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Report 02.555

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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, 27 August 2002 at 9.30am**

**Present**

Councillors Laidlaw (Chairperson), Barr, Evans, Kirton, McDavitt, Shields, Werry and Yardley and Messrs Gilbert and Ross

**Officers Present**

Messrs Darroch, Dick, Forlong and Waititi

**Public Business**

**Procedural Items**

LC 52    **Apologies**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Yardley)*

*That the apology from Councillor Thomas be confirmed.*

LC 53 **Public Participation**

**Proposal to Reinstate the Rimutaka Incline between Maymorn and Featherston – Presented by Hugh McCracken and Stephen Porter, 25 August 2002**

Mr McCracken and Mr Porter gave a presentation on the Rimutaka Incline Heritage Railway Development Proposal and proposed that the next step was to form a working party of interested persons and representatives to prepare a feasibility study for the development.

When asked what the Group wanted from the Wellington Regional Council, Mr McCracken and Mr Porter suggested that the Regional Council could assist the working party with the feasibility study. The Regional Council could also possibly be involved in helping to facilitate the Resource Management and Heritage issues.

A copy of the presentation was circulated.

Following questions Councillor Laidlaw suggested that officers have an informal consultation in-house on the broad parameters of the proposal. Councillor Laidlaw also noted that until Mr McCracken and Mr Porter had presented a formal request Council was unable to determine the degree of support that might be forthcoming from the Regional Council.

LC 54 **Confirmation of Minutes**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Evans)*

*That the minutes of the meeting of 16 July 2002, Report 02.510 be confirmed.*

**Matters for Decision**

LC 55 **Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Removing the Ewen Floodway Designation**

**Report 02.503**

File: N/03/15/03

*Resolved*

*(Cr Werry/Cr Evans)*

- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) That acting under delegated authority from the Wellington Regional Council, the Hutt City Council be requested to remove the Regional Council designation over the Ewen Floodway land as shown on Attachment 1 to Report 02.503.*

Councillor Evans commented that it was a great moment to see the completion of the Ewen project with this last loose end tied up.

**LC 56 Waiwhetu Stream – Management Plan and Proposed Resource Consent Application**

**Report 02.499**

File: N/03/20/1

*Resolved*

*(Cr Kirton/Cr Yardley)*

- (1) That the report be received.*
- (2) That the contents of the report and the need for an eventual review of the Waiwhetu Stream Management Plan be noted.*
- (3) That the proposed renewal of the existing resource consent for spraying aquatic weed in the Waiwhetu Stream as a contingency measure be endorsed.*

**LC 57 Otaki River Mouth Lagoon**

**Report 02.500**

File: N/06/19/12

*Resolved*

*(Cr Shields/Cr Yardley)*

- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) That the environmental enhancement concept for the Otaki River mouth lagoon, as set out in Attachments 1 and 2 to Report 02.500, be endorsed.*

**LC 58 Regional Parks, Forests and Water Collection Areas: Contributing to a Sustainable Region and Quality for Life**

**Report 02.526**

File: R/1/1/18, R/2/3/2

*Resolved*

*(Cr Yardley/Cr Shields)*

- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) That assessments of the appropriateness of an activity, and the consideration of its positive and negative effects on the values (and potential values) of an area and Council's suggested quality for life outcomes, be agreed.*
- (3) That the Council's role in developing activities in regional parks and recreation areas in order to widen use be through enhanced facilitation and encouragement ( as set out in Option 1 in Report 02.526 ) be endorsed.*

**LC 59 Vision and Guiding Principles for Regional Parks, Forests and Water**

**Report 02.519**

File: R/1/1/18 & R/2/3/2

*Resolved*

*(Cr Kirton/Cr McDavitt)*

- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) That officers note the oral comments made by members at today's meeting and also invite members to give any further written comments to officers to enhance comments made for inclusion in the next stage of the drafting process for the Management Plans.*

Mr Forlong said staff had noted the comments during the discussion on the above policy and they will be taken into account as the plans are developed.

**Matters for Information**

**LC 60 Ranger Services Performance Indicator**

**Report 02.501**

File: R/1/1/12

*Resolved*

*(Cr Yardley/Cr Laidlaw)*

- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) That members note with appreciation the very worthwhile contribution made by rangers in the services they provide for the Regional Council.*

Members also agreed there were wonderful communication opportunities for the works undertaken by the Council's rangers.

**LC 61 Recreation and Heritage Asset Management Plan Performance Indicator**

**Report 02.524**

File: R/1/1/16

*Resolved*

*(Cr Barr/Cr McDavitt)*

*That the report be received and the contents noted.*

**LC 62 Western Rivers 2001/02 Asset Monitoring Report**

**Report 02.511**

File: N/50/1/30

Councillor Kirton left at 12 noon.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Shields/Cr Werry)*

*That the report be received and the contents noted.*

**LC 63 Potential Roads Through Belmont Regional Park**

**Report 02.521**

File: R/5/1/1

Members noted that the Regional Land Transport Committee was presently preparing a draft document for release to the public as the basis for public consultation. Councillors will be consulted before the draft is released. Submissions will be considered by the Regional Land Transport Committee for recommendation to Council.

Members discussed the possibility of a road through Belmont Regional Park and acknowledged there was a need for technical input from the Landcare Division during the consultation process.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Barr)*

*That the report be received and the contents noted.*

**LC 64 Kapiti Coast Flood Hazard Review: Introducing the Review and Programme**

**Report 02.502**

File: N/06/09/10

*Resolved*

*(Cr Yardley/Cr Barr)*

*That the report be received and the contents noted.*

**LC 65 Divisional Manager's Report**

**Report 02.522**

File: E/6/16/3

*Resolved*

*(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Shields)*

*That the report be received and the contents noted.*

**LC 66 Questions**

In response to a question from Councillor Barr, Mr Waititi said discussions were proceeding well with the Department of Conservation with regard to the acquisition of the Takapu Road Recreation Reserve.

LC 67    **General**

Councillor Yardley requested that in order to facilitate the proper consideration of the Rimutaka Incline Railway Reinstatement Project within the review of the Pakuratahi Regional Park Plans, officers be invited to prepare a paper on the proposal and report back to the Landcare Committee as soon as possible.

The meeting closed at 1.15pm.

Cr C LAIDLAW  
Chairperson