



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ASSET MANAGEMENT AND
BIOSECURITY COMMITTEE**

UNCONFIRMED

Date: Tuesday, 9 February

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: Council Chamber
Hawke's Bay Regional Council
159 Dalton Street
NAPIER

Present: K Rose - Chairman
N Kirton
E McGregor
L Remmerswaal
A Dick
E von Dadelszen
F Wilson
M Apatu
H Hiha

In Attendance: A Newman – Chief Executive
M Adye – Group Manager, Asset Management
G Hansen – Group Manager, Operations Group
G Code – Manager Engineering
C Perley – Manager, Land Management
M Drury, Minute Secretary

1. WELCOME/PRAYER/APOLOGIES

Chairman Rose welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Councillors Scott and Gilbertson.

**von Dadelszen/Wilson
CARRIED**

Councillor Dick sought permission to leave the meeting at 2.00pm for a short time.

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2009

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 10 November 2009, a copy having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read and confirmed.

**McGregor/Wilson
CARRIED**

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON TUESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2009

13. General Business – Environmental Awards

Councillor von Dadelszen advised that she had not seen a paper about the Environmental Awards which was to be prepared for the Environmental Management Committee. Mr Newman agreed to follow this up.

7. Biodiversity Memorandum of Understanding with Napier City Council

In response to a question from Councillor Remmerswaal, Mr Adye confirmed that the Memorandum of Understanding was an agreement with Napier City Council to strengthen Council's relationship with the urban community and was not implemented as part of Biodiversity Year.

5. ACTION ITEMS FROM COUNCIL MEETINGS

There were no action items.

6. CONSIDERATION OF GENERAL BUSINESS

- (a) Flood Damage from 31 January Flood Event
- (b) Haumoana/Te Awanga WOW Meeting
- (c) Field Day – Wairoa 12 March 2010
- (d) National Farming Review

7. COUNCIL BRANDING

Mr Hansen gave a PowerPoint presentation which gave examples of current branding of Council land, buildings and property.

Mr Hansen advised that Council had adopted a 7 Year Public Access Development programme in 1996 which included the upgrading and enhancement of 26 new and existing public access ways however as a result of ongoing problems with vandalism and graffiti, several signs had not been replaced which had led to varying standards in the upkeep of signs. Mr Hansen also advised that a contractor was employed to remove graffiti from signs at a cost of \$700.00 per month.

Mr Hansen also outlined proposals for signage to be erected on the 4 major arterial roads leading into the region – this would be at a cost of \$42,000 and would be sourced from Council's contingency fund with an estimated annual cost for depreciation and maintenance of \$1,500 per year.

The Committee discussed the reasons why signage should be erected on the region's boundaries and agreed that the signs would be desirable not just for visitors to the region but for the local community to identify where the region's boundaries are. A suggestion that the message on each sign be an environmental one or a road safety one was also noted. Mr Newman advised he would raise the possibility of sharing sign support structure with our regional neighbours at a future CEO Forum.

Responding to a question, Mr Hansen confirmed that there were ongoing discussions with Fish & Game, Doc, Wine Country and other interested parties whose signs were displayed on land where Council signs were or could be erected in order for all signs to be erected in an acceptable position.

The Committee agreed that Council branded signs should be erected on Council land and where Council had involvement. This included pathways on Council land, Council's forest land and cycle ways developed under the National cycleway project..

Mr Hiha drew the Committee's attention to the proposed sign for Peka Peka and noted that the symbol on the sign was not a swamp symbol but a bush symbol – the raupu symbol would be more appropriate for this area. The Committee also discussed a suggestion that the signs could incorporate information or Maori stories which would make the areas or pathways more meaningful. Mr Broadley agreed to have further discussions with the consultant.

Following concern from some Committee members that funding for this project would come from Council's contingency fund which would leave a reduced amount in the fund, it was agreed that further discussions would take place to identify the appropriate source of funding for these projects.

Resolution:

That the Committee recommends Council:

- 1.1. Agrees that the decisions to be made are not significant under the criteria contained in Council's adopted policy on significance and that Council can exercise its discretion under Sections 79(1)(a) and 82(3) of the Local Government Act 2002 and make decisions on this issue without conferring directly with the community and persons likely to be affected by or to have an interest in the decision due to the nature and significance of the issue to be considered and decided.
- 1.2. Approve, subject to wording being finalised, the signage on the main road routes into the region, and instruct staff to arrange for signs to be erected in the following locations:
 - State Highway 2 at Takapau
 - State Highway 2 at Morere
 - State Highway 5 at Rangitaiki
 - Napier Taihape Rd at Taruarau,

At an estimated cost of \$42,000 with the appropriate funding source to be decided by the Chief Executive and the necessary funding for ongoing depreciation and maintenance being budgeted under Council's Open Space and Regional Infrastructure significant activity area.

**McGregor/Dick
CARRIED 6/2**

**Councillor Remmerswaal and Mr Apatu voted against the recommendation
Mr Hiha abstained from voting**

Chairman Dick left the meeting at 2.00pm

8. PLANTATION DRAIN ENHANCEMENT UPDATE

Mr Clode gave a PowerPoint presentation which updated the Committee on progress with the Plantation Drain upgrade proposal. Mr Clode also outlined a method (Stream Ecological Valuation – SEV) to assess the ecological values of waterways which had been developed nationally and adapted for Hawke's Bay. Five Napier urban streams had been assessed and Mr Clode outlined the results of the assessment and how they would be used on the Plantation Drain.

Mr Clode advised that \$100,000 had been transferred from the Plantation Drain construction work proposed for this year to undertake remedial works on the County Drain which had experienced severe slumping to its banks. As a result of the transfer of funds it was proposed to increase the budget provision in the LTCCP capital works budget.

Resolution:

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- 1.1 Include provision to complete the Plantation Drain enhancement work associated with a reach between Chambers and Nash streets in the 2010/11 draft annual plan.

**von Dadelszen/Remmerswaal
CARRIED**

Chairman Dick returned to the meeting at 2.15pm

9. STATE HIGHWAY 2 TUTAEKURI RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

Mr Adye and Mr Clode spoke to this agenda item. Mr Adye advised that subject to Council's acceptance of the proposed bridge design he would send a confirmation letter to the principal consultant Opus advising that the design did not adversely impact on the integrity of Council's flood control assets. Mr Adye also advised that all work undertaken by Council staff had been peer reviewed by Tonkin Taylor.

Mr Clode advised that the bridge design was the most complicated design work which Council had been involved in for some time. Council engineering staff had been involved in the development of hydraulic models associated with the flood channel and worked through a variety of options in terms of bridge height and length. Consideration had to be given to the effects of climate change, a 100 year flood event and sea level rise which would impact on the normal tidal cycle.

Mr Clode gave a PowerPoint presentation which illustrated design views of the proposed new State Highway 2 bridge which would be located approximately 30m

downstream from the present bridge, would be higher than the current bridge and would have fewer piers than the current bridge.

Resolution:

That the Committee recommend that Council:

- 1.1 Authorise the Group Manager Asset Management to approve the design of the proposed Waitangi washout bridge replacement across the Tutaekuri River on State Highway 2, subject to his satisfaction that the proposed design does not adversely impact on the integrity of council's flood control assets.

**von Dadelszen/Remmerswaal
CARRIED**

10. LAND MANAGEMENT OUTCOMES & IMPLEMENTATION

Mr Perley advised that his report followed from the report he presented to the Committee on 10 November 2009.

Mr Perley then gave a Power point presentation which illustrated proposed goals, outcomes, potential measures and implementation.

The meeting adjourned at 3.10pm and reconvened at 3.20pm

In the following discussion on the issue, the Committee:

- Suggested that the goal should encompass the wider Hawke's Bay landscapes rather than being limited to rural Hawke's Bay;
- Agreed in principal with the proposed outcomes;
- Sought further clarification of the measures which are to be reported back in May;

Resolution:

That the Committee recommends Council:

- 1.1 Agrees that the decisions to be made are not significant under the criteria contained in Council's adopted policy on significance and that Council can exercise its discretion under Sections 79(1)(a) and 82(3) of the Local Government Act 2002 and make decisions on this issue without conferring directly with the community and persons likely to be affected by or to have an interest in the decision due to the nature and significance of the issue to be considered and decided.
- 1.2 Receive this report and endorse in principle the outcomes proposed for the Land Management team but requests a further report which would include a set of key performance measures be prepared for the 11 May 2010 Asset Management and Biosecurity Committee Meeting.

**Dick/Wilson
CARRIED**

11. PURPLE RAGWORT

Mr Adye advised that this agenda item sought Council's agreement to increase the annual grant provided by Council to Te Mata Park Trust Board in order that the Board had the funding to undertake appropriate control on purple ragwort.

Mr Adye reported that Te Mata Park Trust Board and members of the public had raised concerns over the past few years about purple ragwort infestations in Te Mata Park and following discussions with Te Mata Park Trust Board representatives and

Council staff, it was suggested a programme of control costing approximately \$5,000 to \$7,000 could be implemented to control purple ragwort within the Park.

The Committee discussed the effectiveness of control of purple ragwort in the Park particularly when the plant was also on neighbouring properties. The Committee also asked if purple ragwort was included in Council's Pest Management Strategy. Mr Adye advised that plants were included into the Strategy if they had the potential to significantly affect regional economy, human health, or the region's natural environment. Purple ragwort does not fit any of these tests and would be controlled in Te Mata Park purely for aesthetic reasons.

Mr Adye assured the Committee that should the grant to Te Mata Park be increased, the current agreement with the Trust would be revised to ensure the additional grant was used for the control of purple ragwort.

Resolution:

That the Committee recommends Council:

- 1.1 Agrees that the decisions to be made are not significant under the criteria contained in Council's adopted policy on significance and that Council can exercise its discretion under Sections 79(1)(a) and 82(3) of the Local Government Act 2002 and make decisions on this issue without conferring directly with the community and persons likely to be affected by or to have an interest in the decision due to the nature and significance of the issue to be considered and decided.
- 1.2. Include provision for the grant to Te Mata Park Trust Board to increase to \$30,000 for the 2010/11 financial year and 2011/12 (plus an inflation allowance) into Council's Draft 2010/11 Annual Plan.

**von Dadelszen/Kirton
CARRIED**

12. ASSET MANAGEMENT GROUP STRUCTURE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

It was agreed that this Item lay on the table until the 11 May meeting of the Asset Management and Biosecurity Committee.

13. GENERAL BUSINESS

Flood Damage – 31 January Flood Event

Mr Hansen updated the Committee on damage which occurred during the 31 January flood event. Damage within the river systems was extensive to fencing at Chesterhope and to the cycleway at Waitangi.

Haumoana/Te Awanga WOW

Mr Adye updated the Committee on a recent meeting with the WOW Group and HDC. Mr Adye advised that WOW had agreed to an independent advisor being employed, funded jointly by Hastings District Council and HBRC, to advise on the feasibility of pursuing a hard engineering solution to mitigate the ongoing erosion along the Haumoana coast.

Field Day – 12 March 2010

Mr Adye advised a field day would be held on 12 March commencing at 10.00am at the McRae Trust Farm in Wairoa and it was hoped Minister David Carter would be present. A memo would be sent to all Councillors seeking confirmation of those who wished to attend the field day.

National Farm Review

Councillor Wilson drew the Committee’s attention to two articles in the latest edition of the National Farming Review magazine – “What’s Your Poison” – an article about 1080 and “One Plan Rules Them All”.

Following discussion, it was agreed that all Councillors would receive a copy of the National Farm Review.

Closure:

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 4.15pm.

Signed as a true and correct record.

DATE:

CHAIRMAN: