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THE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Report 04.150

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Hutt River Advisory Committee held in the Level 5 Committee Room, The Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Thursday, 26 February 2004 at 4.30pm

Present

Mr Macaskill (Chairperson)
Councillors Evans, Laidlaw and Werry (Greater Wellington Regional Council)
Mayor Terris and Councillors Baird and Cousins (Hutt City Council)
Councillor Harris (Upper Hutt City Council)

Also Present

Councillor Thomas

Officers Present

Susan Borrer, Messrs Darroch and Atapattu, Rylee Pettersson, Messrs Dick, Richards and Forlong (Greater Wellington Regional Council)

Mr Scahill (Hutt City Council)

Public Business

Procedural Items

HRA 57 Apologies

Resolved

(Mr Macaskill/(Cr Werry))

That the apologies from Councillors Phillips and Timms, Upper Hutt City Council and Mr Puketapu, Te Runanganui o Taranaki Whanui ki te Upoku o Te Ika a Maui and the apology for an early departure from Councillor Harris be confirmed.

HRA 58 Public Participation

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

HRA 59 Minutes

Resolved

(Mr Macaskill /Cr Laidlaw)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 30 October 2003, Report 03.745, be confirmed.

Matters for Consideration**HRA 60 Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan Implementation: Project Manager's Report - Port Road Improvements****Report 04.63**

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Mr Macaskill said the Hutt City Council had appointed landscape designers to prepare a plan for improvements to the Port Road river bank from the Seaview Marina to the Estuary Bridge and they had been invited to give a presentation at today's meeting.

Mr A Aburn and Ms D Popova, Urban Perspectives and Mr G Protheroe, Isthmus Group, then introduced the proposal and described the draft concepts for the Hutt River Port Road improvements. This included the vision statement together with the key components and objectives of the project and the suggested design themes. Mr Aburn stressed that the proposals were at an early stage and a lot of further consultation, costings and design work would be required before any firm recommendations could be made.

Following discussion Mr Macaskill thanked the consultants for their presentation and looked forward to further information as the proposal progressed.

HRA 61 Update on Flooding in the Hutt Valley and Wainuiomata 11 to 19 February 2004

Mr Dick, Manager, Flood Protection, gave a presentation on the recent flooding in the Hutt Valley and Wainuiomata. This included water flows at the peak of the flooding and rainfall statistics, a summary of the weather patterns and the storm impacts and damage caused by the Hutt, Wainuiomata and Mangaroa Rivers and the Waiwhetu Stream.

Mr Dick said that following an initial assessment of the damage caused by flooding from the Waiwhetu Stream he was confident there were opportunities for improvements at modest cost.

Mr Dick also said officers had already commenced some investigations including hydrological surveys on the Waiwhetu Stream as a start to determining the best options for future flood protection in the areas impacted by the recent flooding.

Councillor Harris left at 5.35pm.

Mayor Terris noted that the Hutt district had just experienced their second major flood event in six months and the change in weather patterns gave an urgency to any remedial work. The ongoing work of improving stormwater drainage and strengthening stopbanks must continue. Mayor Terris thanked Mr Dick for his advice and assistance.

Councillor Evans said he trusted that officers had investigated whether there were any citizens requiring emergency relief especially in the Waiwhetu area.

Councillor Baird described the flooding in Eastbourne including blocked creeks and the build up on the beaches. These were matters for the Hutt City Council.

Resolved

(Mayor Terris/Cr Baird)

That the oral report be received.

HRA 62 **Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Belmont Improvements**

Report 04.70

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Environmental Enhancements

It was noted that there will be a major planting initiative from Carter Street to Richard Street later in the year and members will be invited to participate.

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Baird)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

**HRA 63 Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Strand Park River
Realignment Construction contract**

Report 04.64

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Mayor Terris said the report made very good reading and commended all those involved in progressing the project.

Resolved

(Cr Cousins/Cr Werry)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

**HRA 60 Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan Implementation: Project
(contd) Manager's Report**

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Mayor Terris left at 6.35pm.

Rylee Pettersson, Hazard Analyst, introduced the draft flooding hazard fact sheet and said she welcomed comments from members. It was agreed the sheet should include a paragraph about the recent flooding in the Hutt Valley.

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Werry)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

HRA 64 Questions

There were no questions

HRA 65 General

Members noted the next meeting will be on Thursday 24 June 2004 commencing at 4.30pm.

The meeting closed at 6.45pm.

MR S A MACASKILL
Chairperson