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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, 7 July 2005 at 4.30pm

Present

Mr Macaskill (Chairperson)
Councillors Evans, Glensor and Greig (Greater Wellington Regional Council)
Councillors Baird, Jamieson and Milne (Hutt City Council)
Councillors Austin and Harris (Upper Hutt City Council)
Ms Mellish, Wellington Tenths Trust

Also Present

Councillor Hislop (Hutt City Council)

Officers Present

Messrs Atapattu, Dick, Evans, Forlong, Jackson, and Jensen (Greater Wellington Regional Council)

Public Business

Procedural Items

HRA 10 Apologies

Resolved

(Mr Macaskill/(Cr Greig)

That the Committee

Accept the apologies for absence from Councillors Laidlaw (Greater Wellington Regional Council), Cousins (Hutt City Council), Barnard and Gwilliam (Upper Hutt City Council, and Mayor Ogden (Hutt City Council)

HRA 11 Public Participation

Mr Barry Jenness, Resident, Hathaway Avenue, Lower Hutt

Mr Jenness representing the residents of Hathaway Avenue tabled, and spoke to, a paper regarding the draft project implementation sequence for the capital works programme 2006 - 2016 for the Hutt River. He particularly urged that work begin on the Hutt/Boulcott stopbank as early as possible.

Hutt Golf Club

Mr Rod Gillespie representing the Hutt Golf Club spoke on similar lines to Mr Jenness. The Club supports increased dredging and the building of a stop bank as soon as possible. The Golf Club would prefer that river bed levels be reduced as low as possible below the 1998 levels.

Noted

Officers advised that the 1998 river bed levels are not necessarily the final levels for gravel extraction from the Hutt River. Once that point is reached the situation will be further reviewed.

HRA 12 Confirmation of Minutes

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Resolved

(Cr Greig/Cr Harris)

That the Committee

Confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 17 February 2005, Report 05.92.

HRA 13 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Mr Macaskill and Cr Milne advised that they were members of the Wellington Golf Club and therefore declared an interest in matters pertaining thereto.

Matters for Consideration

HRA 14 Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Project Manager's Report

Resolved (Cr Evans/Cr Greig)

That the Committee

- (1) Receive the report.*
- (2) Note the contents of the report.*
- (3) Recommend to Greater Wellington that the stop bank strengthening at Ava Rail Bridge should proceed to the current Greater Wellington capital works programme.*

Noted

That the Hutt City Council representatives will check on the economic impact of flooding in the Hutt Valley study being deleted by that Council.

HRA 15 Hutt River Maintenance Update

Mr Jeff Evans gave an audio visual presentation on the Hutt River maintenance work completed over the last 12 months.

HRA 16 Hutt River: Draft project Implementation Sequence for the Capital Works Programme 2006-2016

6.05pm Cr Harris retired from the meeting.

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Resolved

(Cr Evans/Cr Baird)

That the Committee recommends that the Landcare Committee

- (1) Receive the report.*
- (2) Note the contents of the report.*
- (3) Adopt the proposed Hutt River projects implementation sequence as provided in Report 05.298.*
- (4) Consider, in the light of recent experience, reducing the period over which the Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan is implemented.*
- (5) Urgently investigate the options for Hathaway Avenue so that discussions with the affected parties can proceed as soon as practicable.*

HRA 17 Questions

There were no questions.

HRA 18 General

Rob Forlong - Valedictory

Mr Macaskill acknowledged Rob Forlong's imminent departure as Greater Wellington's Landcare Divisional Manager for a new role as ERMA New Zealand Chief Executive. He thanked Mr Forlong for his contribution to the Committee and the Region, and extended the Committee's best wishes.

6.47 pm The meeting closed.

MR S A MACASKILL
Chairperson

Date