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THE REGIONAL COUNCIL

**Report 04.545**

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Landcare Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Thursday, 2 September 2004 at 9.30am**

**Present**

Councillors Laidlaw (Chairperson), Barr, Evans, Kirton, McDavitt, Shields, Thomas and Werry and Messrs Gilbert and Ross

**Officers Present**

Messrs Atapattu, Baker, Ballantine, Campbell, Darroch, Evans, Forlong, Jackson, Jensen, Murphy, Oliver, Purves, Turfrey, Waititi, Walls, Phillipa Crisp, Margaret McLachlan and Tina Walker

**Public Business**

**Procedural Items**

LC 224 **Apologies**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Evans)*

*That the apology for lateness from Councillor McDavitt, who was absent on other Council business, be confirmed.*

LC 225 **Public Participation**

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

LC 226 **Confirmation of Minutes**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Werry)*

*That the public and public excluded minutes of the meeting of 3 August 2004, Report 04.511 and PE 04.516, be confirmed.*

**Matter for Recommendation**

LC 227 **Wainuiomata Lower Dam: Decommissioning**

**Report 04.398**

File: PK/07/02/03

*Resolved*

*(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Thomas)*

- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) That it be noted that the do nothing option with respect to the lower dam is not an acceptable outcome, as the structure is not expected to comply with the dam legislation currently being considered by Parliament.*
- (3) Agree that the Utility Services Division proceed with the decommissioning of the Wainuiomata Dam.*

*Resolved to Recommend to Council*

*(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Thomas)*

- (4) (a) That the lowering of the spillway to create a wetland is the preferred decommissioning option, this being the lowest cost option.*
- (b) That before the wetland be open for recreational access in 2006/07 a consultation takes place with the Conservation Department and other interested parties including the local community on the recreation options available.*

## Matter for Decision

LC 228 **Parks and Forests Capital Works Programme Unbudgeted Expenditure for 2004/05**

**Report 04.509**

File: PK/01/01/01

*Resolved*

*(Cr Shields/Cr Barr)*

- (1) *That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) *That the unbudgeted capital expenditure of \$35,000 in 2004/05 to complete the MacKays toilet block be approved. Of this, loan servicing budgets are available to fund \$12,800 with the balance of the loan servicing to be funded by operational savings.*

## Matters for Information

LC 229 **Flood Protection Capital Works Programme Unbudgeted Expenditure for 2004/05**

**Report 04.510**

File: N/50/01/23

*Resolved*

*(Cr Werry/Cr Evans)*

- (1) *That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) *That it be noted that the unbudgeted but fully funded capital expenditure of up to \$461,500 will occur in 2004/05 to complete the 2003/04 capital works programme.*

LC 230 **Hutt River Ranger Service**

**Report 04.501**

File: N/50/1/14

*Resolved*

*(Cr Barr/Cr Evans)*

*That the report be received and the contents noted.*

LC 231 **Western Rivers Asset Monitoring Report for 2003-04**

**Report 04.508**

File: N/50/01/06

*Resolved*

*(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Barr)*

*That the report be received and the contents noted.*

**LC 232 Floodplain Management Plan Implementation: Annual Progress Report 2004**

**Report 04.491**

File: N/50/01/15

Councillor McDavitt arrived at 11.30am.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Barr)*

- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) That it be noted that a copy of this report will be sent to Hutt City Council, Upper Hutt City Council and the Kapiti Coast District Council for their information.*

**LC 233 Divisional Manager's Report**

**Report 04.500**

File: E/06/16/03

*Resolved*

*(Cr Evans/Cr Kirton)*

*That the report be received and the contents noted*

**LC 234 Questions**

There were no questions.

**LC 235 General**

Councillor Laidlaw thanked members and staff for their contribution over the past three years and looked forward to a continuation of the work after the elections in October.

The meeting closed at 12.25pm.

Cr C LAIDLAW  
Chairperson

Date: