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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee held in the Avalon Park Pavilion, Avalon Park, Taita Drive, Lower Hutt, on Thursday, 24 May 2001 at 9.30am**

**Present**

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

Councillors Baird, Brosnan and Cousins (Hutt City Council)

Councillors Guppy and Harris (Upper Hutt City Council)

Ms Mellish (Wellington Tenth's Trust)

**Also Present**

Councillor Allen

**Officers Present**

Mr Atapattu, Sally Coates, Messrs Cross, Darroch, Dick, Paul, Purves, Kate Sharp, Trecia Smith, and Mr Wilshere (Wellington Regional Council)

Mr Garlick (Hutt City Council)

Mr Wallach (Upper Hutt City Council)

**Public Business**

**Procedural Items**

**Mihi**

Ms Mellish introduced Mr Mark Te One who then offered members a Mihi.

**HRF112 Apologies**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Macaskill/Cr Harris)*

*That the apologies from Mayor Terris (Lower Hutt City Council) and Mr Puketapu (Te Runanganui o Taranaki Whanui ki te Upoko o Te Ika a Maui), be confirmed.*

**HRF113 Public Participation**

**Margaret Aitken**

Margaret Aitken said that on behalf of the Hutt Valley Tramping Club she requested that walking and cycling be available for the whole length of the banks of the river.

Margaret Aitken also said that on behalf of herself she would like to see only native trees and shrubs along the banks of the river.

Councillor Macaskill said that officers would take note of the two points and treat them as an additional submission.

**HRF114 Confirmation of Minutes**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Macaskill/Cr Thomas)*

*That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2001 (Report 01.177), be confirmed.*

**Matters for Consideration**

**HRF115 Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Consultation Draft Process for Hearing Submissions**

**Report 01.321**

File: N/3/13/23, N/3/13/25

Councillor Macaskill noted from paragraph HRF108 of the Minutes of 8 March 2001 that the Advisory Committee was the appropriate group to hear public submissions and if necessary members could declare a conflict of interest when considering a submission from their own or a related organisation.

Councillor Macaskill also noted that today's meeting was not a statutory hearing under the Resource Management Act and therefore the Committee would be totally flexible in the way it dealt with the submissions both oral and written.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Macaskill/Cr Cousins)*

*That the report be received and the contents noted.*

**HRF116 Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Consultation Draft Submissions**

**Report 01.322**

File: N/3/13/23 & N/3/13/25

*Resolved*

*(Chairperson/Cr Guppy)*

*That the submissions on the Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Consultation Draft and the Draft Utilities and Services Policy be received.*

**Standing Orders**

At 10.00am the Committee resolved as follows:

*Resolved*

*(Cr Macaskill/Cr Baird)*

*That Standing Orders relating to speaking be suspended during consideration of the oral and written submissions to enable greater flexibility in discussion.*

**Oral Submissions**

Oral submissions were heard as follows:

**Mr B Jenness** for Residents of Hathaway Avenue

**Mr R Oosterkamp** for Winstone Aggregates

**Janine Wearne** for Combined Horse Clubs of Upper Hutt Inc.

**Mr D Waechter** for Hutt Valley Angling Club

**Valerie Smith** for Valerie Smith

Morning tea: 10.55am

Resumption: 11.10am

**Mr B Gillespie** and **Mr E Ireland** for Hutt Golf Club

Additional material from the Hutt Golf Club expanding their written submission was tabled and distributed.

**Mr S Garlick** for Hutt City Council

Following the presentation of the Hutt City Council submission **Councillor Cousins** declared a conflict of interest.

**Mr A Pointon** for Mr A Pointon

It was noted that the **Wellington City Council** did not attend for their oral submission.

The following written submissions were then considered:

**Mr J O’Kane**

**Mr G Dixon**

**Mr A Pointon**

**Mr A Pope**

**Mr B J Bruce**

**Mr A Gibb**

**Safeway Self Storage**

**Residents of Hathaway Avenue**

**Winstone Aggregates**

**Western Ward Committee, Lower Hutt**

Councillor Cousins declared a conflict of interest prior to consideration of this submission.

**Combined Horse Clubs of Upper Hutt Inc.**

**Wellington City Council**

Councillor Macaskill said that the reference to the Funding Policy in the Wellington City Council submission should be referred to the Regional Council’s Annual Plan process.

**Transpower New Zealand Ltd**

**Hutt Valley Angling Club**

It was agreed that officers investigate the viability of the proposed WRC River Ranger using the Fish and Game New Zealand warrant as a means to monitor adverse impacts of vehicles on river ecology and other users of the river environment.

The Committee also strongly endorsed commencing the proposed Hutt River Ranger Service in July 2002.

It was also agreed that through the Environment Committee of the Wellington Regional Council the influence of land management in the upper catchment on the river system downstream be considered.

The Committee also suggested that Councillor Buchanan, Wellington Regional Councillor and Chairperson of the Council's Environment Committee discuss trout fishery and impact issues at a future meeting of the Advisory Committee or the ongoing Management Committee structure once the Management Plan had been approved.

**Valerie W Smith**

It was agreed officers investigate the scope of bylaw making powers to address adverse impacts of vehicle use and nuisance effects on other recreational users of the river environment and river ecology.

**Mr F Allen**

**Transit New Zealand**

**Hutt Golf Club**

It was agreed that officers and the Golf Club explore options to continue informal dialogue on the ongoing development of designs for the Hutt Golf Club.

Councillor Guppy noted the need to consider all works for the scheme in totality and cautioned the logic of bringing designs forward and creating a precedent.

**Keep Petone Beautiful**

**Hutt City Council**

Members again noted that the reference to Funding Policy be referred to the Wellington Regional Council's Annual Plan process.

**Mr G Caesperlein**

**Hutt Valley Tramping Club Incorporated**

Members noted the comments by Margaret Aitken during public participation.

**Clear Communications Ltd**

**Upper Hutt City Council**

Mr Wallach, Upper Hutt City Council, said that Mayor Kirton apologised for his non-attendance at today's meeting and then confirmed that the Upper Hutt City Council were happy with the comments on their written submission.

**Wellington Regional Council, Environment Division**

Members also considered a submission from **Mr G Evans**, a copy of which had been distributed to members at the commencement of today's meeting.

Ms Mellish apologised for her non-attendance after lunch.

Lunch: 12.30pm

Resumption: 1.00pm

After lunch members reached agreement on the various operational matters following the oral submissions and confirmed the actions outlined in the officers' written recommendations on the written submissions. There were no recommended modifications or deletions to the officers' recommendations as distributed

### **Submission Presented by the Landcare Division, Wellington Regional Council**

Members noted that the offices of the Upper Hutt City Council and the Lower Hutt City Council had been made aware of many of the issues contained in the submission on the Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan presented by the Landcare Division, Wellington Regional Council.

### **Standing Orders**

At 2.06pm members resolved as follows:

*Resolved* (Chairperson/Cr Thomas)

*That Standing Orders be resumed.*

*Resolved to Recommend* (Chairperson/Cr Baird)

*That the recommended relief to the Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Consultation Draft be accepted, and that additional issues and actions related to operational matters, be noted.*

### **Standing Orders**

At 2.07pm it was resolved as follows:

*Resolved* (Cr Macaskill/Cr Brosnan)

*That Standing Orders relating to speaking be suspended during consideration of the Draft Utilities and Services Policy to enable greater flexibility in discussion.*

### **Draft Utilities and Services Policy**

Members then considered the following written submissions on the draft Utilities and Services policy:

#### **Fish and Game New Zealand**

#### **Transit New Zealand**

#### **Natural Gas Corporation**

## **Upper Hutt City Council**

### **Transpower**

#### **Wellington Regional Council Water Group**

During discussions on the submission Councillor Harris asked that the **Utility and Services Policy** reflects the need to apply flexibility and fairness to considering cost sharing arrangements for removing services from stopbanks.

### **Standing Orders**

Following consideration of these written submissions and the officer comments it was resolved as follows at 2.15pm:

*Resolved* (Cr Macaskill/Cr Brosnan)

*That Standing Orders be resumed.*

*Resolved to Recommend* (Cr Macaskill/Cr Baird)

*That the recommended relief to the Draft Utilities and Services Policy (to be included in the Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan) be accepted.*

### **Inclusion in the Plan**

*Resolved to Recommend* (Cr Brosnan/Cr Guppy)

*That the agreed relief to the Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Consultation Draft, and the Draft Utilities and Services Policy be included in the Draft Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan.*

*Resolved to Recommend* (Cr Harris/Cr Werry)

*That officers be authorised to make non-material and editorial changes to the Consultation Draft.*

### **Process to Finalise the Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan**

Members then considered Attachment 5 to Report 01.322 which summarised the main steps in the process to finalise the Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan following today's meeting.

Members especially noted that the recommendations from today's meeting would be considered by the Landcare Committee on 12 June 2001 and for recommendation to a meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee and Council on 10 July 2001. The

Advisory Committee would consider the final draft of the Plan at its next meeting on 12 July 2001.

*Resolved to Recommend*

*(Cr Macaskill/Cr Guppy)*

*That the process to finalise the Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan be received and adopted.*

**HRF117 Questions**

There were no questions.

**HRF118 General**

Members noted that the next meeting of the Advisory Committee will take place on Thursday, 12 July 2001 at 4.30pm, Level 5 Committee Room, Regional Council Centre, Wakefield Street, Wellington.

The meeting closed at 2.20pm.

Chairperson

Date