

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 21 November 2005 commencing at 4.30pm

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

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

Hutt City Council Mayor DK Ogden
Cr RW Styles (until 5.00pm)
Cr JMK Baird (Alternate)
Cr GD Barratt (Alternate)

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Cr C Laidlaw and Cr VR Jamieson. An apology for early departure was received from Cr RW Styles.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr R Hart, Chief Executive, HCC
Mr S Duncan, General Manager Asset Services, HCC
Mr B Sherlock, Divisional Manager Utility Services, HCC
Mr G Dick, Manager Flood Protection, GWRC
Mr J Eyles, Project Manager, GWRC
Mr P Wallace, Hydraulic Modeller, GWRC
Mr J Easter, URS New Zealand Ltd
Ms J Chard, URS New Zealand Ltd
Mr BS Collinge, 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**".

WSAC R/2

1. APOLOGIES

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WSAC 050601

"That the apologies received from Cr C Laidlaw and Cr VR Jamieson and the apology for early departure from Cr RW Styles be accepted and leave of absence be granted."

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Speaking under public comment, **Ms M Aitken** asked the Committee to consider the use of locally sourced indigenous plants in any redevelopment of the Waiwhetu Stream. Responding to this request the Chair indicated that the question of planting would be considered as part of the overall floodplain management plan.

3. MINUTES

Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 29 August 2005 – circulated pages WSAC R/1 to WSAC R/5.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WSAC 050602

"That the minutes of the meeting held on 29 August 2005, circulated pages WSAC R/1 to R/5, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting."

4. WAIWHETU STREAM FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT STUDY: PROJECT MANAGER'S REPORT (N/03/21/01)/RM50-15-11)

Report No. WSAC2005/6/1 by the Project Manager – circulated pages 1 – 76.

The Project Manager spoke to his report and thanked the Committee members for attending a field visit of the Waiwhetu and Awamutu catchments.

Mr J Easter from URS New Zealand Ltd spoke on the key points of the Issues Report, commenting on the changes and improvements made since the draft was presented at the last meeting.

Responding to questions from members, concerning the specific planning controls needed to reduce peak flows in the Waiwhetu Stream, Mr Easter replied that there is a limit to how much flow the stream can discharge and the final floodplain management plan would need to contain planning measures to manage peak flows.

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Responding to questions from members about stream contamination, Mr Easther commented that the 900 metre section from Seaview Road to Bell Road is the most heavily contaminated with heavy metals. There is evidence of ongoing contamination from stormwater drains from the industrial sites in the Gracefield area which needs to be addressed first before any stream diversion is done. Funding from the Ministry for the Environment might be available for part of these works and an application would be made at the right time.

Cr Styles left the meeting at 5.00pm.

Responding to questions from members concerning the stream remediation options, the Manager Flood Protection, GWRC explained that officers from both councils had held a workshop on 11 November and had narrowed down the options to help focus on what work was to be done. Two options will be considered further, a diversion through Hutt Park and an in situ remediation option along the same alignment as the existing stream. Neither option would affect the first stage of the proposed Hutt Park Sports House development.

Mayor Ogden complimented the Project Team on the quality of the newsletter and indicated he had confidence in the Project Manager to do this job. He requested that colour copies of the papers be given to the Committee members to aid clarity.

Responding to questions from members, the Manager Flood Protection said that adequate Civil Defence planning had been put in place in case of flooding and the responsibility for this was largely with HCC.

The Project Manager indicated that some initial work could be undertaken to raise stopbanks in certain areas of Riverside Drive providing an early win / win situation and that work was being done to investigate the feasibility of this.

The Chair said that there is a need to make the 'tough' decisions in August 2006, which will set the standard for protection and be in harmony with the people in the area.

Mr L Roberts asked that Hutt City give guidance to residents and business'es on how to minimize risk from flooding.

In reply, Mayor Ogden said every business should have an emergency plan and that his Council would look at this issue.

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Cr Glensor said that dealing with the ongoing contamination from the stormwater drains in Gracefield must be undertaken before any physical stream clean up work takes place.

Ms J Chard,URS spoke on section 8 of the report, outlining the public consultation process to accompany this project. She said that maps of the project will be made available and a number of initiatives such as letter box drops, open days and public forums will be undertaken.

A discussion took place on the proposed meeting dates for 2006. It was agreed that the Committee Advisors from Hutt City and Greater Wellington would work together to finalise suitable dates and times for all meetings and these would be emailed to members.

Responding to questions from members, the Manager Flood Protection said that the agreed cost split for producing the floodplain management plan was 75% Greater Wellington to 25% Hutt City but that the costs of implementing the plan are subject to discussion and agreement by the Committee and then by each council.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WSAC 050603

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

5. **WAIWHETU STREAM HYDRAULIC MODELLING**
(N/03/21/01)/RM50-15-11)

Report No. WASC 2005/6/2 by the Consultant and Project Manager – circulated pages 77 – 82.

Mr P Wallace, Hydraulic Modeller, GWRC provided a visual presentation of possible flood levels and extent of flooding for a 200 year flood. He also pointed out that a number of bridges cross the stream and many form an obstruction to stream flows during flood events. The model also takes into account the effect that high tide has on the flooding levels.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WSAC 050604

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

6. WAIWHETU STREAM FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT STUDY
LOWER WAIWHETU INVESTIGATIONS (N/03/21/01)/RM50-15-
11)

Report No. WSAC2005/6/3 by the Project Manager - circulated pages 83 – 89.

The Chair spoke to this paper, outlining how this all needs to come together to reach finalization.

Responding to questions from members, the Manager Flood Protection said the cost for the Lower Waiwhetu Stream investigation is the responsibility of GW, however there will need to be further discussion on how implementation costs will be split between the two authorities in future and the final costs need to be written into the final plan.

The Chair reiterated that a solution must be satisfactory to all and that a combined coordinated approach is required to present a united front to Government and the public.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WSAC 050605

“That the Committee:

- (i) receives the report and notes its contents;*
- (ii) notes that the contaminated sediment remediation, flood protection and Hutt Park developments are interrelated for the lower Waiwhetu from Seaview Road to Bell Road;*
- (iii) notes that a decision on the preferred option for remediating the contaminated sediments is needed to complete the Waiwhetu Floodplain Management Plan, and before works are implemented for the lower Waiwhetu from Seaview Road to Gracefield Branch rail bridge;*
- (iv) approves expanding the project scope for the lower Waiwhetu structural investigations to include the work required to enable a final decision to be made on proposals (flood and contaminated sediment) for the lower Waiwhetu from Seaview Road to the Gracefield Branch rail bridge;*
- (v) notes that officers consider that the current Terms of Reference for the Waiwhetu Stream Advisory Committee enables the Committee to consider the stream rehabilitation options and make a recommendation on a preferred solution to both Greater Wellington and the Hutt City Council as part of developing the Waiwhetu Stream Management Plan;*

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- (vi) *notes that it will need to take into account the development proposals for Hutt Park when deciding on a preferred solution for the contaminated sediment remediation and flood protection works; and*
- (vii) *agrees that an update be provided at the March meeting in 2006 and a further update including options for decision making be provided to the August meeting."*

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.31pm.

Mr S Macaskill
CHAIR

CONFIRMED as a true and correct record dated this day 28 March 2006