

Report 99.367

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Report of the Meeting of the Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Monday, 28 June 1999, at 4.30pm

Present

Councillors Macaskill (Chairperson), Thomas and Werry (Wellington Regional Council)

Mayor Terris, Councillor Baird and Councillor Cousins (Hutt City Council)

Councillor Guppy and Councillor Harris (Upper Hutt City Council)

Also Present

Councillor Dalziell, Hutt City Council

Officers Present

Messrs Annakin, Atapattu, Darroch, Dick, Paul and Wilshere (Wellington Regional Council)

Mr Garlick (Hutt City Council)

Mr Wallach (Upper Hutt City Council)

Public Business

Procedural Items

HRF44 Apologies

Resolved

(Cr Macaskill/Mayor Terris)

That the apology from Mr Puketapu, be confirmed.

HRF45 Public Participation

There were no members of the public who wished to participate in the meeting.

HRF46 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved

(Mayor Terris/Cr Thomas)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 May 1999 be confirmed.

Matters for Consideration

HRF47 Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee: “Design Standard” Workshop, 16 June 1999

Report 99.351

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Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Macaskill/Cr Baird)

- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.**
- (2) That the Report (Attachment 1) from the Divisional Manager, Landcare, summarising the feedback and guidance received from the 16 June 1999 Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee “Design Standard” Workshop, be noted.**

HRF48 **Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Detention Dams**

Report 99.350

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Resolved to Recommend

(Chairperson/Mayor Terris)

- (1) That detention dams are no longer considered a viable flood mitigation option for the Hutt River be noted.**
- (2) That it be recommended to the Landcare Committee that no further investigations of detention dams are required to complete the Hutt River Management Plan.**

HRF49 **Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: “Design Standard” (Options for Public Consultation)**

Report 99.357

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The Technical “Design Standard” Options

Bridges

When noting the respective rough order costs, members requested that future reports separate out individual bridge costs. Mr Paul, Manager Flood Protection (Strategy and Assets), agreed and noted that there were a raft of issues for discussion with Transit New Zealand and Tranz Rail concerning future bridge construction on the Hutt River.

Costs

Members also noted again the accuracy of the estimates (rough order costs) was within plus or minus 30 percent of the total cost of works over the Hutt River.

Protection Standards: Other Urban Developments

Members noted the value of having design standard information from other parts of New Zealand. Mr Annakin said international data was still being collected and would be circulated to members.

Design Standard Options - Attachments to Report 99.357

Members agreed the six attachments to Report 99.357 contained a comprehensive collection of information, especially the technical design option costs attachment and the priority schedule of works attachment for the 2,800 cumec and 2,300 cumec options. The information would greatly assist the public consultation process.

Resolved to Recommend **(Cr Werry/Cr Guppy)**

That the Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee:

- (1) Recommend to the Landcare Committee that the Community be advised of the outcomes of the “Design Standard” investigations, for long term flood protection for the Hutt Valley, specifically the 1,900 cumec, 2,300 cumec and 2,800 cumec design options.**

Resolved to Recommend **(Cr Werry/Cr Guppy)**

That the Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee:

- (2) Recommend to the Landcare Committee that the 2,300 cumec and 2,800 cumec design options, modified by risk based criteria at a number of locations, be used as the basis for community consultation on their preference for a Risk Refined “Design Standard”.**

Resolved to Recommend **(Cr Thomas/Cr Baird)**

That the Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee:

- (3) Recommend to the Landcare Committee that the 1,900 cumec option is not appropriate to protect major developments on the principal floodplains of the Hutt Valley, and that this standard not be considered further. The Advisory Committee also recommends rejection of the Status Quo option.**

Resolved to Recommend **(Mayor Terris/Cr Baird)**

That the Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee:

- (4) Request the Landcare Committee note that at this stage the Advisory Committee has a preference for a Risk Refined 2,300 cumec “Design Standard”, with a requirement that all bridges and other key structures are upgraded on future replacement, to the 2,800 cumec standard.**

Resolved

(Mayor Terris/Cr Guppy)

Agree that the recommendations to the Landcare Committee be supported by a Press Release to be issued later this week by the Advisory Committee Chairperson in consultation with Mayors Kirton and Terris.

HRF50 **Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Consultation on “Design Standard”**

Report 99.354

File: N/3/13/15 & N/3/13/25

Professional Survey – Long Term Financial Strategy

Mayor Terris said the “Design Standard” was a very important decision for the community and he would prefer a professional survey to gauge public opinion. Mr Wilshere said the consultation was indicative only at this stage and it would be difficult to organise a professional survey within the present time frame. Councillor Macaskill said the community would have a further input when the Regional Council presented its Long Term Financial Strategy for public comment later in the year. A “willingness to pay” type of consultation was more appropriate then, when all Regional Council priorities were known, and the Funding Policy had been reviewed.

Upper Hutt City Council and The Hutt City Council – Consultation and Meetings

Mr Wilshere said the Upper Hutt City Council and the Hutt City Council would be consulted before the questionnaire was released to the public; particularly the proposed questions.

Members agreed the Regional Council should arrange meetings with Councillors at the two authorities as part of the consultation process.

Newspapers and Newsletters

Mr Wilshere said the next newsletters would contain more detailed information than notices in newspapers. There were 37 possible projects listed in tonight’s Order Paper and these would be described with more or less detail in both publications. Council was competing with many organisations and the challenge was to make the disseminated information interesting and relevant to ratepayers.

“Hot Spots”

Officers noted that special care would be given to those residents occupying areas directly affected by possible flooding.

Iwi

Members noted that Iwi had indicated a wider involvement when the non-structural items of Floodplain Management are discussed.

Schools and Day-Care Centres

Schools and day-care centres should receive special attention during the consultation.

Radio

Radio should be investigated as a method of consulting the community.

Resolved

(Cr Baird/Cr Thomas)

That this report be received and the programme for consultation on the "Design Standard" and its adoption be endorsed.

HRF51 Questions

- (1) Councillor Thomas asked whether there had been any questions from ratepayers about gravel management following the recent newsletter. Mr Wilshere said there had been no response so far but if there were any enquiries these would be communicated to the subcommittee.
- (2) Councillor Thomas reminded members about concerns she had about the behaviour of citizens during the last flood in the Hutt Valley. Councillor Thomas asked how these concerns would be addressed. Mr Wilshere said safety behaviour during the flood was a subject for the Emergency Management Plan and this would be addressed at a later stage.
- (3) Councillor Thomas asked whether the bridge at Silverstream could be made flood safe by replacing the piers. Mr Paul, Manager, Flood Protection (Strategy and Assets), said preliminary investigations were underway as to how to best make the bridge at Silverstream flood safe. Officers had no firm views about the fixture at this stage.
- (4) Councillor Baird said the photo of the Hutt City looking up the valley from the Ewan Bridge which appeared in the No 2 Newsletter was more than 10 years old and requested that more up-to-date photos be used. Mr Wilshere said fresh photos would be used in future Newsletters.

HRF52 General

There were no matters of general business.

The meeting closed at 6.10pm.

Chairperson

Date

Landcare Committee – 8 July 1999

To be moved:

That the report of the meeting of the Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee meeting held on 28 June 1999, Items HRF44 to LC52 inclusive, and the recommendations contained therein, be adopted.

