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Minutes of the Meeting of the Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee held in the Level 5 Committee Room, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Thursday, 12 July 2001 at 4.30pm

Present

Councillors Macaskill (Chairperson), Thomas and Werry (Wellington Regional Council)

Councillors Baird and Cousins and Mayor Terris (Hutt City Council)

Councillor Harris (Upper Hutt City Council)

Mr Puketapu (Te Runanganui o Taranaki Whanui ki te Upoko o Te Ika a Maui)

Introduction

Councillor Macaskill introduced Mr Rob Forlong, the new Divisional Manager Landcare, to his first meeting of the Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee.

Officers Present

Messrs Atapattu, Cross, Darroch, Dick, Paul, Trecia Smith, and Mr Wilshere (Wellington Regional Council)

Mr Garlick (Hutt City Council)

Yorkshire Flooding

Councillor Macaskill said, at the conclusion of the meeting, officers will play a video from BBC Panorama Television Documentary Team on the recent Yorkshire floods. The video has many examples relevant to New Zealand.

Public Business

Procedural Items

HRF119 Apologies

Resolved

(Cr Macaskill/Cr Werry)

That the apologies from Mayor Kirton and Councillor Guppy (Upper Hutt City Council), be confirmed.

HRF120 Public Participation

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

HRF121 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved

(Cr Macaskill/Cr Harris.)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 24 May 2001, Report 01.389, be confirmed.

Matters for Consideration

HRF122 Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan (HRFMP): Project Leader's Report

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Public Meetings

Councillor Cousins and Councillor Baird said they had recently attended public meetings in their constituencies where Regional Council officers were being asked to address territorial authority issues. Both Councillors thought that this situation was unfair on Wellington Regional Council staff and asked that territorial authority officers be informed of these meetings so they could attend. Residents do not distinguish between the Regional Council and Territorial Authorities and where possible these situations should be avoided.

Strand Park

Responding to a question, Mr Paul, Manager Flood Protection (Strategy and Assets), said talks were continuing with Hutt High School and the Ministry of Education on the future use of Strand Park. Agreement had not yet been reached.

Councillor Baird and Councillor Harris said Hutt Valley cricket administrators were concerned about the future availability of wickets especially as it affected Saturday morning school cricket. Mr Paul said the cost of maintaining cricket facilities at Strand Park, after flooding, was prohibitive. Mr Paul said discussions were continuing with the appropriate authorities.

Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan Launch: 9 October 2001

Members noted the launch of the Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan would take place on 9 October 2001 at the Manor Park Golf Club.

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Macaskill/Cr Thomas)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

Asian Pacific Summit of Women Mayors and Councillors in Thailand

Councillor Cousins said she had recently attended the above Conference and had been surprised and delighted at the Floodplain Management Strategies taking place in the Phitsanulok Municipality.

The Mayor of Phitsanulok, Mrs Premruadee Campoonod organised a tour of the River Nan which flows through the city centre dividing the municipal area into two. The strategies and policies for river management were very similar to those taking place on the Hutt River.

HRF123 Recommending the Draft Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan

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Mayor Terris arrived at 5.10pm and apologised for his lateness.

Endorsement

Mayor Terris said the Hutt City Council had endorsed the Draft Plan at a Council meeting earlier this week.

Councillor Harris said Upper Hutt City Council will consider the Plan at its next Council meeting.

Community Consultation

Councillor Thomas asked whether individuals and community groups had had an opportunity to read the up-to-date draft. Mr Cross, Resource Planner, said copies had been made available at Reception Desks at the Hutt City Council and the Upper Hutt City Council Offices and libraries. Submitters would receive individual replies once the Plan had been finalised.

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Macaskill/Mr Puketapu)

(1) That the report be received and the contents noted.

(2) That the Draft Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan be endorsed.

(3) That the Upper Hutt City Council be requested to consider and endorse the

Draft Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan.

- (4) *That the Draft Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan be recommended to the Regional Council's Landcare Committee for approval and subsequent referral to the Wellington Regional Council for adoption.*
- (5) *That the mechanism noted in this report to oversee the final drafting, layout design and publishing of the Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan be agreed.*
- (6) *That Councillor Macaskill and Councillor Baird confirm the editorial changes to the final draft before the document is printed.*

HRF124 Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee: Future Role and Revised Terms of Reference

Report 01.487

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Members agreed there was an ongoing role for the Advisory Committee and made the following suggestions for consideration by the Regional Council.

Quorum

Members suggested that the Quorum for the new Advisory Committee could be revised. A number of options were canvassed, including having a Quorum of 5 made up of:

- 2 – Wellington Regional Council
- 1 – Hutt City Council
- 1 – Lower Hutt City Council
- 1 – Iwi

Councillor Macaskill noted future agendas could be limited to either the lower reaches of the river concerning Hutt City Council, or upper reaches concerning Upper Hutt. Also while Iwi concerns relate to the entire stretch of the waterway they may not wish to attend all meetings. It may therefore be appropriate to have a different Quorum whereby, if the agenda related to only one of the City Council's the other would not need to attend.

It was agreed Councillor Macaskill would ask Mr Maguire, Secretary Wellington Regional Council, whether a clause could be included in the Terms of Reference limiting the Quorum to four in special circumstances.

Relationships

Mayor Terris noted the present Committee had worked very well and had contributed in a huge way to relationship building. The facilitation of further relationships with community groups, individuals and the three Councils will be a very important and much valued role for the new Advisory Committee.

Name

Members agreed with Councillor Thomas that the new name could be the *Hutt River Advisory Committee*.

Chairman

Mayor Terris, in noting that Councillor Macaskill would not be standing at the next Election, requested consideration be given to Councillor Macaskill being nominated as the independent Chairperson.

Councillor Macaskill said he was grateful for the suggestion which was a matter for consideration by the incoming Council.

Location and Time

It was agreed that future meetings could also take place in the Hutt and Upper Hutt Cities. The start time of the meetings should also be reviewed.

Resolved to Recommend (Cr Macaskill/Cr Werry)

- (1) *That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) *That it be recommended to the Landcare Committee that the new Committee be called the Hutt River Advisory Committee and that it continue to operate under a revised Terms of Reference, as proposed in Attachment 1 to Report 01.487 and as suggested by members at this meeting.*

HRF125 Questions**Melling Power Station**

Councillor Thomas asked whether there could be a Transformer oil leak from the Melling Power Station which may result in PCB's (Poly Chlorinated Biphenyls) being released into the environment.

Mr Forlong said the Resource Investigations Department of the Environment Division were investigating whether PCB's were present on the site and what risk they posed. Mr Paul said the Management Plan will also cover this and that the power station was to be "flood proofed" to the 2800 cumec standard.

HRF126 General**Next Meeting**

Mr Paul said it may be necessary to meet again to consider the options under preparation for the Ava Bridge Railway Crossing prior to the Landcare Committee meeting on 6 September 2001.

Site for Skate Boarding

Mayor Terris said that, with leave, he would like to ask a question about available space for skate boarders.

Mayor Terris said Hutt City Council had been trying to provide suitable space for skate boarders without success. Mayor Terris said he had observed there could be suitable Regional Council land on the western bank of the Hutt River upstream from the Melling Bridge.

Councillor Macaskill asked Councillor Werry, Chairperson Landcare Committee to investigate and report back to Hutt City Council.

Appreciation

Mayor Terris said Hutt residents very much appreciated the way the Management Plan had been developed and it was gratifying to reach safer waters and especially thanked Councillor Macaskill for his leadership through the development of the Management Plan.

The meeting closed at 6.00pm.

Chairperson

Date