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**MINUTES**

**THURSDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2012**

**7.32PM – 8.28PM**

**MAKARA HALL  
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**PRESENT:**

Gavin Bruce	(7.32pm – 8.28pm)
Christine Grace (Chair)	(7.32pm – 8.28pm)
Judy Liddell	(7.32pm – 8.28pm)
Wayne Rudd	(7.32pm – 8.28pm)
Margie Scotts	(7.32pm – 8.28pm)
Hamish Todd	(7.32pm – 8.28pm)

**DEMOCRATIC SERVICES OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Sophie Rapson - Committee Advisor

**EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM IN ATTENDANCE:**

Greg Orchard – Director Property and Housing

093/12MB **APOLOGIES**  
(1215/13/IM)

**NOTED:**

There were no apologies.

094/12MB **MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION**  
(1215/13/IM)

**Moved Christine Grace, seconded Hamish Todd, the motion, that the Makara/Ohariu Community Board approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16 August 2012 having been circulated, be taken as an accurate record of that meeting.**

**The motion was put and declared CARRIED.**

**RESOLVED:**

*THAT the Makara/Ohariu Community Board:*

- 1. Approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16 August 2012 having been circulated, be taken as an accurate record of that meeting.*

095/12MB **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**  
(1215/13/IM)

**NOTED:**

1. Gavin Bruce declared a conflict of interest in relation to Report 5 – Project Mill Creek and Community Liaison Group. He advised that he would not take part in discussion or debate on this item.

096/12MB **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**  
(1215/13/IM)

**NOTED:**

There was no public participation.

097/12MB **DARWIN'S BARBERRY**  
(1215/13/IM)

(ORAL REPORT)

**NOTED:**

Christine Grace noted the following information from Amber Bill – Manager, Community Engagement & Reserves Parks & Gardens.

The good news is that Landcare Research has made an application to the Environmental Protection Authority to introduce Darwin's Barberry Biocontrol agents into the country. The application was supported by the Greater Wellington Regional Council and a decision will be made by in the next month. See: <http://www.epa.govt.nz/consultations/new-organisms/Pages/default.aspx?Topic=Biological+control+agents>

Apparently the biocontrol agents eat the flowers and berries therefore reducing its seeding ability. As with any biocontrol agent, should this be released and successful, it won't eradicate the weed - but hopefully it will diminish the spreading of it.

If the biocontrol agents become available, I intend to try to get the agent released in the Outer Green Belt areas as soon as possible, but suggest that the Board could also make contact with the Regional Council.

I have attached an information sheet on how to control Darwin's barberry. The main issue with control is that it is very difficult to kill by spraying, having a small waxy leaf it doesn't take the herbicide in well. Darryl Kee from Greater Wellington suggests that the given the waxy leaves the best way if spraying is to ensure the bark/trunks get a lot of coverage and also using a residue herbicide will mean that the roots absorb it. Gun spraying with Metsulfuron does work but it completely obliterates improved pasture as well the Tauhinu and other scrub prevalent in Makara's coastal environment, so could not be considered as a viable option.

Cutting and stump treating works but is cost prohibitive over large areas.

We understand that Guy Parkinson has trialled some spraying techniques so you could always try contacting him - I don't think he has had much success though to date.

Current thinking (and it is mainly just anecdotal at this stage), is that eventually it is over-topped by native forest regeneration - but obviously this is across a very long time frame and does not resolve concern about it in areas where forest is unlikely to return. I believe this is what we are now starting to see in areas such as Wrights Hill where it has been present for many many years.

Because of the difficulties of control and the extensive distribution of the weed, there is unfortunately little we are able to do other than continue to try to keep areas where it does not yet occur clear of it - this is mainly the

Te Kopahou reserve area (south of the Radar Dome). So - I remain very hopeful of the biocontrol agent!

**098/12MB UNESCORTED WIDE LOADS IN SOUTH MAKARA**  
(1215/13/IM) (ORAL REPORT)

**NOTED:**

Christine Grace noted a complaint about unescorted movement of an articulated vehicle from the end of South Makara Road and through Makara moving a large digger that was a potential danger to other road users including horses and riders.

As advised from Sam Lister of Capacity (a Council Controlled Organisation of Wellington City Council and Hutt City Council), afternoon of 4 September

- the work was being done for Capacity
- the transporter and driver were from Rough Terrain
- the contractor was P&N Siteworks

Steve Wright – Team Leader, Resurfacing and Contracts agreed that he would follow up with those involved.

Greg Orchard – Director Property and Housing agreed that he would raise it with Capacity at their next meeting.

**099/12MB REPRESENTATION REVIEW SUBMISSION**  
(1215/13/IM) (ORAL REPORT)

**NOTED:**

The Board agreed to make a submission supporting the Representation Review recommendations.

**100/12MB PROJECT WESTWIND AND COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP**  
(1215/13/IM) (ORAL REPORT)

**NOTED:**

Christine Grace noted that sound meters would be available for those wishing to use them shortly.

(Gavin Bruce withdrew from the table due to a conflict of interest.)

101/12MB **PROJECT MILL CREEK AND COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP**  
(1215/13/IM) (ORAL REPORT)

**NOTED:**

Christine Grace introduced Isabella Cawthorn – Meridian Stakeholder Manager for Project Mill Creek to the Community Board.

Ms Cawthorn gave an update on the project and outlined the project time line to the Community Board. She also reiterated that Meridian is open to all feedback and concerns relating to the Project.

The Community Liaison Group discussed the issue of dust from the project and Meridian has since put a protocol in place to deal with dust claims from neighbouring residents.

(Gavin Bruce returned to the table.)

102/12MB **ROADING**  
(1215/13/IM) (ORAL REPORT)

**NOTED:**

Steve Wright – Team Leader, Resurfacing and Contracts was in attendance for this item. Mr Wright noted that the water tables and culverts across of the Makara/Ohariu area will be cleared.

Christine Grace noted a pothole on Makara Hill and a river bank collapse. Mr Wright agreed to follow up on these issues.

103/12MB **RESOURCE CONSENT APPROVALS AND APPLICATIONS FOR  
3 AUGUST TO 6 SEPTEMBER 2012**  
Report of Bill Stevens - Manager, Development Planning and  
Compliance, North and West.  
(1215/13/IM) (REPORT 7)

**Moved Christine Grace, seconded Wayne Rudd, the substantive motion.**

**The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.**

**RESOLVED:**

*THAT the Makara/Ohariu Community Board:*

1. *Receive the information.*

104/12MB **FORWARD PROGRAMME**

Report of Sophie Rapson – Committee Advisor.  
(1215/13/IM)

(REPORT 8)

**Moved Christine Grace, seconded Margie Scotts, the substantive motion with the following addition:**

**Thursday 18 October 2012**

- Update on Wellington City Council Organisation Restructure

**The substantive motion with additions was put and declared CARRIED.**

**RESOLVED:**

*THAT the Makara/Ohariu Community Board:*

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Approve the work programme for the upcoming meetings.*

<b><i>Thursday 18 October 2012</i></b>
<p><i>Standing Items:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Resource consent</i></li> <li>• <i>Roading</i></li> <li>• <i>Project Mill Creek and Community Liaison Group</i></li> <li>• <i>Project Westwind and Community Liaison Group</i></li> <li>• <b><i>Update on Wellington City Council Organisation Restructure</i></b></li> <li>• <i>Upcoming areas of consultation</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Forward Programme</i></p>
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The meeting concluded at 8.28pm.

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