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Report 01.217

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Report of the Meeting of the Landcare Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Thursday, 29 March 2001 at 9.30am

Matters for Council Decision are shown in bold type and enclosed in a box.

Matters for Information of Council are in italic type.

Present

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

Also Present

Councillor Turver.

Officers Present

Messrs Andrell, Annakin, Ballantine, Cross, Darroch, Dick, Anne Manley, Margaret McLachlan, Oliver, Paul,

Public Business

Procedural Items

LC233 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Laidlaw)

That the apology from Mr Ross be confirmed.

LC234 Public Participation

Mr M Taylor, Tararua Tramping Club

Mr Taylor said he was pleased that non-commercial groups will not be getting different treatment than commercial organisations but he was concerned the comments in the analysis had not been changed to reflect this. Mr Taylor also requested there be a clear distinction between profit and private gain as it applied to commercial and non-commercial groups. He was also concerned that the level of discretion given to WRC Managers was not well described in the policy document.

Mr Kevin Wharfe, Farmer, Belmont

Mr Wharfe said he owned a farm adjacent to Belmont Regional Park. Mr Wharfe said he had recently attended a meeting in Porirua called by the 'Friends of Belmont Regional Park'. As a result of comments at the meeting he was concerned about the future plans for the Park and the impact it would have on his ability to farm.

Mr Wharfe was advised the Terms of Reference for the 'Friends of Belmont Regional Park' were still in the formative stage; members were keen to see more Porirua participation. These will be endorsed by the Landcare Committee. The Regional Council will continue to be responsible for the Park and will ensure the rights of adjacent land owners are protected.

LC235 Confirmation of the Minutes

Resolved

(Cr Werry /Cr Thomas)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 February 2001, Report 01.122, and the Special meeting held on 21 February 2001 ,Report 01.179, be confirmed.

Matters for Recommendation

LC236 Kapiti Minor Watercourses – Status Report

Report 01.202

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This item will be reported separately to the Policy and Finance Committee on 19 April 2001.

Councillor Turver left at 11.10am.

LC237 Recreation and Tourism in WRC Parks and Forests, Policy Adoption

Report 01.205

File: R/16/2/1

This item will be reported separately to the Policy and Finance Committee on 19 April 2001.

Matter for Decision

LC238 Whitireia Park: Five-Year Maintenance Work Programme

Report 01.206

File: R/1/15/1

Resolved

(Cr Macaskill/Cr Long)

That Council:

- (1) Receive the report.*
- (2) Endorse the five-year maintenance programme for Whitireia Park for consideration by the Whitireia Park Board.*
- (3) Request Officers to report annually on the implementation of the Whitireia Park maintenance programme.*

It was agreed that Mr Annakin, Divisional Manager, discuss a timely implementation of the maintenance programme with the Department of Conservation and if necessary arrange an early meeting of the Whitireia Park Board.

Matters for Information

LC239 Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan

(1) Report of Advisory Committee Meeting – 8 March 2001

Report 01.150

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Councillor Bonner left at 12.00pm.

Moved

(Cr Macaskill/Cr Thomas)

That the Committee confirm the report of the meeting of the Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee held on 8 March 2001, Items HRF 104 to HRF 111, and the recommendations contained therein.

It was agreed that the above motion would lie on the table until the completion of the presentations.

(2) Consultative Draft Presentation

Councillor Shields left at 12.25pm.

Mr Cross, Resource Planner, gave a presentation on the Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan Consultation Draft. Members complimented the Flood Protection staff on the quality of the planning work. The Hutt River is a significant regional asset and all Council divisions had a role; media releases should reflect this.

Resolved (Chairperson/Cr Werry)

That the information be received.

(3) Environmental Strategy Update

Mr Cross also gave a presentation on the Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan Environmental Strategy.

Resolved (Cr Macaskill/Cr McQueen)

That the information be received.

(1) Report of Advisory Committee Meeting (Continued)

The motion:

That the Committee confirm the report of the meeting of the Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee held on 8 March 2001, Items HRF 104 to HRF 111, and the recommendations contained therein

was then put and **CARRIED**.

LC240 Divisional Manager's Report

Report 01.207

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Councillor Laidlaw left at 12.45pm.

Resolved (Cr Long/Cr Thomas)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

LC241 Questions

Cleary's Road, Akatarawa Forest

In reply to a question from Councillor Long, Mr Annakin said that following further discussions with the Akatarawa Action Committee (ARAC) a report on the Cleary's Road alternative route will be presented to the next meeting of the Committee.

Drought

Councillor Thomas asked what impact the drought may be now having on the parks and forests.

Mr Andrell said there will be a long term stress problem for trees and a negative impact on plant regeneration.

Public Utilities and Rating

Councillor Shaw referred to recent Select Committee Hearings on the Electricity Act and asked whether the Regional Council should list the Public Utilities using our lands and examine whether the Regional Council could earn any additional revenue from these utilities.

Councillor Macaskill said many of the Public Utilities had protected occupancy and it would not be wise to pursue such a course at this time.

LC242 General

There were no matters of general business.

LC243 Exclusion of the Public

This item will be included in a separate report to the Policy and Finance Committee on 19 April 2001.

The open part of the meeting closed at 12.55pm.

COUNCILLOR R WERRY
Chairperson

Date

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To be moved:

That the report of the meeting of the Landcare Committee held on 29 March 2001 Items LC233 to LC235 and L 238 to L 242 inclusive and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.