

Minutes of the Meeting of the Landcare Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Tuesday, 13 June 2000, at 9.30am

Present

Councillors Werry (Chairperson), Bonner, Long, Macaskill, McQueen, Shaw, Shields and Thomas and Mr Gilbert

Also Present

Councillor Gibson.

Officers Present

Messrs Andrell, Annakin, Campbell, Cameron, Darroch, Dick, Ms Edwards, and Mr Paul

Public Business

Procedural Items

LC163 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Shaw)

That the apology from Councillor Laidlaw be confirmed.

Councillors Macaskill and Shields apologised for their early departure at 11.00am on other Council business.

LC164 Public Participation

Sylvia Jenkin, Cannons Creek Valley Protection Group

Sylvia Jenkin referred to the Cannons Creek Valley Protection Group Submission on the Annual Plan and summarised the main concerns of the Group. Sylvia Jenkin said the Protection Group wished to work closely with Council in enhancing the environment for Belmont Regional Park and especially in the Cannons Creek Valley. The protection group was now an incorporated friendly society (Friends of Maara Roa) and may be able to assist with funding as plans are advanced for the Cannons Creek Valley. Concern remained on the status of the land; a reserve designation preferred.

Following questions Councillor Werry said the Annual Plan Submissions had received a favourable recommendation and a decision would be made at the Council's Annual Plan meeting later in the week.

LC165 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved

(Cr Bonner/Cr McQueen)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 4 May 2000, Report 00.376, be confirmed.

Matters for Information

LC166 October 1998 Flood Damage Repair : Progress Report

Report 00.391

File: N/90/6/1

Resolved

(Cr Thomas/Cr Macaskill)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC167 Forest Ecosystem Monitoring : An Update

Report 00.401

File: F/2/4/1

Mr Annakin said the booklet on Forest Ecosystem Monitoring had not been tabled and would be made available to Councillors as soon as it had been completed.

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Shaw)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

LC168 Forest Health Research Collaborative

Report 00.402

File: F/2/4/1

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Shields)

- (1) *That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) *That future membership of the Collaborative will be decided by the Parks and Forests management team as part of service level decisions in the Environmental Asset Management Plan, be noted.*

Councillor Shaw said that science continued to play a greater role in the development of forestry policy and asked whether Councillors could be included in the knowledge loop.

Members noted the linkages with other agencies notably Department of Conservation and Auckland Regional Council.

LC169 Report of the Meeting of the Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee – 25 May 2000

Report 00.350

File: E/6/10/6

Councillor Gibson arrived at 10.40am.

Councillor Macaskill said the Environmental Strategy proposals and their impacts for the Hutt River should be shared with the Landcare Committee.

Resolved

(Cr Macaskill/Cr Shields)

That the report of the meeting of the Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee held on 13 March 2000, Items HRD82 to HRD88 inclusive, be received.

LC170 Divisional Manager's Report

Report 00.400

File: E/6/16/3

Councillor Macaskill said that before he left the meeting he would like to thank the field staff and those responsible for the planning and development of the Millennium Totara Grove. It had been an outstanding success.

Councillors Macaskill and Shields left at 11.00am.

Members noted that the follow-up Forest Lands Workshop would commence at the conclusion of the Committee meeting.

Resolved (Cr Werry/Cr McQueen)

That staff be thanked for their effort in making the Millennium Totara Grove planting such an outstanding success.

Resolved (Cr Werry/Cr McQueen)

That the Division and Departmental reports be received and the contents noted.

LC171 **Questions**

There were no questions.

LC172 **General**

There were no matters of general business.

The meeting closed at 11.05am.

COUNCILLOR R WERRY
Chairperson

Date