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Minutes of the Meeting of the Landcare Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Tuesday, 23 April 2002 at 11.45am

Present

Councillors Laidlaw (Chairperson), Barr, Evans, Kirton, McDavitt, Shields, Thomas, Werry and Yardley and Mr Gilbert

Officers Present

Messrs Darroch, Dick, Ms Edwards, Messrs Forlong, Paul and Waititi

Also Present

Councillors Long and Turver

Public Business

Procedural Items

LC 18 **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

LC 19 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved

(Cr Yardley/Cr Barr)

- (1) *That the minutes of the meeting of 12 February 2002 (Report 02.151), be confirmed.*

Resolved

(Cr Yardley/Cr Barr)

- (2) *That the minutes of the meeting of 19 February 2002 (Report 02.152), be confirmed.*

Matter for Recommendation

LC 20 Draft Wetland Action Plan 2002-2006

Report 02.198

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Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Shields)

- (1) *That the General Manager to further report on the implications of any proposals that the Subcommittee considers warrant further consideration at the meeting on 13 June be requested as well as any other matters that will impact on rate requirements.*
- (2) *That formal responses, to be signed by the Council Chairperson, be sent to persons and organisations making submissions on the basis of managers' comments or as otherwise may be directed, following formal adoption of the Annual Plan.*

Matter for Decision

LC 21 Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Report of Advisory Committee meeting held 11 April 2002

Report 02.199

File: E/6/10/6

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Werry)

That the report of the meeting of the Hutt River Advisory Committee held 11 April 002, Items HRA 01 to HRA 07 inclusive, and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

Matters for Information

LC 22 Tunnel Gully Culvert, Pakuratahi Forest

Report 02.111

File: R/2/8/1

Resolved

(Cr Yardley/Cr Barr)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC 23 Partnerships in Wellington's Regional Parks

Report 02.203

File: R/15/01/01

Resolved

(Cr Thomas/Cr Turver)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

Members discussed the item in the context of the recent tragedies on the Hutt River Banks and suggested that the officers investigate:

- (1) Working with Hutt City Council, Upper Hutt City Council and New Zealand Police to improve safety and security of park users.
- (2) Trimming river willows to maintain aesthetic values and improve personal security around the river banks.
- (3) The use of voluntary river wardens and how their presence could promote a good and safe environment.
- (4) Sending thank-you letters to voluntary groups who care and participate in the welfare of Regional Parks.

LC 24 Divisional Manager's Report

Report 02.205

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Friends of the Waikanae River

Mr Gilbert said he will arrange for members to be invited to a future meeting of the Friends Groups.

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Thomas)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC 25 **Questions****Parks and Forests Management Plan Reviews**

Councillor Barr noted that eels were about to come into Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries Quota Management System and that concerns had been raised about the sustainability of the eel fishery. Given that the WRC had a responsibility for managing rivers, lakes and estuaries, Councillor Barr suggested that the WRC may have a role in managing eel fisheries. Councillor Barr requested that a letter be sent to the Ministry of Fisheries noting the WRC's desire to see a sustainably managed eel fishery and offering to play a role in that management. This will be referred to the Environment Committee.

LC 26 **General**

There were no matters of general business.

LC 27 **Exclusion of the Public****Report 02.210***Resolved**(Cr Kirton/Cr Werry)*

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

Purchase of Mangahanene Nos 1 & 2, Otaki River

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</i>	<i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
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<i>Purchase of Mangahanene Nos 1 & 2, Otaki River</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 (including commercial negotiations) without prejudice or disadvantage.</i>
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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:

Wellington Regional Council and the Logan Whanau

The open part of the meeting closed at 12.55pm.

Cr C LAIDLAW
Chairperson