



Report 05.329

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Landcare Committee held in the Council Chamber, Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Tuesday, 21 June 2005 at 9.32am

Present

Councillors Laidlaw (Chairperson), Aitken, Baber, Buchanan, Greig, Long and Shields, and Mr Ross

Also Present

Councillor Turver

Officers Present

Messrs Jeff Angus, Wayne Angus, Daya Atapattu, Garry Baker, Brad Bulman, Jeff Evans, Kevin Fewtrell, Rob Forlong, Tony Healy, Ken Jackson, Ross Jackson, Mike Jensen, Jaap Knegtman, Phil Purves, Chris Senior, Owen Spearpoint, Lance Tatham, John Tinetti, Murray Waititi, Thane Walls, Graham Winterburn, Nicolas Young, Amanda Cox and Phillipa Crisp

Public Business

Procedural Items

LC 48 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Buchanan)

That the Committee

Accept the apologies for absence from Councillor Glensor and for lateness from Mr Ross.

LC 49 **Public Participation**

Guardians of Whareroa

Messrs Adrian Webster, John Lancashire, John Porter, Ms Rachel Kiel-Taylor and Ms June Rowland spoke of the community concern at the future of Whareroa farm with the intention of Landcorp to sell it. They urged the Council to support public ownership of the farm as a strategic recreational and ecological area with an integral linkage to Queen Elizabeth Park. More specifically they requested that Council consider maintaining the farm if it is gifted for public ownership.

Following questions and discussion Councillor Laidlaw thanked the representatives for the information that they had provided.

Noted

- (1) That Officers would continue to monitor the situation and report back in a timely way on any proposals regarding Whareroa farm.
- (2) That a visit to Whareroa farm was scheduled for 1 August 2005 as part of a wider visit to the Kapiti Coast.

LC 50 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Report 05.241

File: E/06/16/02

Resolved

(Cr Aitken/Cr Baber)

That the Committee

Confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 May 2005, Report 05.241.

Matters for Recommendation to Council

LC 51 **Pakuratahi Forest: GNS Application**

Report 05.290

File: PK/14/05/06

Resolved

(Cr Long/Cr Aitken)

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- (1) *Receive the contents of the report.*
- (2) *Note the contents of the report.*

- (3) *Grant GNS a licence to occupy a site along the Mt Climie access road, subject to appropriate conditions, for 20 years..*
- (4) *Instruct the Manager, Parks & Forests, to enter into a formal licence with GNS on behalf of the Council for peppercorn rental with an application fee of \$1,000.00 (incl GST).*

Matter for Decision

LC 52 Name for Signature Walk and Cycle Way in Belmont Regional Park

Report 05.177

File: PK/11/01/02

Resolved

(Cr Aitken/Cr Shields)

That the Committee

- (1) *Note the contents of the report.*
- (2) *Adopt the name Puke Ariki/Haywards Korokoro Traverse for the signature walk and cycle way in Belmont Regional Park.*

10.18am Mr Ross entered the meeting

Matters for Information

LC 53 Environmental Asset Management Plan

Report 05.258

File: PK/05/01/05

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Shields)

That the Committee

- (1) *Receive the report.*
- (2) *Note the contents of the report.*

10.30am Morning Tea Adjournment.

11.00am Meeting resumed.

LC 54 **Divisional Manager's Report**

Report 05.289

File: E/06/16/03

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Aitken)

That the Committee

- (1) Receive the report.*
- (2) Note the contents of the report.*

LC 55 **Flood Protection Operations Work**

A warm welcome was given to flood protection staff by Councillor Laidlaw. Committee members were pleased to have almost all the Riverhands at the meeting so that they could be thanked in person for their work.

Jeff Evans and Garry Baker then gave an audiovisual presentation on flood protection work in the region, and answered questions of committee members.

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Aitken)

That the Committee

- (1) Recognise the tremendous effort by flood protection staff in the past 18 months.*
- (2) Thank the flood protection staff for their efforts this year, particularly the huge effort following the January 2005 floods.*

LC 56 **Questions**

There were no questions.

LC 57 **General**

Valedictory - Rob Forlong

As it was the last meeting of the Landcare Committee that Rob Forlong was attending as Divisional Manager, Councillor Laidlaw wished to have his, and the Committee's, gratitude recorded for Mr Forlong's assistance in landcare issues. While the Committee was sorry to lose Mr Forlong's services, best wishes were extended to him for his future role as Chief Executive of ERMA New Zealand.

11.48am The meeting closed.

COUNCILLOR C LAIDLAW

Chairperson

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