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THE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Report 03.528

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Landcare Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Tuesday, 26 August 2003 at 9.30am

Present

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

Officers Present

Messrs Ballantine, Darroch, Dick, Forlong, Oliver, Waititi, Dr Crisp, Amanda Cox and Tina Walker

Public Business

Procedural Items

LC 128 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Barr)

That the apology from Mr Ross, and the apology for lateness from Councillor Kirton who had been unavoidably delayed with transport difficulties, be confirmed.

LC 129 Public Participation

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

LC 130 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Yardley)

That the minutes of the meeting of 15 July 2003, Report 03.433, be confirmed.

Matters Arising**Strand Park Land Purchase**

Mr Dick, Manager Flood Protection, said that the Office of Treaty Settlements had commenced a public consultation process and submissions will close next week. The Regional Council will then have a clear idea as to when the land transfer will be completed.

Mr Dick continued that while the Strand Park realignment had been delayed as a result of the land purchase project, staff were considering options for accelerating the project.

Mr Dick said the Alicetown Stopbank would be a subject for consideration at the next meeting of the Hutt River Advisory Committee to be held next month.

Matters for Recommendation**LC 131 Regional Parks Network Management Plan for Approval**

Councillors thanked Victoria Owen for her work in preparing the Plan.

Report 03.488

File: PK/03/02/02

Resolved

(Cr Yardley/Cr Thomas)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

Resolved to Recommend to Council

(Cr Yardley/Cr Thomas)

- (1) That the Regional Parks Network Management Plan pursuant to Section 619 of the Local Government Act 1974 and Section 41 of the Reserves Act 1977, subject to any minor technical or editorial amendments which may be authorised by the Committee chairman be approved.*
- (2) Refer the approved plan to the Department of Conservation for approval pursuant to Section 41(7) of the Reserves Act 1977.*

LC 132 Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Opahu Stream Outlet Improvements Agreement

Report 03.484

File: N/03/20/03

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Werry)

- (1) *That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) *That the approved Flood Protection 2003-2010 ten-year Operating Plan includes provision for the Ava stopbank strengthening works including GWRC's proposed contribution to the Opahu Stream outlet improvements be noted.*

Resolved to Recommend to Council

(Cr Shields/Cr Werry)

- (3) *That Council approve the proposed agreement between GWRC and the HCC for the Opahu Stream outlet improvements.*

LC 133 Wainuiomata-Orongorongo Water Collection Area Access Plan Review

Report 03.440

File: PK/07/02/08

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Kirton)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

Resolved to Recommend to Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Kirton)

That Council:

- (1) *Agrees to the proposals for access for 2003/04 in the Wainuiomata Catchment as follows:*
 - 12 trips of 60 people
 - guiding ratios of 1:15
 - six 'group tours' and six 'individuals tours'.
- (2) *Agrees to the proposals for access for 2003/04 in the Orongorongo Catchment as follows:*
 - 6 tours of 15 people
 - guiding ratios of 2:15 (one of the guides must be a staff member).
- (3) *Agrees that a public 'roar hunt' continue to operate through a ballot system.*
- (4) *That during the review of access next year, officers investigate the possibility of operating on a commercial or franchise basis.*

Councillor Barr dissented.

Matters for Decision

LC 134 State Highway 2 Pedestrian Underpass, Kaitoke

Report 03.449

File: PK/13/01/03

Resolved

(Cr Barr/Cr Shields)

- (1) *That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) *That a 50:50 cost share agreement has been agreed with Transit New Zealand for the Kaitoke State Highway 2 pedestrian underpass project be noted.*
- (3) *That the Council contributing a share towards construction of the underpass up to a total cost of \$104,000 + GST (\$95,000 plus \$9,000 for contingency be approved.*
- (4) *That the funding mechanism for the project from a combination of the sale of the land and withdrawal from the Regional Parks Land Purchase Reserve be confirmed.*
- (5) *That the authorised signatory of Council be affixed to the documents outlining the agreements with Transit NZ to achieve the underpass be agreed.*

LC 135 Regional Park Plans: Proposed Process and Timetable

Report 03.450

File: PK/03/02/01

Moved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Werry)

- (1) *That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) *That the process and timelines for preparing the regional park management plans be approved.*

Amendment

(Cr Barr/Cr Yardley)

*That the words "subject to periodic review" be added to recommendation
(2)*

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

Matters for Information

LC 136 **Floodplain Management Plan Implementation: Annual Progress Report**

Report 03.486

File: N/50/01/15

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Barr)

- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) That the proposed reporting format outlined in Section 3 of the report be noted.*
- (3) That a copy of this report will be sent to Hutt City Council, Upper Hutt City Council and the Kapiti Coast District Council for their information.*

LC 137 **Parks and Forests Management Plan Implementation Performance Indicator**

Report 03.456

File: PK/01/01/01

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Werry)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC 138 **Environmental Asset Management Plan Performance Indicator**

Report 03.457

File: PK/01/01/01

Resolved

(Cr Thomas/Cr Barr)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

Councillor Kirton joined the meeting.

LC 139 **Western Rivers Asset Monitoring Report for 2002/03**

Report 03.490

File: N/50/01/06 & N/50/01/22

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Yardley)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC 140 **Environmental Education and Environmental Enhancement Projects**

Report 03.462

File: PK/01/01/01

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Yardley)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC 141 **Queen Elizabeth Park – State Highway 1 Overbridge/MacKays Crossing Entrance**

Report 03.372

File: PK/14/01/03

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Shields)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

Mr Waititi said there were no extra costs for the Regional Council for the above mentioned project.

LC 142 **Recreation and Heritage Asset Management Plan Performance Indicator**

Report 03.447

File: PK/01/01/07

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Werry)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC 143 **Parks and Forests Capital Works Programme**

Report 03.448

File: PK/01/01/01

Resolved

(Cr Yardley/Cr Shields)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC 144 **Divisional Manager's Report**

Report 03.494

File: E/06/16/03

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Barr)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC 145 **Questions**

There were no questions.

LC 146 **General**

Arboretum for Battle Hill

Following a request by Councillor Shields it was agreed that officers be asked to investigate and report back on the possibility of developing an arboretum at Battle Hill Regional Park.

Wainuiomata-Orongorongo Water Collection Area – Visit by Councillors

Councillors asked that officers organise a trip in conjunction with the Utility Services Division for Councillors to the above area later in the year, probably in November.

East Harbour Regional Park

Councillor Evans noted that a working group comprising delegates from the Wellington Tenth Trust, Te Atiawa as well as Councillors had its first meeting in June about East Harbour Regional Park. Mr Waititi, Manager Parks and Forests, said he would report on progress.

The meeting closed at 12.15pm.

Cr C LAIDLAW
Chairperson

Date: