

HUTT CITY COUNCIL

WAIWHETU STREAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Report of a meeting held in the Hutt City Council Chambers,
30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt on
Monday 7 May 2007 commencing at 1.00pm

PRESENT: Mr S Macaskill (Chair)
Mr L Roberts, Waiwhetu Stream Working Group
Cr P Glensor, GWRC
Cr C Laidlaw, GWRC
Cr VR Jamieson, HCC
Cr RW Styles, HCC
Mayor DK Ogden
Cr G Evans, GWRC

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Mr T Puketapu, Cr S Grieg, and Cr G Barratt

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr D Kelly, Acting Chief Executive Officer, HCC
Mr B Sherlock, Divisional Manager Utility Services, HCC
Mr G Dick, Divisional Manager Catchment Management, GWRC
Mr G Campbell, Manager Flood Protection, GWRC
Mr J Eyles, Project Manager, GWRC
Mr T Porteous, Biodiversity Co-ordinator, GWRC
Ms K Muldowney, URS New Zealand Ltd
Mr S Willis, URS New Zealand Ltd
Mr T Henwood, GWRC

REPORT TO COUNCIL

PUBLIC BUSINESS

Matters requiring specific consideration by Council are shown as "**RECOMMENDED**" while those matters which are within the Committee's power to determine are shown as "**RESOLVED.**"

WSAC R/2

1. APOLOGIES

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WSAC 070201

"That the apologies received from Mr T Puketapu, Cr Grieg and Cr Barratt be accepted and leave of absence be granted."

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WSAC 070202

"That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 February 2007, circulated pages WSAC R/1 – WSAC R/5, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting subject to the amendment on item 5 of the agenda to read (ii) requests Hutt City Council to investigate source control as part of the city's review of the residential provisions of its district plan;."

4. WAIWHETU STREAM FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT STUDY COMPLETION OF PHASE 2 AND THE WAY FORWARD

(AD35-18-1 /N/03/21/01)

Report No. WSAC2007/2/1 by the Project Manager – circulated pages 1-6.

The Project Manager and Graeme Campbell (GWRC) spoke to the report advising the Committee of the remaining tasks and timeframe to complete the Waiwhetu Floodplain Management Plan.

Cr Styles and Mayor Ogden raised concerns that the project appeared to have slowed and enquired as to what work could be done to speed up the project.

The financial and logistical restraints that the project faced were explained by councillors and officers from GWRC as well as outlining current funding negotiations with the Ministry for the Environment. Discussion resulted in the suggestion that local politicians would act together to advance the case for more funding with the MfE. Cr Evans underlined the importance of doing this carefully, and to look into other contaminated sites that had received more than 60% of possible MfE funding.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WSAC 070203

"That the Committee:

- (i) receives the report and notes its contents;*
- (ii) requests that officers and consultants look to*
 - a. Find ways to speed up the project;*
 - b. Summarise the findings of previously completed reports on liability for the cost of remediating the contaminated sediment; and*
 - c. make an appropriate joint HCC and GWRC press release if required."*

5. WAIWHETU STREAM FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT STUDY UPPER CATCHMENT PROTECTION AND CHANNEL IMPROVEMENTS (AD35-18-1 / N/03/21/01)

Report No. WSAC2007/2/1 by the Project Manager – circulated pages 7 - 31.

The Project Manager presented his report and introduced the representative from URS to make a presentation on the Management Study of Upper Catchment Protection and Channel Improvements.

Karen Muldowney briefed the Committee on the key points of the Upper Catchment Protection Report. Sam Willis spoke to the key points of the Channel Improvement Study.

Councillors enquired into the amount of physical work (e.g. debris clean up work) that can be undertaken presently by HCC officers. Mr Sherlock advised the councillors that council officers will find elements that can be undertaken and carry out the work necessary.

Cr Glensor asked HCC officers what provisions are in place for site development for adding sediment traps, and could HCC staff undertake the clearing of these traps. Mr Sherlock advised that there was a programme in place for both the provision of adding traps, and for the clearing of them. There is however, limited enforcement for installing sediment traps on new developments.

Mr Roberts suggested that part of the Excell (contractors) contract could be allocated towards the cleaning of litter from lower Waiwhetu Stream.

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RESOLVED:

Minute No. WSAC 070204

"That the Committee:

(i) receives the report and notes its contents."

6. **WAIWHETU STREAM FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT STUDY
PROJECT MANAGERS REPORT** (AD35-18-1 / N/03/21/01)

Report No. WSAC2007/2/3 by the Project Manager - circulated pages 32-36

The Project Manager delivered his report on the Waiwhetu Floodplain Management Study. Mr Porteous and Mr Sherlock gave a debrief of the funding meeting held with MfE representatives.

Cr Glensor stressed the importance of carrying out the consultation properly. Public need to be presented with real and plausible options with explicit costs. This process should not suffer at the expense of haste.

GW Councillors pointed out that new councillors (elected at October elections) will need to look realistically at what goes into the next LTCCP.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WSAC 070205

"That the Committee

(i) receives this report and notes its contents; and

(ii) draw GWRC's attention to the total costing and urge that they are considered in the next LTCCP round."

7. **QUESTIONS**

Mr Roberts requested that if any work can be carried out on the stream by HCC officers in the meantime, could they compile a list of what can be seen and done.

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There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 3.25pm.

Mr S Macaskill
CHAIR

CONFIRMED as a true and correct record dated this
3rd day of July 2007