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THE REGIONAL COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Landcare Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Tuesday, 15 June 2004 at 9.30am

Present

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

Officers Present

Messrs Darroch, Dick, Forlong, Murphy, Waititi, Amanda Cox, Trecia Smith, Tina Walker and Sharyn Westlake

Public Business

Procedural Items

LC 197 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Barr)

That the apology from Mr Flavell be confirmed.

LC 198 **Public Participation**

Mr J Porter, Whareroa Sheep Farm

Mr Porter, Deputy Chairperson, Paekakariki Community Board, said he was concerned about the future of the Whareroa Sheep Farm.

Mr Porter said he had had a long association with Queen Elizabeth park and the Park's relationship with the Whareroa Sheep Farm. Whareroa farm had always been regarded as a strategic recreational and ecological area with a linkage to Queen Elizabeth Park. Landcorp, the present owners of the farm, have announced their intention to subdivide and sell the farm. History seemed to show the proposal to sell was contrary to the public understandings that the farm would always have an integral linkage with Queen Elizabeth Park.

Following questions Councillor Laidlaw asked officers to examine the background to Landcorp's decision and report back.

Councillor Laidlaw thanked Mr Porter for his representations and for the information he had provided.

Mr L Kiel, Kapiti Environment Action

Mr Kiel introduced the *Kapiti Nature – Gateway Zone Proposal* initiated by Kapiti Environment Action (KEA).

Mr Kiel said the upcoming review of the management plan for Queen Elizabeth Park is the inspiration in finding a bigger picture content for the Park. The zone is centred at Paekakariki and includes Pukerua Bay, Raumati South, Akatarawa Forest Park and Kapiti Island.

The intention is to produce maps and resource material to further explain the Zone Proposal and to involve community groups and individuals in the area.

Councillor Laidlaw thanked Mr Kiel for his presentation.

LC 199 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Barr)

That the public and public excluded minutes of the meeting of 4 May 2004, Report 04.258 and Report PE 04.259, be confirmed.

Matter for Decision

LC 200 New Zealand Recreation Conference 2004

Report 04.276

File: PK/01/02/02

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Werry)

- (1) *That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) *That the chair of the Landcare Committee be registered for attendance at the 2004 New Zealand Recreation Association Annual Conference to be held from 22-25 August 2004.*

Matters for Information

LC 201 Makara/Ohariu Community Board Stream Inspections

Report 04.300

File: N/01/20/01

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Barr)

That the report be received and the contents noted

LC 202 South Coast Trail

Report 04.309

File: PK/03/06/03

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Barr)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC 203 Divisional Manager's Report

Report 04.330

File: E/06/16/03

Flood Protection Manager's Report – Belmont Improvements

Mr Dick said the Hutt River Advisory Committee meeting next Thursday will be updated on progress in implementing the Belmont improvements. Members noted that while officers related well to the local community there will be a need for additional meetings with the Belmont Community before the project is completed.

Hutt River Bed Level Survey

It was agreed that once the management policy for the next five years had been determined a simple policy message should be communicated to Hutt residents given the high profile nature of the work to be undertaken on the river bed over the next few years.

Wainuiomata Recreational Hunting Ballot

Mr Forlong said he will report back on the mix between professional pest controllers and amateur hunters in controlling large mammals in the Wainuiomata Water Collection area.

Parks and Forests Manager's Report – Iwi Liaison

Councillor Thomas asked for the costs to Greater Wellington for working with Iwi to develop signage and interpretation at Battle Hill and Queen Elizabeth Park.

Mr Waititi said he will provide the information to Councillor Thomas.

Regional Parks – Request for Change in Land Status

Mr Forlong said he will report back on the Auckland Regional Council's recent request to Government to change the status of land in regional parks so that the land could be protected in perpetuity through an Order in Council.

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Shields)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC 204 Questions

Ara Tahī

Councillor Thomas said Ara Tahī was a non-elected body and asked whether staff should be responding to requests from Iwi to improve signage at Queen Elizabeth Park and Battle Hill. Mr Waititi said staff were working within the policies set down in the network management plan.

LC 205 General

Targeted Rates for Flood Protection

Councillor Evans asked whether the targeted rating schemes for flood protection in the Wairarapa could be applied to rivers and streams in other parts of the region. It was agreed the suggestion could be further considered when Council next reviews the funding policies for flood protection.

LC 206 **Exclusion of the Public****Report 04.327**

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*Resolved**(Cr Kirton/Cr McDavitt)*

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

Land Purchase – Waikanae 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 matter</i> | <i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i> |
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| <i>Land Purchase – Waikanae 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 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 or 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

The open part of the meeting closed at 11.15am.

Cr C LAIDLAW

Chairperson

Date: