



Report 04.161

23 March 2004

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Report of the Meeting of the Landcare Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Tuesday, 23 March 2004 at 10.00am

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 Laidlaw (Chairperson), Barr, Evans, Kirton, McDavitt, Shields and Thomas and Mr Gilbert

Officers Present

Messrs Ballantine, Campbell, Darroch, Dick, Forlong, Harris, Oliver, Amanda Cox and Tina Walker and Dr Crisp

Also Present

Councillor Turver

Public Business

Procedural Items

LC 174 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Thomas)

That the apology from Councillor Werry be confirmed.

LC 175 **Public Participation**

Mayor John Terris, Hutt City Council: Future Flood Protection along Waiwhetu Stream

Mayor Terris said members will be aware of the significant flooding in the Riverside Drive and Bell Road Area caused by the Waiwhetu Stream over topping its banks at the time of the flooding on 16 February 2004.

Mayor Terris urged the Landcare Committee to commission reports as a matter of urgency, as a preliminary to developing a plan for flood protection for those adversely affected by the recent flooding.

Mayor Terris also suggested the Hutt River Advisory Committee be kept informed as the programme is developed.

A copy of the representations from Mayor Terris was circulated.

Following questions Councillor Laidlaw said the matters raised by Mayor Terris will be addressed when the Committee considers Item 4, Flood Damage, Western Rivers, on the agenda for today's meeting.

Mr John Lancashire, Friends of Queen Elizabeth Park

Councillor Laidlaw welcomed Mr John Lancashire, the recently elected Chairman of the Friends of Queen Elizabeth Park and invited him to speak.

Mr Lancashire said the Friends group held its first meeting on 15 March 2004 and will meet monthly on the third Monday of every month at Paraparaumu Library. The first task will be to establish a strategic direction backed up by firm proposals for the park. The next meeting will include a presentation by Victoria Owen, Advisor, Planning and Policy.

Another important task for the Committee will be to update the list of members. There will also be planting and restoration projects for later in the year.

Councillor Laidlaw thanked Mr Lancashire for his comments noting that Greater Wellington looked forward to working closely with the Friends Group including the review of the management plan for Queen Elizabeth Park later in the year.

LC 176 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Kirton)

That the minutes of the meeting of 5 February 2004, Report 04.65, be confirmed.

Matter for Recommendation

LC 177 **Flood Damage, Western rivers – February 2004**

Report 04.149

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This item will be reported separately to the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee.

Matters for Decision

LC 178 **Parks and Forests Storm Damage**

Report 04.142

File: PK/01/01/11

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Barr)

- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) That an additional \$46,140 to fund Parks and Forests storm damage repairs be approved within 2003/04 general rates.*

Councillor Kirton left at 12 noon.

LC 179 **Kapiti Flood Hazard Plans – Revised Plans for Notification**

Report 04.125

File: N/10/06/01

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Evans)

- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) That the Otaki and Waikanae River revised flood hazard maps (Attachments 1 and 2) be forwarded to KCDC for their proposed District Plan, subject to any minor technical changes agreed to by the Divisional Manager, Landcare.*
- (3) That the March public meeting in Otaki be delayed until KCDC and GW reach an agreed position over the timing of the construction of the Chrystalls Extended Stopbank.*

LC 180 Regional Park Plans: Revised Timetable

Report 04.136

File: PK/03/02/01

Resolved

(Cr Thomas/Cr Shields)

- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) That the revised process and timelines for preparing the regional park management plans be approved.*

Matters for Information

LC 181 Hutt River Advisory Committee – 26 February 2004

Report 04.86

File: E/06/10/06

Resolved

(Cr Barr/Cr Thomas)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC 182 Transfer of Management and Control of Land Owned by Hutt City Council

Report 04.141

File: PK/12/01/08

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Barr)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC 183 Landcare Division Triple Bottom Line Summary Report

Report 04.132

File: LM/03/01/04

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Barr)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC 184 Divisional Manager's Report

Report 04.133

File: E/06/16/03

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Evans)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC 185 Questions

There were no questions.

LC 186 General**Water Course Agreements**

Councillor Evans said, that with the change in weather patterns and following the recent flooding events in the Hutt Valley and Wainuiomata, it could be timely to review Greater Wellington's Water Course Agreements with the Hutt City Council.

Councillor McDavitt said there were many such agreements and if there were to be a review it should include all the Water Course Agreements across the region.

Mr Forlong said he will circulate a briefing paper through the Councillors' Bulletin and include an item on Water Course Agreements for the next meeting of the Landcare Committee.

Coastal Dune Vegetation Network 2004 Conference

Councillor Barr said his attendance at the recent Coastal Dune Vegetation Network 2004 Conference had been very worthwhile and had included visits to Island Bay, Owhiro Bay and Eastbourne. The Conference included an illuminating paper on Queen Elizabeth Park.

The meeting closed at 12.30pm.

Cr C LAIDLAW
Chairperson

Date:

Wellington Regional Council – 20 April 2004

To be moved:

That the report of the meeting of the Landcare Committee held on 23 March 2004, Items LC 174 to LC 176, and Items LC 178 to LC 186, be adopted.
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