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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Monday, 13 March 2000 at 2.00pm**

**Present**

Councillors Macaskill (Chairperson), Thomas and Werry (Wellington Regional Council)

Mayor Terris, Councillor Baird and Councillor Cousins (Hutt City Council)

Mayor Kirton and Councillor Harris (Upper Hutt City Council)

Mrs Mellish (Wellington Tenth's Trust)

Mr Puketapu (Te Runanganui o Taranaki Whanui ki te Upoko o Te Ika a Maui)

**Officers Present**

Messrs Annakin, Atapattu, Cross, Darroch, Ms Newell, Messrs Paul and Wilshere, (Wellington Regional Council)

Mr Garlick (Hutt City Council)

Mr Wallach (Upper Hutt City Council)

## **Public Business**

### **Procedural Items**

#### **HRF72 Apologies**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Macaskill/Cr Werry)*

*That the apology from Councillor Guppy and the apologies for lateness from Mayor Kirton and Mayor Terris, be confirmed.*

#### **HRF73 Public Participation**

There were no members of the public who wished to participate in the meeting.

#### **HRF74 Confirmation of Minutes**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Macaskill/Cr Harris)*

*That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 1999 be confirmed.*

## **Matters for Consideration**

#### **HRF75 Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Project Leader's Report**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Macaskill/Cr Thomas)*

*That the report be received and the contents noted.*

#### **HRF76 Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan (HRFMP): Regional Council Long-term Financial Strategy (LTFS) Proposals for HRFMP Design Standard Implementation**

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Mayor Kirton arrived at 2.20pm.

Councillor Baird arrived at 2.30pm.

Mayor Terris arrived at 2.50pm.

## Public Consultation

Speaking to the report, Councillor Macaskill noted the Regional Council's support for Long Term Financial Strategy consultation on the \$2M per annum option but believed that the current Funding Policy would be unsustainable for the \$4M per annum proposal.

It was noted that during the public consultation phase of the Regional Council's Long Term Financial Strategy in May and June a range of options would be presented to the residents of the Hutt Valley. Mayor Terris asked if Advisory Committee members could receive early copies of the consultative material.

## Ava Bridge

Councillor Baird said the Ava Rail Bridge was regionally important and other parties should be reminded that any delays in reaching agreement about the structure could impact negatively on other important projects.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Macaskill/Cr Werry)*

*That the report be received and the contents noted.*

Councillor Harris left at 3.40pm.

## HRF77 **Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: "Local Area" Design Standard Investigations**

**Report 00.131**

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*Resolved*

*(Cr Macaskill/Mayor Terris)*

*(1) That the report be received and the contents noted.*

*(2) That it be recommended to the Landcare Committee:*

- *That for Belmont, 1900 cumec standard (\$613,000) edge protections with assistance for house raising or other measures (\$450,000) at a total cost of \$1,063,000.*
- *That for Whirinaki Crescent, a 2300 cumec standard edge for the stopbank upgrade at a total cost of \$470,000.*
- *That for the Bridge Road, 1900 cumec standard edge protections (\$157,000) with assistance for house raising or other measures (\$180,000) at a total cost of \$337,000.*

- *That for Gemstone Drive, a 1900 cumec standard upgraded stopbank (\$720,000) with a 1900 cumec standard floodwall or assistance for house raising or other measures (\$470,000) at a total cost of \$1,190,000.*
- *That, given the time lag between planning and construction, the community be further consulted prior to the commencement of any work to ensure an appropriate level of protection.*

**HRF78 Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Environmental Strategy Update**

**Report 00.118**

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**Recreation on the River**

Mayor Terris said the recent River festival had been very successful and had increased the public awareness of the recreational possibilities of the Hutt River. The event would be held again next year.

Councillor Baird said small initiatives would have a favourable impact on the public and we should not just wait until planning had been completed for the more sophisticated projects. The public also had to understand the long implementation timeframe.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Macaskill/Cr Werry)*

*That the report be received and the contents noted.*

**HRF79 Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Non-structural Measures Progress Report and Non-structural Measures Workshop**

**Report 00.133**

File: N/3/13/23 & N/3/13/25

*Resolved*

*(Cr Macaskill/Cr Werry)*

*That the report be received and the contents noted.*

Several Committee members were unavailable for the 27 March workshop. Officers undertook to review this.

**HRF80 Questions****Advisory Committee and Landcare Committee**

Mayor Terris said he had noted in the minutes of the Landcare Committee meeting held on 23 February 2000 that Councillor Thomas had proposed a motion which had lapsed through want of a seconder. As the motion confirmed a decision taken by the Advisory Committee at its meeting on 6 December 1999 Mayor Terris said he was at a loss why the motion had lapsed.

Councillor Macaskill said while the Advisory Committee may have reached a common position the Regional Council had financial responsibility for all the region. Any differences would always be fully discussed with the Advisory Committee.

**Chairperson**

Councillor Macaskill said the Advisory Committee had recommended last year that the position of Chairperson be reviewed in 12 months time. The Landcare Committee considered the question on 3 February 2000 and recommended to Council that Councillor Macaskill be appointed to the position for a further 12 months. This was adopted by Council on 9 March 2000.

Mayor Terris requested the question of Chairperson be included on the agenda for the next meeting of the Advisory Committee.

Mayor Terris left at 4.40pm.

**Railway Bridges**

Councillor Thomas asked whether it was appropriate to raise other issues with Tranz Rail when discussing safety issues for the Hutt River. Mr Paul said his discussions with Tranz Rail were limited to the safety of the river.

**Ray Torrie**

Councillor Thomas asked what progress had been made on a proposed meeting with Mr Ray Torrie. Mr Annakin said, following discussions and correspondence, the decision on a meeting with Flood Protection staff lay with Mr Torrie.

**HRF81 General****Next Meeting**

The next meeting was set down for Thursday 25 May 2000.

It was agreed that future meetings would revert back to the previously agreed start time of 4.30pm.

The meeting closed at 5.55pm.

Chairperson

Date