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Report 02.510

16 July 2002

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Landcare Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Tuesday, 16 July 2002 at 9.30am

Present

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

Also Present

Councillor Turver

Officers Present

Messrs Darroch, Dick, Forlong, Jackson, Angie Gooch, and Waititi and Dr Crisp

Public Business

Procedural Items

LC 39 Apologies

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr McDavitt)

That the apologies from Councillors Kirton and Werry for lateness be confirmed.

LC 40 Public Participation

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

LC 41 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Barr)

That the minutes of the meeting of 11 June 2002, Report 02.354, and Report PE02.355, be confirmed, the public excluded business to remain confidential.

Matter for Decision**LC 42 Hutt River Advisory – 27 June 2002**

Resolved

(Cr Barr/Cr Shields)

That the report of the meeting of the Hutt River Advisory Committee held 27 June 2002, Items HRA 08 to HRA 16 inclusive, and the recommendations contained therein, be adopted.

Matters for Information**LC 43 Belmont Regional Park: Control and Management of the Takapu Block**

Report 02.426

File: R/5/1/3

Councillor Kirton arrived at 9.45am.

Resolved

(Cr Yardley/Cr Barr)

- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) That the Regional Council will shortly be appointed to control and manage the Takapu Block, be noted.*
- (3) That Landcare officers will liaise with Department of Conservation officials regarding details of the Council's appointment as the administering authority, be noted and will report back to the Landcare Committee in August 2002 for final approval of details of that appointment.*
- (4) That arrangements be made for a workshop tour of Belmont Regional Park in due course.*

Councillor Laidlaw requested a short report to the next meeting about the roles and transport linkages that impact on Belmont Regional Park including a map showing the crossovers.

LC 44 **Wellington Conservation Board (WCB) Meeting: 14 June 2002**

Report 02.418

File: E/7/10/7

Resolved

(Cr Barr/Cr Laidlaw)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC 45 **New Commercial Opportunities in WRC Parks and Forests**

Report 02.421

File: R/16/2/1

A copy of an e-mail from Councillor Turver, dated 14 July 2002, about new commercial opportunities in WRC Parks to the Chairperson Landcare Committee, was circulated to members.

Mr Forlong said that before members considered the report the TRC consultants had been invited to answer questions.

Mr Banford and Ms Clapp then joined the meeting.

At 10.15am it was resolved as follows:

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Thomas)

That Standing Orders be suspended to enable informal discussion to take place with the consultants.

At 10.50am it was resolved as follows:

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Thomas)

That Standing Orders be reinstated.

Resolved

(Cr Yardley/Cr Laidlaw)

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

(2) That the Landcare Division convene a workshop inviting key operators to explore tourism and other commercial opportunities that may exist within the WRC Parks and Forests and restraints that are perceived to inhibit such activities.

- (3) *That non commercial community groups who provide active support in our Regional Parks and Forests be invited to participate in a consultation process about the future direction of the Management Plans and any new policies to be included in those Plans.*
- (4) *That officers report back to the Landcare Committee with recommendations which could, if approved, form part of the public consultation phase of the Management Review of Regional Parks.*

LC 46 Community Feedback on Regional Parks and Forests

Report 02.420

File: R/01/01/18

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Barr)

That the report be received and the contents noted especially the connections to the Regional Parks and Forests Management Plans.

Councillor Laidlaw said he would prepare a report for consideration at a meeting of Ara Tahi concerning the oral histories associated with the Regional Council Parks and whether there could be some application of these histories in summary form to the Council's Parks signage.

LC 47 Environmental Asset Management Plan Performance Indicator

Report 02.416

File: R/01/01/16

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Thomas)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

Councillor Laidlaw requested a list of enhancements that could be desirable in an unlimited budget environment.

LC 48 Environmental Education and Environmental Enhancement Projects

Report 02.425

File: R/1/1/17

Resolved

(Cr Thomas/Cr McDavitt)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

It was agreed a celebratory walk be organised with Hutt City Council and Upper Hutt City Council for the Hutt River Walkways, culminating in morning teas.

Also investigations should continue concerning some type of recognition reward for voluntary workers.

LC 49 **Divisional Manager's Report**

Report 02.424

File: E/6/16/3

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Yardley)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC 50 **Questions**

Magazines at Belmont Regional Park

Councillor Thomas requested Mr Forlong to contact Landcorp concerning greater protection of the magazines at Belmont Regional Park.

LC 51 **General**

Rimutaka Incline – Rail Heritage

Councillor Shields said there was interest among groups with an interest in rail heritage concerning future restoration of the Rimutaka Rail Incline.

It was agreed that these groups be invited to give a presentation to the Landcare Committee.

Tree Planting – Rimutaka Hill Summit

Councillor Barr said he had noticed on a recent visit that trees had been planted in riparian strips which were unsuitable for vegetation .

Mr Forlong said he would investigate.

The meeting closed at 1.00pm.

Cr C LAIDLAW
Chairperson