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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, 6 December 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 Shields

Officers Present

Messrs Annakin, Atapattu, Cross, Darroch, Ms Newell, Messrs Paul and Wilshere, (Wellington Regional Council)
Mr Garlick (Hutt City Council)
Mr Wallach (Upper Hutt City Council)

Public Business

Procedural Items

HRF63 Apologies

Resolved

(Cr Macaskill/Cr Cousins)

That the apologies from Mayor Kirton, Upper Hutt City Council and Mr Puketapu, Te Runanganui o Taranaki Whanui ki te Upoko o Te Ika a Maui, and the apology for lateness from Councillor Baird, Hutt City Council, be confirmed.

HRF64 Public Participation

Barry Jenness, Resident, Boulcott/Hathaway Avenue

Barry Jenness referred to a letter dated 29 October 1999 to the Wellington Regional Council about Boulcott and Hathaway Avenue and the Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan. Mr Jenness requested that the technical officers consider the concerns of all residents in a balanced and careful way similar to the discussions that were taking place with certain groups, businesses and the golf clubs.

Councillor Macaskill said he was familiar with Mr Jenness' concerns and these would be examined by the technical officers in more detail closer to the time of the final design.

HRF65 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved

(Cr Macaskill/Cr Harris)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 1999 be confirmed.

Matters for Consideration

HRF66 Wellington Regional Council consideration of Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee Recommendations

Councillor Macaskill said that the "Design Standard" recommendations from the last meeting of the Advisory Committee had been referred to Council and had been reported back to the Landcare for further consideration. Councillor Macaskill said the Long-Term Financial Strategy had implications for the residents of the whole region and Councillors had asked for more work to be done by the Landcare Committee given that no part of the region would be free of the adverse impacts on rates from the level of expenditure proposed by the Advisory Committee.

Councillor Macaskill concluded the Regional Council will recognise the urgency of the Floodplain Management Plan for the Hutt River and the work will be completed in an organised, orderly and affordable way. However, he reaffirmed the clear distribution between the “Design Standard” consultation and the wider LTFS process

Mayor Terris said that Press articles had questioned the Regional Council’s commitment to the Hutt River and there was confusion among residents.

Councillor Harris said the *Living with the River* Newsletters had given a perception that the Advisory Committee had responsibility for the Management Plan and it was difficult to manage the expectations of the community given the lack of understanding among residents on links to the Regional Council’s Long-Term Financial Strategy.

Councillor Macaskill said the Regional Council was conducting an in-depth review of its financial programme and its impact on the Regional community. The Regional Council was developing a “Communications Strategy” to initiate a community discussion on the affordability and cost of all projects Region-wide. Residents would eventually have no doubt about the financial strategy and the cost implications for particular programmes.

Councillor Macaskill acknowledged the concerns of members of the Advisory Committee and said he would arrange special discussions with members of the Committee and other interested Councillors as part of the LTFS process communications programme. Councillor Macaskill was personally committed to advising the Regional Community on the Advisory Committee’s preferred implementation timeframe (\$4M p.a.) and whatever the Regional Council itself may deem appropriate through its own deliberations. Mayor Terris asked Councillor Macaskill to arrange a press release to clarify the role of the Advisory Committee.

HRF67 **Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Project Leader’s Report**

Report 99.701

File: N/3/13/25

Resolved

(Cr Macaskill/Cr Thomas)

- (1) *That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) *That the dates for Advisory Committee meetings for the year 200 be confirmed as follows:*
 - *9 March*
 - *25 May*
 - *29 June*
 - *21 September*
 - *30 November*

HRF68 **Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Non-structural Measures**

(1) **National and International Procedures**

Report 99.708

File: N/3/13/23, N/3/13/25

Councillor Cousins referred officers to a Christchurch stream management programme with strong community involvement to achieve flood protection aims.

Mayor Terris apologised for his early departure to attend a prize-giving ceremony.

Councillor Thomas asked that the excellent Hutt Valley examples of non-structural measures be used in future consultative material.

Resolved

(Cr Macaskill/Cr Guppy)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

(2) **River Corridor Plans, Preliminary Report**

Report 99.711

File: N/3/13/23, N/3/13/25

Resolved

(Cr Macaskill/Cr Werry)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

HRF69 **Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Environmental Strategy Update**

Report 99.699

File: N/3/13/16 & N/3/13/25

Councillor Thomas would like to see where submissions came from (location), in the final summary.

Resolved

(Cr Baird/Cr Harris)

(1) *That the report be received and the contents noted.*

(2) *That the development of the vision, general guidelines and concept design for the Environmental Strategy, based on the Linear Park option, in line with the aspirations and views received to date, be endorsed.*

HRF70 **Questions**

There were no questions.

HRF71 General

Councillor Macaskill wished members a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

The meeting closed at 6.50pm.

Chairperson

Date

Regional Council – 9 December 1999

To be moved:

<p>That the report of the meeting of the Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee meeting held on 6 December 1999, Items HRF63 to HRF71 inclusive, and the recommendations contained therein, be adopted.</p>
