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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 Wednesday, 5 December 2001 at 9.30am

Present

Councillors Laidlaw (Chairperson), Barr, Evans, Kirton, McDavitt, Thomas, Werry and Yardley

Officers Present

Messrs Andrell, Darroch, Dick, Ms Edwards, Messrs Forlong, Paul and Waititi

Public Business

Procedural Items

LC 01 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Barr)

That the apologies from Councillors McDavitt, Shields and Werry, who were absent on other Council business, and also the apologies for lateness from Councillors Evans and Kirton, be confirmed.

LC 02 **Public Participation**

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

Matters for Recommendation

LC 03 **Landcare Committee: Terms of Reference**

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Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Thomas)

That the Policy and Finance Committee:

(1) Note the general responsibilities of Standing Committees.

(2) (a) That Part (2) of the membership provisions be amended to read:

“The Regional Conservator, Wellington Conservancy, Department of Conservation or his/her nominee, with speaking (but not voting) rights.”

(b) That the Objectives of the Landcare Committee be amended as follows:

“Objective 6A –

To promote sustainable environmental management by recommending policies on the provision, development, operation and management relating to flood protection in the Western part of the Region and the Regional Councils’ parks and indigenous forests”.

“Objective 6B –

To promote sustainable environmental management by monitoring and advising the Council on the effectiveness and efficiency of the services and facilities relating to achievement of Objective 6A.”

(c) That the reference to the Wellington Regional Council Rural Fire District in 6.1 be deleted

It was also agreed that under General Responsibilities there should be wording to reflect the Landcare Committee’s responsibilities for advising and making recommendations on matters of joint interest with other Standing Committees as agreed from time to time or are of joint interest to the Landcare Committee.

LC 04 **Landcare Committee Appointees**

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Councillor Evans arrived at 9.45am.

Resolved to Recommend (Cr Laidlaw/Cr Evans)

That Mr Gilbert be appointed to represent the Kapiti Constituency on the Landcare Committee.

Resolved to Recommend (Cr Yardley/Cr Barr)

That the Regional Conservator, Department of Conservation, or his nominee, be invited to attend meetings of the Committee, with speaking, but not voting, rights.

Resolved to Recommend (Cr Yardley/Cr Thomas)

That Cr Barr will represent the Council at meetings of the Wellington Regional Conservation Board, on a non-voting basis, and that he will report to Landcare Committee. If he is unavailable another member of the Landcare Committee should attend.

Councillor Barr abstained from voting on the above recommendation.

The Wellington Regional Conservation Board will be holding its first meeting of the triennium at Mt Bruce on Friday 7 December and Councillor Yardley agreed to attend for Councillor Barr who was unavailable.

LC 05 **Registration Proposal for an Historic Area – Rimutaka Incline Walkway**

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Resolved to Recommend (Cr Laidlaw/Cr Barr)

That the officers' submission dated 20 November 2001 to the Historic Places Trust on the proposal, to register the Rimutaka Incline Walkway as an historic area under the Historic Places Act 1993, be endorsed.

LC 06 **Findlay Street: Disposal of Property and Channel Improvements**

Report 01.841

File: N/2/14/12

Councillor Kirton arrived at 10.35am.

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Evans/Cr Laidlaw)

- (1) *That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) *That the options for the Findlay Street houses be considered in the context of the next LTFS review, following further discussions with Wellington City Council over the wider Tawa improvements including environmental requirements.*
- (3) *That the chosen option be confirmed through the six month review and the 2002 Financial Plan Update.*

Matter for Decision

LC 07 **Hutt River Advisory Committee**

Report 01.856

File: N/3/13/25 & E/6/10/6

A copy of a letter dated 3 December 2001 from the Hutt City Council confirming three nominations for the Hutt River Advisory Committee was tabled and circulated.

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Evans)

- (1) *That the Terms of Reference for the Hutt River Advisory Committee be confirmed.*
- (2) *That the quorum of two Regional Councillors for the Hutt River Advisory Committee be approved.*
- (3) *That the appointment of the three Upper Hutt City Council members and the three Hutt City Council members, be approved.*
- (4) *That other bodies to be represented be invited to forward their nominations for appointment.*

Matters for Information

LC 08 **Review of the Regional Parks and Forest Lands Management Plans**

Report 01.822

File: R/4/1/2 & R/2/3/2

Councillor McDavitt and Councillor Werry arrived at 11.50am, apologising for their lateness as they had just attended a meeting of the Wellington City Council.

Councillor Kirton noted that it was important that Councillors were provided with details about the status of land ownership within Regional Parks and Forests, so that the Management Plans did not inadvertently cut off options for future use of the land.

Members stressed the need for good public and user group consultation during the preparation of the Management Plans.

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Evans)

- (1) *That the management plans for the five Wellington Regional Parks are due to be reviewed, be noted.*
- (2) *That the development of:*
 - *an overarching Parks Network Management Plan addressing the common management issues across the five parks; and*
 - *specific management plans addressing management issues particular to each regional park.**be noted.*
- (3) *That the timetable (set out in **Attachment 2**) for completing the review of the regional park management plans by December 2003, be noted.*
- (4) *That the review of the Forest Lands Management Plan is progressing, be noted.*
- (5) *That the timetable (set out in **Attachment 2**) for completing the review of the Forest Lands Management Plan in December 2002, be noted.*
- (6) *That the Utility Services Committee is also being notified about the timetable for completing the review of the Forest Lands Management Plan in December 2002, be noted.*
- (7) *That workshops will be held at appropriate times during the review process.*

LC 09 **Otaki River: Cross-section Survey and Gravel Analysis Results**

Report 01.784

File: N/6/21/3

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Evans)

That the Report be received and the contents noted.

LC 10 **Parks and Forests Visitation**

Report 01.811

File: R/14/6/1

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Yardley)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC 11 **Divisional Manager's Report**

Report 01.857

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Councillor Kirton left at 12.05pm.

Councillor Laidlaw noted a number of milestones in the Landcare Division including awards from the Recreation Association of New Zealand, the launch of the Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan and the first group in the nation to receive bronze and silver Enviromark awards.

Councillor Laidlaw said the Regional Council was fortunate to have talented staff with a lot of experience and wisdom.

Councillor Thomas said she had recently attended a meeting of the Belmont Friends Group and had been proud at the respect shown to Regional Council staff.

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Barr)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC 12 **Questions**

Councillor Werry asked whether there had been any progress on the East Harbour land negotiations. Ms Edwards said there was nothing to report at this stage.

Councillor Yardley asked for maintenance costs at Baring Head. Ms Edwards said the maintenance budget for the East Harbour Regional Park was under \$10,000.

Councillor Barr noted Baring Head was one of the top areas in the region for rock climbing.

LC 13 **General**

There were no matters of general business.

The meeting closed at 12.20pm.

COUNCILLOR C LAIDLAW
Chairperson

Date