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Report to the Landcare Committee
from Councillor Margaret Shields, Chairperson Interview Subcommittee

Appointment of Kapiti Representative on the Landcare Committee

1. **Purpose**

To appoint a Kapiti Representative on the Landcare Committee.

2. **Background**

On 10 December 1998, following a recommendation from the Landcare Committee, Council resolved to approve the Terms of Reference for the Landcare Committee (**Attachment 1**). Council has agreed that the Landcare Committee membership should include an appropriate appointee from the Kapiti Constituency, as there is no member of the landcare Committee from that area.

Advertisements were placed in *The Dominion*, *Evening Post* and local Kapiti newspapers inviting nominations for a person to represent Kapiti on the Landcare Committee. Nominations closed at noon on Monday, 1 February 1999.

The following nominations were received:

- Mr Michael Alexander
- Mr Dennis Ferrier
- Mr Gordon Strachan
- Mr John Gilbert

A copy of the nominees' CVs are enclosed as **Attached 2**.

3. **Comment**

The Interview Subcommittee consisted of Deputy Chairperson of Council, the Chairman of Landcare Committee, the Kapiti Constituency member and the Divisional Manager, Landcare. The Subcommittee met on 22 March and conducted four interviews.

The Subcommittee has come to the conclusion that Mr John Gilbert is clearly the preferred candidate and should be appointed to the **Landcare** Committee.

Mr Gilbert is an ex-Deputy Secretary for the Environment with a background in forestry, catchment management, agricultural, horticultural and landscape management. Mr Gilbert will be an asset to the **Landcare** Committee and the Council generally. Mr Gilbert has a rural property at Te Horo where he lives and works during the week. He is presently not a full -time resident of the Kapiti Coast.

It is intended to discuss Mr Gilbert's appointment with the Mayor of Kapiti Coast to ensure there would be no objections to the appointment. There would be no announcement of the appointment until this consultation has taken place.

4. Recommendation

*That the Committee recommend the appointment of **Mr John Gilbert** to be the Kapiti Representative on the **Landcare** Committee for this triennium, subject to satisfactory consultation with the Mayor of Kapiti.*



MARGARETSHIELDS
Chairperson
Interview Subcommittee

Attachments

1. Landcare Committee Terms of Reference
2. CVs of Nominees