

HUTT CITY COUNCIL

WAIWHETU STREAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Report of a meeting held in the Hutt City Council Chambers,
30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt on
Tuesday 14 November 2006 commencing at 3.35pm

PRESENT: Mr S Macaskill (Chair)
Mr L Roberts, Waiwhetu Stream Working Group
Mr T Puketapu, (Te Runanganui o Taranaki Whaiui)
Cr P Glensor, GWRC
Cr S Greig, GWRC
Cr VR Jamieson, HCC
Cr RW Styles, HCC
Cr G Barratt, HCC
Mayor DK Ogden

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Cr Laidlaw and Cr Baird

IN ATTENDANCE: Cr G Evans, GWRC (Alternate)
Mr R Hart, Chief Executive Officer, HCC
Mr D Kelly, General Manager City Services, HCC (part meeting)
Mr B Sherlock, Divisional Manager Utility Services, HCC
Mr G Dick, Divisional Manager Catchment Management, GWRC
Mr G Campbell, GWRC
Mr J Eyles, Project Manager, GWRC
Mr T Porteous, Biodiversity Co-ordinator, GWRC
Ms K Muldowney, URS New Zealand Ltd
Mr J Easter, URS New Zealand Ltd
Mr K Jackson, Senior Committee Advisor, HCC
Mrs D Hunter, Committee Advisor, HCC

REPORT TO COUNCIL

PUBLIC BUSINESS

Matters requiring specific consideration by Council 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 060601

“That the apologies received from Cr J Baird and Cr Laidlaw be accepted and leave of absence be granted.”

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WSAC 060602

“That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2006, circulated pages WSAC R/1 – WSAC R/6, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting, subject to an amendment that the apologies were received from Cr Barratt and also Mr Puketapu.”

4. WAIWHETU STREAM FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT STUDY: APPLICATION TO CONTAMINATED SITES REMEDIATION FUND AND NEXT STEPS (X/23/5/13/RM50-15-11)

Report No. WSAC2006/6/1 by the Project Manager – circulated pages R/7 – R/9.

The Project Manager spoke to his report. He advised that they had lodged an application with the Ministry for the Environment's Contaminated States Remediation Fund for \$5.9 Million and were currently awaiting results.

The Biodiversity Co-ordinator tabled an updated version of Section 2 of the Appendix. He advised that he had made adjustments to the Executive Summary and also in particular to the description of the contaminants which was to highlight the significance of the contamination in his report. He stated that there is no indication from the MfE about the time they will need to process the application.

In response to questions by the Committee, Mr Porteous advised that there is in fact ongoing contamination of the food chain and an investigation was undertaken with MfE using eels and shellfish which showed these results.

The Committee congratulated Council Officers and Consultants on the quality of the report and expedition.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WSAC 060603

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

5. **WAIWHETU STREAM FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT STUDY: 6 AND 10 YEAR STAGING OPTIONS** (N/03/21/01/RM50-15-11)

Report No. WSAC2006/6/2 by the Project Manager – circulated pages R/10 – R/12.

Project Manager spoke to his report. He in particular referred the Committee to the Recommendation (iii) in his report:

"that staging within a 6 year timeframe is not considered feasible when uncertainties associated with achieving resource consents, final design and resolving property easement issues to secure the floodway are taken into account."

The Chair advised that he believed that the 10 year time frame was more achievable.

The suggestion was made that a couple of workshops be held to discuss prioritisation of work.

Members on the Committee made the following comments:

- The Awamutu works could start immediately as it is Hutt City Council who is to meet the full cost of this project.
- There is a need to know how it is going to impact on Hutt City ratepayers. Financial modelling will be undertaken to this effect.
- Any Council can only commit itself only under the current LTCCP.
- That they agree in principle to 10 years however there be flexibility in programme elements, ordering and timing as this is a work in progress.
- Inflation needed to be taken into account with regards to project expenditure.

Mayor Ogden commented that the workshops would be a good idea regarding prioritising work and that the Awamutu is within HCC's control and decision making.

In discussion it was agreed that an additional clause be added to the recommendations contained in the report, to read:

"Agrees in principle to a ten year timeframe but there needs to be flexibility in programme elements, ordering and timing".

WSAC R/4

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WSAC 060604

"That the Committee:

- (i) receives the report and notes its contents;*
- (ii) notes that the staging options presented are based around receiving funding from the Ministry for the Environment's contaminated sites remediation fund within their funding window to 2010;*
- (iii) notes that staging within a 6 year timeframe is not considered feasible when uncertainties associated with achieving resource consents, final design and resolving property easement issues to secure the floodway are taken into account;*
- (iv) agrees in principle to a ten year timeframe but there needs to be flexibility in programme elements, ordering and timing; and*
- (v) notes that, following completion of the instream works, there is flexibility in the way that the balance of the flood protection works can be scheduled."*

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

Report No. WSAC2006/6/3 by the Project Manager – circulated pages R/13 – R/18.

Project Manager spoke to his report and introduced Ms Karen Muldowney who is the new Project Consultant Manager. Ms Muldowney updated the Committee on the progress since the last WSAC meeting which was held on 7 September 2006,

The Committee agreed that a thank you card and a token of gesture be sent to Ms J Lindesay to acknowledge all of her hard work.

The Project Manager thanked Committee members who attended the public meeting at Gracefield School on Saturday 7 October 2006 and in particular Mayor Ogden who opened the meeting.

The Biodiversity Co-ordinator, commented that legal advice is currently being sought to ascertain Greater Wellington's options for delegating or transferring regulatory powers to Hutt City Council officers for the enforcement of SW discharges. This will be reported back on at the next Waiwhetu Stream Advisory Committee meeting.

WSAC R/5

The Senior Committee Advisor advised that due to some Waiwhetu Stream Advisory Committee 2007 meeting dates clashing with other Hutt City Council meetings, that he would work with the Project Manager to resolve the meeting dates for 2007. The Committee would be advised in due course.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WSAC 060605

“That the Committee receives the report and notes its contents.”

7. QUESTIONS

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 5.00pm.

Mr S Macaskill
CHAIR

**CONFIRMED as a true and correct record dated
this 12th day of December 2006**