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THE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Report 04.237

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Report of the Meeting of the Landcare Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Tuesday, 4 May 2004 at 9.30am

Matters for Council Decision are shown in bold type and enclosed in a box.
Matters for Information of Council are in italic type.

Present

Councillors Laidlaw (Chairperson), Barr, Evans, Kirton, McDavitt, Thomas and Werry and Mr Flavell

Officers Present

Messrs Darroch, Dick, Forlong, Waititi, Amanda Cox, Margaret McLachlan, Sharyn Westlake

Public Business

Procedural Items

LC 187 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Evans/Cr Laidlaw)

That the apologies for lateness from Councillors Kirton and Werry and the apology from Councillor Shields be confirmed.

LC 188 **Public Participation**

Councillors Kirton and Werry arrived at 9.40am.

Raewyn Empson, Karori Wildlife Sanctuary

Raewyn Empson, a conservation scientist at the Karori Wildlife Sanctuary, gave a presentation on the restoration programme for tomtits at the Sanctuary. Forty-five birds had been transferred from Kapiti Island and the Akatarawas in the past two years. Ms Empson thanked Greater Wellington for permission to enter the Akatarawas and for staff assistance in the project. The population of the birds needs to be further increased to ensure their long-term survival.

Councillor Laidlaw thanked Ms Empson for her presentation and said that Greater Wellington will continue to support the restoration programme and perhaps other Karori Sanctuary activities in the future.

Mayor John Terris, Hutt City Council: Harvey Norman Stopbank Crossing and Car Park Approval

Mayor Terris said the Harvey Norman proposal had important economic and employment benefits for Hutt City. He noted that Harvey Norman, for commercial reasons, required a 25-year car parking lease with no prospect of early termination. Members noted the request could have the impact of slightly increasing the risk that Greater Wellington will not be able to undertake a preferred river management approach when it upgrades the central city flood defences in 2016. Mayor Terris asked whether it would be possible for Greater Wellington to negotiate a framework to enable the Harvey Norman car park approval to proceed.

Councillor Laidlaw said the Harvey Norman item will be considered in the public excluded part of the meeting and Mayor Terris will be advised of the outcome later in the morning.

LC 189 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved

(Cr Barr/Cr Kirton)

That the minutes of the meeting of 23 March 2004, Report 04.175, be confirmed.

Members agreed that the next item of business will be the Harvey Norman Stopbank Crossing and Car Park Approval.

LC 190 **Exclusion of the Public****Report 04.240**

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*Resolved**(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Thomas)*

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

Harvey Norman Stopbank Crossing and Car Park Approval.

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>
<i>Harvey Norman Stopbank Crossing and Car Park Approval</i>	<i>To enable the Council to carry on negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage.</i>	<i>That the public conduct of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists, i.e. to preserve commercial confidentiality and to enable the Council to carry on negotiations (including commercial negotiations), without prejudice or disadvantage.</i>

These resolutions are 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:

The Greater Wellington Regional Council

Hutt City Council

Harvey Norman Stores (NZ) Pty Limited

At 10.10am the meeting adjourned to the public excluded part of the meeting.

The meeting reconvened at 11.15am.

Matter for Decision

LC 191 Harvey Norman Stopbank Crossing and Car Park Approval

Report PE04.228

File: N/03/09/06

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr McDavitt)

- (1) *That the Harvey Norman Stopbank Crossing and Car Park Approval decision be communicated to the public as follows:*
 - (a) *That the report be received and the contents noted.*
 - (b) *That in noting the required flood works can be achieved, the Committee instructs officers to work with Harvey Norman Stores (NZ) Pty Limited and Hutt City Council to determine a way forward which allows Harvey Norman Stores (NZ) Pty Limited the level of car parking security that they need (not less than 25 years) albeit inclusive of a right of suspension.*
 - (c) *That officers develop a long-term framework with Hutt City Council for river bank car parking.*
 - (d) *That the Chief Executive be authorised to sign the agreement with Harvey Norman Stores (NZ) Pty Limited and Hutt City Council.*
- (2) *That Report PE 04.228 remain in public excluded.*

Matters for Information

LC 192 Hayward Terrace

Report 04.217

File: N/03/20/01

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Kirton)

- (1) *That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) *That it be noted that the Hayward Terrace investigation will be incorporated into the larger Waiwhetu flood investigation.*

LC 193 **Regional Outdoors Programme 2004**

Report 04.208

File: PK/02/03/01

Resolved

(Cr Thomas/Cr Laidlaw)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC 194 **Divisional Manager's Report**

Report 04.226

File: E/06/16/03

Flood Protection Manager's Report – Wainuiomata Community Board

Mr Dick said he had arranged a meeting with the Wainuiomata Community Board on 21 April 2004 at short notice and apologised he had not invited local members to the meeting. Mr Dick said he will ensure local members are invited to similar meetings in the future.

Belmont Regional Park – Dry Creek Entrance

Councillor Kirton said the entrance to Dry Creek at the Haywards intersection could be hazardous due to the volume of traffic on State Highway 58 and State Highway 2. Mr Forlong said officers will contact Transit New Zealand to see if traffic safety improvements could be introduced at the entrance way to Dry Creek.

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Barr)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC 195 **Questions**

There were no questions.

LC 196 **General**

There were no matters of general business.

The meeting closed at 12.05pm.

Cr C LAIDLAW

Chairperson

Date:

Wellington Regional Council – 31 May 2004

To be moved:

That the report of the meeting of the Landcare Committee held on 4 May 2004, Items LC 175 to LC 196, be adopted.
