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Minutes of the Meeting of the Hutt River Advisory Committee held in the Level 5 Committee Room, The Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Thursday, 17 February 2005 at 4.30pm

Present

Mr Macaskill (Chairperson)
Councillors Evans, Glensor and Greig (Greater Wellington Regional Council)
Councillors Baird and Cousins (Hutt City Council)
Councillors Barnard, Austin, Gwilliam and Harris (Upper Hutt City Council)

Officers Present

Messrs Atapattu, Darroch, Dick, Richards and Forlong (Greater Wellington Regional Council)
Messrs Albuquerque and Vanessa Rogers (Hutt City Council)

Public Business

Procedural Items

HRA 01 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Mr Macaskill/(Cr Harris))

That the apologies from Councillor Laidlaw (Greater Wellington Regional Council), Mayor Ogden, Councillor Jamieson and Councillor Milne (Hutt City Council) be accepted.

HRA 02 **Public Participation**

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

Matters for Consideration

HRA 03 **Hutt River Flood 5/6 January 2005**

Oral Report by Mr Dick, Manager, Flood Protection

Mr Dick explained the river flows, flood damage and the response strategy during the recent flood on the Hutt River between 5 and 6 January 2005. Mr Dick explained the damaged areas as follows:

- There will be the usual clean up of the berms, access tracks, the Hutt River trail, top ups to existing rock structures and some in-channel work, etc.
- Key stress areas are the bed degradation at Elbow Park/Maoribank, bank erosion adjacent to the Manor Park golf course, and the need to repair and strengthen the existing Avalon works.
- There will be need for a 150 metre extension of bank stabilisation works at the downstream of the Manor Park golf course. Discussions with interested parties will be held before a more comprehensive solution can be considered.
- The flood risks to the Hathaway Avenue properties will remain until the new stopbank is constructed. Meantime, a meeting will be held with residents to get some improved flood warning procedures in place.
- Gravel levels in the lower river appear to have been a factor in the increased flood levels. While Greater Wellington recently increased the amount of gravel extraction from the river, a more aggressive gravel extraction programme may need to be adopted.

Following questions Mr Forlong, Divisional Manager, noted that the following documents would be circulated in an Information Bulletin to members of the committee.

- (1) The overheads from Mr Dick's presentation at tonight's meeting.
- (2) Flood damage, Western rivers, January 2005 – a report by Mr Dick to the Landcare Committee Meeting on 8 February 2005.
- (3) The Hutt River Capital Expenditure Programme 2004-2013.
- (4) The Hutt River Management Plan for new members of the committee only.

Resolved

(Cr Barnard/Cr Greig)

That the oral report(s) be received.

HRA 04 Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Ava to Ewen Project Update

Report 05.53

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Resolved

(Cr Evans/Cr Glensor)

That a brief report be presented to the next meeting of the Advisory Committee on the current position relating to the future of the Ava Rail Bridge.

Resolved

(Cr Baird/Cr Greig)

That Report 05.53 be received and the contents noted.

HRA 05 Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Whirinaki Crescent Stopbank Upgrade Design

Report 05.54

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Wellington Golf Club

Mr Macaskill declared an interest and said he was a member of the Wellington Golf Club.

Resolved

(Cr Gwilliam/Cr Austin)

That report 05.54 be received and the contents noted.

HRA 06 Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Progress Report on Non-structural Measures

Report 05.55

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Meetings with residents

Members noted the care and attention that officers had shown in briefing residents of Belmont on progress on non-structural measures under the Hutt River Flood Plain Management Plan.

Hutt River Flood Plain Management Plan Implementation – Attachment 1 to Report 05.55, page 1 of 1.

Members noted that under **Project 2** headed “**Commence implementation of alerting systems, if appropriate**” that Upper Hutt City Council was preparing an additional paper for consideration by Upper Hutt City Council management noting that no funding had been made available at present.

Mr Forlong was asked to enquire and report back to the Advisory Committee on progress.

Moved (Cr Harris/Cr Barnard)

- (1) *That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) *Note that Upper Hutt City Council has resolved to commence the process for implementing the proposed Upper Hutt City Council District Plan changes.*

HRA 07 Hutt River Gravel Management

Report 05.56

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As noted in the flood report, as outlined in paragraph HRA 03 of these minutes, Mr Dick said a bed level survey had recently been completed on the Hutt River and there could be a need to increase the level of the gravel extraction operations.

Members noted that residents in the Hutt Valley should be kept abreast of construction works as they occurred on the Hutt River. The public were always interested in the fresh occurrence of highly visible construction works.

Hathaway Avenue Residents

Members requested that they be kept informed of the dates for meetings with the residents of Hathaway Avenue.

Mr Forlong said dates would be advised in the Hutt River Advisory Committee Information Bulletin.

Resolved (Cr Glensor/Cr Greig)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

HRA 08 Questions

There were no questions.

HRA 90 **General**

Members noted that the next meeting would take place on 7 July 2005.

Councillor Glensor said he would be an apology for this meeting.

The meeting closed at 6.30pm.

MR S A MACASKILL

Chairperson

Date