

Report 04.367

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Report 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, 24 June 2004 at 4.30pm

Present

Mr Macaskill (Chairperson)
Councillors Evans, Laidlaw and Werry (Greater Wellington Regional Council)
Councillors Cousins and Wallace (Hutt City Council)
Councillors Phillips and Timms (Upper Hutt City Council)
Ms Mellish, Wellington Tenths Trust

Officers Present

Susan Borrer, Messrs Atapattu, Darroch, Dick, Richards, Forlong and Kim Wall (Greater Wellington Regional Council)
Mr Albequerque and Vanessa Rodgers (Hutt City Council)
Messrs Hogan and Miller (Upper Hutt City Council)

Councillor Evans QSO

Mr Macaskill said he was sure members and officers will want to join him in congratulating Councillor Evans for being made a Companion of the Queen's Service Order for public service in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Public Business

Procedural Items

HRA 66 Apologies

Resolved

(Mr Macaskill/(Cr Evans)

That the apologies from Mayor Terris and Councillor Baird, Hutt City Council, Councillor Harris, Upper Hutt City Council and Mr Puketapu, Te Runanganui o Taranaki Whanui ki te Upoku o Te Ika a Maui, be confirmed.

HRA 67 **Public Participation**

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

HRA 68 Minutes

Update on Flooding the Hutt Valley

Mayor Terris, through his Deputy representative Councillor Wallace, requested the following words (in italics) be added to the minutes:

The change in weather patterns gave an urgency to any remedial work especially with the threat of repeat flooding in the Waiwhetu Stream.

Resolved

(Mr Macaskill/Cr Howard)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2004, Report 04.150, as amended, be confirmed.

Matters for Consideration

HRA 69 Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Whirinaki Crescent Stopbank Upgrade – Preliminary Design

Report 04.318 File: N/3/15/07

Declaration of Interest

Mr Macaskill, as a member of the Wellington Golf Club, declared an interest and neither voted nor took part in the discussion on this item.

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Timms)

- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.
- (2) That it be noted that the final preliminary design is proposed to be submitted at the September 2004 meeting for endorsement.

HRA 70 Belmont Improvements

Report 04.314

Councillor Wallace said Mayor Terris had received favourable comments following the completion of the Belmont Capital Works. The environmental enhancement projects and the addition of walking tracks linking to the Hutt River Trail were popular with residents. Planting of native plants had been well supported and an additional river bank planting day had been arranged for the following Saturday.

Resolved

(Mr Macaskill/Mrs Mellish)

File: N/3/15/4 & N/3/13/25

That the report be received and the contents noted.

HRA 71 Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Project Manager's Report

Report 04.317 File: N/03/13/25

New Ava Bridge

Moved

(Cr Evans./Cr Wallace)

That the Subcommittee seek an early indication from the Hutt City Council on the prospects of a new Ava Bridge in relation to the proposed cross Valley link to enable Greater Wellington to plan for the best flood planning measures, for consideration by the Subcommittee at its next meeting in September, if possible.

CARRIED

Non-Structural Measures - Belmont

Hutt City Council has commenced consultation on the proposed district plan changes. Residents believed there should be no erosion hazard on their properties once the edge protection works had been completed and claimed they had not been correctly informed before the works had started.

Members discussed the matter extensively and noted there had been wide public consultation before construction. Members did not expect that there would be significant alterations to the structural programme but agreed that officers of Greater Wellington and Hutt City Council again meet with residents and report back to the next meeting on 16 September 2004.

Resolved

(Mrs Mellish/Cr Evans)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

HRA 72 Questions

There were no questions

HRA 73 General

Members noted the next meeting will be on Thursday 16 September 2004 commencing at 4.30pm.

HRA 74 Exclusion of the Public

Report 04.357

Resolved

(Mr Macaskill/Cr Laidlaw)

That the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Land Acquisition Strategy

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of
each matter to be
considered:

Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution

Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Land Acquisition Strategy

To enable the Council to carry on negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage

That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist, ie (to enable the Council to carry on negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage).

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1) (a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act of section 6 or section 7 or section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

The Greater Wellington Regional Council

The open part of the meeting closed at 5.45pm.

MR S A MACASKILL Chairperson Date

Landcare - 3 August 2004

To be moved:

That the report of the Hutt River Advisory Committee meeting held on 24 June 2004, Items HRA 66 to HRA 74 inclusive, be approved.