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Minutes of the Public Excluded Part of the Meeting of the Landcare Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Thursday, 29 March 2001 at 12.55pm.

Present

Councillors Werry (Chairperson), Laidlaw, Long, Macaskill, McQueen, Shaw, and Thomas and Mr Gilbert

Officers Present

Messrs Andrell, Annakin, Ballantine, Cross, Darroch, Dick, Anne Manley, Oliver and Paul.

Public Business

Procedural Items

LC45 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Thomas)

That the apologies from Councillor Laidlaw, Councillor Bonner, Councillor Shields and Mr Ross, be confirmed.

Matter for Recommendation

LC46 **Report Back on Land Purchase Proposal: York Bay**

Report PE 01.194

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Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Long /Cr McQueen)

That the Policy and Finance Committee recommends that Council :

- (1) notes that Regional Council and Hutt City Council officers have investigated the possible purchase of approximately 21.5 hectares of the McKay/Shaw property in York Bay for inclusion in East Harbour Regional Park, but could not reach agreement with the landowners on a fair market price;*
- (2) agrees that diverting the Main Ridge Track is now the preferred course of action to protect public access along the Main Ridge in East Harbour Regional Park;*
- (3) notes that Hutt City Council has decided to close the Francis Bell Grove Track and will be responsible for diverting the Main Ridge Track;*
- (4) agrees that Parks and Forests officers should not pursue the matter of purchasing land on the McKay/Shaw property any further at this stage;*
- (5) agrees that as no agreement could be reached on purchasing the land, Parks and Forests should endeavour to seek protection of the landscape and environmental values on the McKay/Shaw property through the District Plan and resource consent processes;*
- (6) notes that the Significant Natural Area zoning in the Hutt City District Plan will go some way towards managing the effects of any development as well as protecting the vegetation on the McKay/Shaw property.*

The public excluded meeting closed at 1.00pm.

COUNCILLOR R WERRY

Chairperson

Date