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Report 01.547

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Report of the Meeting of the Landcare Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Thursday, 26 July 2001 at 9.30am

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 Werry (Chairperson), Bonner, Laidlaw, Long, Macaskill, McQueen, Shaw, and Thomas, and Messrs Gilbert and Ross

Officers Present

Messrs Andrell, Cross, Darroch, Dick, Ms Edwards, Messrs Forlong, Jackson, Ms Manley and Mr Paul

Welcome

Councillor Werry welcomed the group of trainee reporters from Massey University.

Public Business

Procedural Items

LC259 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Macaskill)

That the apology from Councillor Shields and the apologies for lateness from Councillor Bonner and Councillor Shaw be confirmed.

LC260 Public Participation

Sylvia Jenkin and Neil Bellingham, Friends of Maara Roa

Sylvia Jenkin and Neil Bellingham said they were involved in the Cannons Creek Valley Bush Restoration through the Friends of Maara Roa.

The Cannons Creek Valley which is part of Belmont Regional Park is a significant area in the Porirua Basin. The Friends group has been established to enhance and restore native growth and to guard and develop the area for public enjoyment.

The friends strongly supported the negotiations with Landcorp Farming Limited to enable the Cannons Creek Valley Area to be made into a Reserve. The Friends also wished to continue their association with the Regional Council developing Cannons Creek Valley for the enjoyment of the public.

A leaflet about the Friends of Maara Roa was circulated.

Councillor Werry thanked Sylvia Jenkin and Neil Bellingham for the enormous amount of work carried out by the Friends and said the Regional Council appreciated the high interest and enthusiasm shown by the community.

Roger Lawrence, East Harbour Environmental Association

Roger Lawrence said he has been an active supporter of East Harbour Regional Park for over 28 years and supported the recommendations for the Park on today's order paper.

Vehicle access to the Park should be balanced against the special quality of remoteness.

Roger Lawrence also said he strongly recommended a Regional Council land acquisition policy to purchase key parcels of land so that walkers could progress from the northern block along the escarpments to Baring Head.

Mr Ross arrived at 9.55am.

Councillor Bonner arrived at 10.00am.

Paul Hughes, Ratepayer

Paul Hughes said he supported the discussions with Hutt City Council to rationalise issues at East Harbour Regional Park.

Mr Hughes also referred to recommendation 4 in Report 01.517 and said the words should include a reference to key issues such as coastal scenery and public access.

This would also assist with the protection of the endangered plant and animal species in the Lakes area.

Margaret Aitken, Ratepayer

Margaret Aitken said she supported the progress the Regional Council had made on East Harbour Regional Park. She asked that high priority be given to the proposed discussions with adjacent landowners to rationalise land management ownership within the park. A co-ordinated approach was very important for the future of the Park.

LC261 Confirmation of the Minutes

Resolved

(Cr McQueen/Cr Shaw)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2001, Report 01.430, be confirmed.

Matter for Recommendation

LC262 Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan

(1) Report of Advisory Committee Meeting – 12 July 2001

Report 01.501

File: E/6/10/6

Resolved

(Cr Macaskill /Cr Werry)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

(2) Draft Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan Presentation

Mr Cross, Resource Planner, gave a presentation.

(1) Report of Advisory Committee Meeting – 12 July 2001 (continued)

Report 01.501

File: E/6/10/6

Councillor Macaskill said the acceptance of the Draft Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan by the Advisory Committee was a great credit to all those concerned and especially Mr Paul and his team. The October 1998 floods had been a good test and the flood defences had stood up well. The non structural elements of the draft plan were also very important.

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Macaskill/Cr Thomas)

That the report of the meeting of the Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee held on 12 July 2001, Items HRF119 to HRF126, and the recommendations contained therein, be confirmed.

Matters for Decision

LC263 Cannons Creek Valley Bush Restoration

Report 01.477

File: R/5/2/3

Resolved

(Cr Long/Cr Shaw)

- (1) *That the Cannons Creek Restoration and Development Plan be approved.*
- (2) *That officers be requested to initiate (on a without prejudice basis) negotiations with Landcorp Farming Limited on the principle of acquiring and reserving the land in the Restoration area.*
- (3) *That officers be requested to report back to the Landcare Committee on the outcome of negotiations with a view to the proposal being considered through the 2002/03 Annual Plan process.*

LC 264 East Harbour Regional Park Issues

Report 01.517

File: R/6/1/2

Moved

(Cr Long /Cr McQueen)

- (1) *That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) *That the Northern Block be retained in East Harbour Regional Park.*
- (3) *That officers be authorised to enter into discussions with Hutt City Council on transferring control and management of the Northern Block in the Park to the Wellington Regional Council, noting that officers will report back on the outcome of those discussions.*
- (4) *That officers be authorised to undertake initial discussions with landowners adjacent to the Park, on a without prejudice basis, with the aim of discussing public access (including possible land purchase) and means of protecting significant ecological values, noting that officers will report back to the Committee on the outcome of those discussions.*
- (5) *That officers intend to consult with key landowners adjacent to the Park, the Eastbourne and Wainuiomata Community Boards and local iwi on key issues prior to publicly notifying the intention to review the East Harbour Regional Park Management Plan early in the 2001/02 financial year, be noted.*

Amendment

(Cr Thomas/Cr Shaw)

That the Northern Block be named the East Harbour Regional Park and the Lakes Block be named the Pencarrow Lakes Regional Park and the development of these names be reported back.

LOST

The motion was then put and **CARRIED**.

Matters for Information

LC265 2000/01 Capital Works Programme

Report 01.513

File: R/1/1/17

Resolved

(Cr Long /Cr Laidlaw)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC266 Environmental Education and Environmental Enhancement Projects

Report 01.493

File: R/1/1/17

Resolved

(Cr McQueen /Cr Long)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC267 Otaki Floodplain Management Plan: Upper Rahui Improvements Project Completion Report

Report 01.472

File: N/6/22/6

Resolved

(Cr Werry /Cr Laidlaw)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC268 Friends of the River Groups: Otaki and Waikanae

Report 01.473

File: N/6/21/21, N/6/11/21

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw /Cr Long)

1. *That the report be received and the contents noted.*
2. *That the members of the Friends of the Rivers Groups in Waikanae and Otaki be thanked for the valuable work in their local communities.*

LC269 Divisional Manager's Report

Report 01.518

File: E/6/16/3

Resolved

(Cr Werry /Cr Shaw)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC 270 Questions

There were no questions.

LC 271 General

There were no matters of general business.

LC 272 Public Excluded

Report PE 01.521

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Thomas)

That the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

- (1) Hutt River Mouth Extraction - Grant of Licence to Winstone Aggregates Ltd*
- (2) Purchase of Land, Waikanae River*

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

<i>General subject of each matter to be considered:</i>	<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i>	<i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
<i>(1) Hutt River Mouth Extraction - Grant of Licence to Winstone Aggregates Ltd</i>	<i>To enable the Council to carry on negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage.</i>	<i>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist (ie. to enable the Council to carry on negotiations (including commercial negotiations) without prejudice or disadvantage.</i>
<i>(2) Purchase of Land, Waikanae River</i>	<i>To enable the Council to carry on negotiations without</i>	<i>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of</i>

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This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1) (a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act of section 6 or section 7 or section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

- (1) Wellington Regional Council and Winstone Aggregates Ltd*
- (2) Wellington Regional Council and Landowners who are parties to any sale*

The open part of the meeting closed at 11.55am.

COUNCILLOR R WERRY
Chairperson

Date

Wellington Regional Council – 23 August 2001

To be moved:

<p>That the report of the meeting of the Landcare Committee held on 26 July 2001, Items LC259 to LC272 inclusive, be adopted.</p>
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