

HUTT CITY COUNCIL

WAIWHETU STREAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Report of a meeting held in the Council Chambers, Administration Building, Hutt City Council, 30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt on
Monday 29 August 2005 commencing at 4.30pm

PRESENT: Mr S Macaskill (Chair)
Mr L Roberts (Waiwhetu Stream Working Group)

Greater Wellington Cr P Glensor (from 4.33pm)
Cr S Greig
Cr G Evans (Alternate) (from 4.33pm)

Hutt City Council Mayor DK Ogden
Cr GD Barratt (Alternate)

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Cr RW Styles (HCC) and Cr JMK Baird (HCC Alternate), and an apology for lateness was received from Cr G Evans (GWRC Alternate).

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr S Duncan, General Manager Asset Services, HCC (part meeting)
Mr D Kelly, General Manager Customer Services, HCC (part meeting)
Mr B Sherlock, Divisional Manager Utility Services, HCC
Ms T Walker, Acting Divisional Manager, Landcare, GWRC
Mr G Dick, Manager, Flood Protection, GWRC
Mr J Eyles, Project Manager, GWRC
Mr T Porteous, BioDiversity Co-ordinator, GWRC
Mr P Wallace, Hydraulic Modeller, GWRC
Mr J Easter, URS New Zealand Ltd
Ms J Chard, URS New Zealand Ltd
Ms L Chick, URS New Zealand Ltd
Mrs JE Stevens, Senior Committee Advisor, HCC
Mrs M Cusack, Committee Advisor, HCC

**REPORT TO HUTT CITY COUNCIL AND GREATER WELLINGTON REGIONAL
COUNCIL LANDCARE COMMITTEE
PUBLIC BUSINESS**

Matters requiring specific consideration are shown as "RECOMMENDED" while those matters which are within the Committee's power to determine are shown as "RESOLVED".

1. APOLOGIES

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WSAC 050401

"That the apologies received from Cr RW Styles (HCC) and Cr JMK Baird (HCC Alternate), and the apology for lateness received from Mr G Evans (GWRC Alternate), be accepted and leave of absence be granted."

Crs Glensor and Evans joined the meeting at 4.33pm.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Speaking under public comment, **Mr T Hudig representing John Jacobson Ltd** advised of concerns held by businesses in Gracefield about flooding in their area. He advised that nearly all businesses were affected, either through flooding, not being able to get to work, or not being able to take deliveries or send goods out, and that these disruptions occurred twice during 2004 with a number of close calls also during January 2005. He urged the Committee to "make haste slowly" in this matter to protect the area against further flooding and business interruption.

Responding to questions from members, Mr Hudig asked the Committee to make progress on this matter but to do it properly.

3. MINUTES

Confirmation of the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 26 April 2005 – circulated pages WSAC R/1 to R/4.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WSAC 050402

"That the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 26 April 2005, circulated pages WSAC R/1 to R/4, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting."

4. **WAIWHETU STREAM FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT STUDY: PROJECT MANAGER'S REPORT** (N/3/21/1/RM50-15-11)

Report No. WSAC2005/4/1 by the Manager, Flood Protection and Divisional Manager Utility Services – circulated pages WSAC 1-1 to 1-70.

The Manager, Flood Protection elaborated on the report and introduced Mr Eyles, who has recently been appointed as the Project Manager, and Mr Easter and Ms Chard from URS New Zealand Limited.

The Hydraulic Modeller made a presentation showing a simulation of a 1% (one in 100 year return period) flood and commenting on the simulation and design scenarios.

The Manager, Flood Protection introduced the draft report prepared by URS New Zealand Limited, highlighting that more work is required on the flood maps in particular before the document will be ready for public release. He also suggested that a field visit be arranged for the Committee before the next scheduled meeting on 1 December 2005.

Mr Easter elaborated on the draft report and requested feedback from members, advising that the document would be made public in November 2005 after more hydraulic modelling has been carried out. He made a presentation focussing on aspects of the report including the flood mitigation measures suggested in the report.

Responding to questions from members, Mr Easter acknowledged that there is clear evidence of climatic trends that are adverse for low lying areas. He advised that cities are increasingly looking at methods of preventing water getting into the stormwater system in extreme events, as the receiving water cannot cope with the volumes in these situations, and noted that this also assists with preventing contamination. He believed that detention and pumping could provide a combined solution. He advised that some aspects of the project could be accelerated but others would need to follow in sequence, and was reasonably confident that the Awamutu Stream could be treated as a separate exercise. He highlighted the need for a whole of catchment approach, with stormwater issues addressed as well.

Responding to questions from members, the Manager, Flood Protection advised that the establishment of two resource groups of residents is proposed as part of the consultation process.

The Committee noted the contents of the report.

5. **WAIWHETU STREAM FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT STUDY: REVISED STUDY TIMELINE** (N/3/21/1/RM50-15-11)

Report No. WSAC2005/4/2 by the Manager, Flood Protection and Divisional Manager Utility Services – circulated pages WSAC 2-1 to 2-8.

The Manager, Flood Protection elaborated on the report, advising that it would be possible to implement high priority works earlier where these would not compromise the overall integrity of the plan, and outlining the study programme proposed. He highlighted that no budget has been allocated to accelerate the Awamutu and Lower Waiwhetu detailed investigations, and recommended that each council allocate \$100,000 to enable this work to be undertaken in the current financial year.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WSAC 050403

“That the Committee receives the report and notes its contents.”

RECOMMENDED:

Minute No. WSAC 050404

“That the Committee recommends that:

- (i) commencement of the detailed Awamutu and Lower Waiwhetu structural investigations in the current 2005/06 financial year be endorsed;*
- (ii) it be noted that additional funding will be required to accelerate the Awamutu and Lower Waiwhetu structural investigations, and that both councils allocate additional funds to undertake this work in 2005/06;*
- (iii) the accelerated Awamutu and Lower Waiwhetu investigation packages be funded 100% by the respective council responsible for the stream, ie. HCC funds the Awamutu investigation and GWRC funds the Lower Waiwhetu investigation;*
- (iv) the target completion date for the Waiwhetu Stream Floodplain Management Study of June 2007 be confirmed; and*
- (v) it be noted that the project team has considered the key areas where flooding occurred and concluded that it is not yet in a position to*

recommend early implementation of selected works."

6. WAIWHETU STREAM FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT STUDY CONSULTATION (N/3/21/1/RM50-15-11)

Report No. WSAC2005/4/3 by the Manager, Flood Protection and Divisional Manager Utility Services – circulated pages WSAC 3-1 to 3-9.

Ms Chard from URS New Zealand Limited elaborated on the approach to consultation proposed for the study and the suggested timeline.

Responding to questions from members, Ms Chard advised that there are existing groups and networks to tap into, including the industry group represented at the meeting by Mr Hudig, and agreed that there is an opportunity to develop more creative ways of involving both the local and the wider community in the consultation.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WSAC 050405

"That the Committee receives the report and notes its contents."

Members requested that the next meeting be scheduled earlier than 1 December 2005, and requested that dates for the next meeting and the field visit be e-mailed to members.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.45pm.

Mr S Macaskill
CHAIR