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## Report 03.398

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### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Landcare Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Tuesday, 10 June 2003 at 9.30am**

#### **Present**

Councillors Laidlaw (Chairperson), Barr, Evans, Kirton, McDavitt, Shields, Thomas and Yardley and Messrs Gilbert and Ross

#### **Officers Present**

Messrs Atapattu, Darroch, Dick, Jackson, Waititi, Dr Crisp, Amanda Cox, Victoria Owen, Annabelle Riley and Tina Walker

## **Public Business**

### **Procedural Items**

#### LC 111 **Apologies**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Barr)*

*That the apology from Councillor Werry, and the apology for lateness from Evans, be confirmed.*

**Mr Alister Abernethy, RIP, Regional Councillor 1983-1989**

Councillor Laidlaw said that Mr Alister Abernethy had passed away on 5 June 2003. Members stood in silence as a mark of respect to Mr Abernethy, who had represented the Hutt Constituency and had been a member of the Landcare Committee.

**LC 112 Public Participation**

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

**LC 113 Confirmation of Minutes**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Yardley/Cr Barr)*

*That the minutes of the meeting of 30 April 2003, Report 03.242, be confirmed*

**Matter for Recommendation**

**LC 114 Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Strand Park Realignment Construction Delay and Amended Capital Works Programme**

**Report 03.279**

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Councillor Evans arrived at 9.55am.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Shields)*

- (1) That the report be received.*
- (2) Note that the transfer of Strand Park from the Ministry of Education to the Council will be subject to the procedure for the protection of Maori interests in Crown owned land, and based on current advice it will be December 2003/January 2004 before it is known whether the transfer can occur.*
- (3) Note that the construction of the Strand Park realignment, and the Alicetown stopbank improvements, will be delayed by one year, and that a new target date for awarding the Strand Park realignment contract has been set at 28 February 2004.*
- (4) Endorse the proposed new Hutt River capital works programme dated June 2003 and provided as Attachment 2.*

Recommendations (5) and (6) included below were reported separately to the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee meeting on 16 June 2003 when they were considered with the LTCCP 2003-2013 (Incorporating the 2003/04 Annual Plan).

*Resolved to Recommend*

*(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Shields)*

- (5) *That it be recommended to the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee that the Flood Protection 2003-2013 Operating Plan be amended to include the new Hutt River capital works programme dated June 2003, and subsequently incorporated in the Council's 10-year plan 2003-2013.*
- (6) *That in the finalisation of the Council's LTCCP, the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee request officers to investigate smoothing the rating impact of the proposed new Hutt River capital expenditure programme, for the years 2003/04 to 2006/07.*

## **Matters for Information**

### **LC 115 Divisional Manager's Report**

#### **Report 03.282**

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*Resolved*

*(Cr Laidlaw/Cr McDavitt)*

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

### **LC 116 Parks Management Plan Reviews – An Update**

Victoria Owen, Advisor – Planning and Policy, Parks and Forests gave an update on the review of the Park Management Plans as follows:

#### **Feedback on Draft Regional Parks Network Management Plan**

Victoria Owen said there had been 412 submissions on the Network Management Plan of whom four had requested they be heard orally.

Issues raised included the adequacy of the overall parks vision, strengthening the landscape section, motorised recreation, quantification of objectives and policies, relationships with individual park plans permitted and prohibited activities and memorials.

Members also discussed issues such as whether there should be a general framework for land acquisitions, private bequests for park development and the desirability of a south coast regional park or south coast walkway.

It was agreed as follows:

- (1) Those submitters on the Network Management Plan who requested to be heard orally be given the opportunity to be heard at the next meeting of the Landcare Committee on 15 July 2003.
- (2) Officers be requested to prepare a submission summary and options paper on the Network Plan to be considered by the Landcare Committee on 15 July 2003.
- (3) That following the 15 July 2003 Landcare Committee meeting a workshop on the Network Management Plan would be held.
- (4) That a draft Network Management Plan be presented to the Landcare Committee on 26 August 2003 for recommendation to the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee.

### **Individual Park Plans**

Victoria Owen said timing for the review of the individual park plans had been impacted by the delay in completing the network plan.

There were some significant outstanding policy issues such as wind farms, motorised sport and land tenure that needed to be addressed.

Timeframes for consultative processes needed to be reviewed.

Councillor Laidlaw noted the need to re-scope the review processes for the individual Park Management Plans and requested officers to present a report to the Landcare Committee on 26 August 2003 setting out a revised timeframe for the reviews.

### **LC 117 Questions**

There were no questions.

### **LC 118 General**

#### **River Trails**

Councillor Evans said the ten Rotary Clubs in the Hutt Valley were considering a special centennial project which involved the extension of the Hutt River Trail to the Wairarapa via the Rimutaka rail trail. Rotary will be making a formal approach for assistance in the project in the near future. Councillor Evans also raised the need to establish a body such as a trust to assume the future responsibility for ongoing maintenance and development of the Hutt River trail.

Councillor Shields said there was also a local initiative to develop a walkway around the Pauatahanui inlet.

Councillor Laidlaw said there was a need to consider options for objectives and projects promoted by communities.

The meeting closed at 11.05am.

Cr C LAIDLAW  
Chairperson

Date: