

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Landcare Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Thursday, 23 March 2000, at 9.30am**

**Present**

Councillors Werry (Chairperson), Bonner, Laidlaw, Long, McQueen, Shaw and Thomas

**Also Present**

Councillors Allen and Turver

**Officers Present**

Messrs Andrell, Annakin, Campbell, Dick, Ms Edwards, Manley and Messrs Murphy, Paul, van Dyk and Wootton

**Public Business**

**Procedural Items**

LC139 **Apologies**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Werry/Cr McQueen)*

*That the apologies of Councillors Macaskill and Shields and Messrs Gilbert and Ross be confirmed.*

LC140 **Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

LC141 **Confirmation of Minutes**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Long/Cr Laidlaw)*

*That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2000 (Report 00.92), and of the special meeting held on 23 February 2000 (Report 00.174), be confirmed.*

**Matters for Decision**

LC142 **October 1998 Flood Damage Repair : Progress Report**

**Report 00.158**

File: N/90/6/1

Cr Turver suggested having an open day for locals following completion of the Chrystalls Bend Stopbank upgrade. Cr Laidlaw was concerned to ensure maximum publicity exposure for the successful Manor Park Golf Club works.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Thomas/Cr Long)*

*That the Landcare Committee:*

- (1) Receive this report and note its contents.*
- (2) Note the unfavourable Opex variance of \$108,659 will be funded from maintenance budgets.*
- (3) Note the additional forecast capital expenditure at Block Road on the Hutt River and endorse the reallocation of \$55,000 from the other Hutt capital projects to fund this additional requirement.*
- (4) Note that it is expected that the final Flood Damage Repair project will fall within budget through further savings in the larger capital projects.*

LC143 **Kapiti Minor Watercourses**

**Report 00.152**

File: N/6/30/5

*Resolved*

*(Cr Bonner/Cr Laidlaw)*

*That the Committee*

- (1) Receive this report and note its contents.*

- (2) *Note the issues that have arisen recently regarding management of the Waitohu Stream and endorse the proposed initiatives outlined in Section 3 of Report 00.152 in response.*
- (3) *Agree that a review of the Regional Council's management of Kapiti minor watercourses is now appropriate, and note that a watercourse status report is proposed for the Committee by February 2001.*
- (4) *Agree that the value of minor scheme plans be assessed as part of planning for management of Kapiti minor watercourses.*

**LC144 Rewanui Bush**

**Report 00.159**

File: R/2/2/1, Y/6/1

Members asked that the Committee be briefed on the Regional Parks Land Purchase Reserve Fund.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Laidlaw/Cr McQueen)*

*That the Committee*

- (1) *Receive the report and note the recreation, environmental and heritage Signature Values of Rewanui Bush.*
- (2) *Agree that the Regional Parks Land Purchase Reserve Fund should not be used, at this stage, to acquire the property.*
- (3) *Ask officers from the Wairarapa and Environment Divisions to investigate alternative options, such as covenanting or partnerships, to protect the environmental values of the bush on the Rewanui property.*

Morning Tea: 10.50am

Resumed: 11.05am

**Matters for Information**

**LC145 Kilmister Block : Belmont Regional Park**

**Report 00.157**

File: R/5/7/1

Cr McQueen reported on a letter from Valerie Smith, Belmont Regional Park Action Group, recording thanks for the Wellington Regional Council's work on this issue, especially the efforts of Belmont Regional Park Ranger, Chris Wootton.

Cr Werry also expressed thanks to Susan Edwards, Manager Regional Parks (Strategy and Marketing), and Chris Wootton for their special efforts in this matter.

*Resolved* (Cr Thomas/Cr Long)

*That the Committee receive the report and note its contents.*

**LC146 Update on Belmont Regional Park**

**Report 00.160**

File: R/5/1/3

Cr Turver left the meeting at 11.20am.

Cr Thomas advised she would be attending a meeting in April for Belmont residents, to brief them on roading proposals affecting Belmont Regional Park.

*Resolved* (Cr Long/Cr Thomas)

*That the Landcare Committee receive the report and note its contents.*

**LC147 Report of the Meeting of the Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee – 13 March 2000**

**Report 00.162**

File: E/6/10/6

Mr Annakin advised that following Council discussion on 21 March, he volunteered to rewrite the consultative material for the Long-Term Financial Strategy on funding options for Hutt River works.

Cr Werry encouraged Councillors to attend the 10 April workshop on the Hutt Floodplain Management non-structural measures.

*Resolved* (Cr Laidlaw/Cr Thomas)

*That the report of the meeting of the Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee held on 13 March 2000, Items HRF72 to HRF81 inclusive, be received.*

**LC148 Divisional Manager's Report**

**Report 00.186**

File: E/6/16/3

Cr Turver rejoined the meeting at 11.45am.

*Resolved*

*(Cr McQueen/Cr Shaw)*

*That the Landcare Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee that it request a combined report be prepared, from relevant Divisions, for the Council's information, on the environmental issues associated with the Transmission Gully proposal.*

Cr Turver thanked officers for arranging the visit to the Lord of the Rings filming location.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Werry/Cr Thomas)*

*That the Divisional and Departmental reports be received and their contents noted.*

**LC149 Questions**

There were no questions.

**LC150 General**

There were no items of general business.

**LC151 Exclusion of the Public - Procedural Resolution**

Report PE-00.175

*Resolved*

*(Cr Werry/Cr Laidlaw)*

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

*(1) Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan : Property Purchase 56 Connolly Street*

*(2) Review of Rent, Shandon Golf Club*

*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:*

<i>General subject of each matter to be considered:</i>	<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i>	<i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
(1) <i>Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan : Property Purchase 56 Connolly Street</i>	<i>To enable the Council to carry on negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage.</i>	<i>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.</i>
(2) <i>Review of Rent, Shandon Golf Club</i>	<i>To enable the Council to carry on negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage.</i>	<i>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.</i>

*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:*

- (1) *Wellington Regional Council, Rentokil Limited*
- (2) *Wellington Regional Council, Shandon Golf Club*

The public part of the meeting closed at 12.12pm.

Cr R Werry  
Chairperson

Date