as attractive signage and interesting plantings in prominent places. These would have a very positive impact on recreational users.

Mayor Terris apologised for his early departure at 5.30pm as he had to attend an important civic function.

Resolved

(Cr Macaskill/Cr Guppy)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

HRF87 Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Non-structural Measures Workshop Outcomes and Public Involvement

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Civil Defence

Members asked that urgent civil defence arrangements be in place for any river emergencies. Officers agreed to investigate the degree of preparedness.

It was also noted by the meeting that the Environmental Committee at a recent meeting when discussing civil defence matters, asked that officers ask Territorial Authorities for information about the number and location of trained Emergency Management community volunteers. This information is to be used to gauge the degree of preparedness across the Region.

Members asked for a review of priority for the Bridge Road works, within the 10 year LTFS.

Resolved

(Cr Cousins/Cr Guppy)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

HRF88 General

Councillor Thomas

Following a comment from a ratepayer, Councillor Thomas asked that mailouts be completed as economically as possible.

Next Meeting

The next meeting was set down for Wednesday 29 July 2000.

The meeting closed at 6.20pm

Chairperson

Date

Landcare Committee – 13 June 2000-05-29

To be moved:

That the report of the meeting of the Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee held on 13 March 2000, Item HRD82 to HRD88 inclusive, be received.
