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Minutes of the Meeting of the Hutt River Advisory Committee held in the Council Chamber, Hutt City Council, 30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt, on Thursday, 6 September 2007 at 4.02 pm

Present

Mr Macaskill (Chairperson)
Councillors Buchanan, Evans, Glensor, and Greig (Greater Wellington Regional Council)
Mayor Ogden, and Councillors Baird, Jamieson, and Milne (Hutt City Council)

Officers Present

Atapattu, Campbell, Cox, Dick, and Reay (Greater Wellington Regional Council).

Public Business

Procedural Items

HRA 64 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Mr Macaskill /Cr Evans)

That the Committee

Accepts the apologies for absence from Councillors Barnard, Cousins, Gwilliam, Harris, and Laidlaw; and the apologies for lateness from Cr Glensor and Mayor Ogden.

HRA 65 **Public Participation**

Tabled

Boulcott Golf Club (Inc) September 2007 Stop Bank Reconstruction Submission. Boulcott Golf Club Stop Bank Committee 2006.

Hutt Golf Club Inc. Submission to Hutt River Advisory Committee. Hutt Golf Club Inc.

Dennis Page, a Boulcott St resident, favours the Blue option for the construction of a new stopbank in the Boulcott-Hutt golf courses area. Mr Page is concerned that potential rezoning consequent to the adoption of other options would result in residential housing in protected areas of the Boulcott course. Mr Page was aware of the future stopbank upgrade at the time of property purchase and prefers a grassed stopbank to housing.

Sandy Wallace of 30A Hathaway Avenue expressed opposition to the Blue option for the construction of the stopbank. Ms Wallace reported that her property has been flooded in the past, and she feels that adoption of the Blue option will increase the stormwater flood risk. She favours the Green or Red options.

Barry Jenness of Hathaway Avenue felt that the Councils should take a broader view of the situation. Mr Jenness opposes the Blue option, favours the Red option, but would accept the Green. He maintained that adoption of the Blue option will decrease property values. Mr Jenness encouraged the Councils to promote the merger of the two affected Golf Clubs.

David Graham of 2 Boulcott Street strongly favours the Green option. He is opposed to a carpark near his residence. Mr Graham feels that the amalgamation of the two affected Golf Clubs would be beneficial to Hutt City.

Colin Carter on behalf of the Boulcott Golf Club strongly prefers the Blue option. While the club is sympathetic to the need for flood protection, it wishes to preserve the integrity of both the club and its course. The only way for survival of the Boulcott Golf Club should the Green alignment be adopted is for it to be a golf friendly stopbank probably with batters of 6:1. **Attachment1** contains the Boulcott Golf Club's submission.

Rod Gillespie and Brian Gillespie on behalf of the Hutt Golf Club favour the Red option provided the costs for modifying the golf course were paid for as part of the project and that they were given other land adjacent to the course of equal area to that required for the red option stopbank. Messrs Gillespie feel that the Green option will create a disruptive impact on the clubs viability which will extend well beyond the construction phase. They also said, on the basis of their estimates, the Red alignment will have the lowest total costs. They sought time to explore the viability of merging

with the Boulcott club. **Attachment 2** contains the Hutt Golf Club's submission.

HRA 66 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved (Cr Greig/Cr Jamieson)

That the Committee

Confirms the minutes of the meetings held on 1 March 2007, Report 07.454.

Matters for Consideration

HRA 67 Boulcott/Hutt stopbank feasibility study: preferred alignment

Daya Atapattu and Graeme Campbell gave a *Powerpoint* Presentation.

Report 07.568 File: N/03/18/01

Resolved (Cr Evans/Cr Jamieson)

That the Committee

- (1) *Receives the report.*
- (2) *Notes the contents of the report.*
- (3) *Recommends to the Landcare Committee that officers should proceed with the detailed design and obtaining statutory approvals for the Boulcott/Hutt stopbank on the basis of the Green alignment.*
- (4) *Requests officers to work with the Hutt and Boulcott Golf Clubs to maximise opportunities for retaining/developing high quality golfing facilities on the basis of the Green alignment.*

Resolved (Mayor Ogden/Cr Milne)

- (5) *Requests officers to investigate and report back on the design height of the proposed bund along the Red alignment with a view to improving the protection to the Hutt and Boulcott golf courses from flooding.*

HRA 68 **Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Project Manager's Report**

Report 07.569

File: N/03/15/05

Resolved

(Cr Greig/Cr Glensor)

That the Committee

(1) Receives the report.

(2) Notes the contents of the report.

Other Matters

HRA 69 **Questions**

There were no questions.

HRA 70 **General**

The Committee thanked the officers for the thorough, professional, and sympathetic way public consultation on the proposals for new stopbanks in the Boulcott-Hutt golf courses area was conducted. It also expressed pleasure that all interested public individuals and groups attending the meeting had thanked the councils for their efforts in reaching a generally-acceptable conclusion.

The meeting closed at 6.27 pm.

MR S A MACASKILL
Chairperson

Date: 12 September 2007