

MINUTES

THURSDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2008

7.00PM

**OHARIU VALLEY HALL
550 OHARIU VALLEY ROAD
OHARIU VALLEY**

PRESENT:

Gavin Bruce
Christine Grace
John Hume
Ralph Jorgensen
Ruth Paul
Craig Shepherd

APOLOGIES:

Mayor Prendergast
Councillor Foster
Councillor McKinnon
Councillor Pannett

IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Best

001/08MB **APOLOGIES**
(1215/13/IM)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Makara/Ohariu Community Board:

- 1. Receive apologies for absence from Mayor Prendergast, Councillors Foster, McKinnon and Pannett.*

002/08MB **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**
(1215/13/IM)

NOTED:

Gavin Bruce declared a conflict of interest in relation to Project Mill Creek.

003/08MB **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
(1215/13/IM)

NOTED:

1. Ted Smith from Makara raised concerns he had over the rubbish bin at the top of Makara Hill. The bin had been removed by someone. He advised that a second rubbish bin had been donated by an anonymous donor. Volunteers who have been collecting rubbish at Makara Beach have so far collected 300 bags of rubbish.
2. Linda Stevens from Makara who owns the Cattery in Makara raised her frustration at being woken by trucks which park outside her property at 4.00 and 5.00am.
3. Jenny Jorgensen representing Makara Guardians addressed the meeting regarding Project Westwind. She asked several questions of the Board which will be passed onto officers to respond to.
4. Andrew McSweeney representing the Ohariu Preservation Society addressed the meeting over the proposed Project Mill Creek. He advised those present of the concerns held by many of the residents of the Ohariu Valley at the prospect of a wind farm in their area and asked for the Board to write to Meridian and Council asking for information about the proposal to be supplied to the residents as they have requested.
5. Warren Bryant from Windcorp addressed the Board and asked that the Board support the Windcorp farmers and their involvement in Project Mill Creek as they see it as an appropriate land use for the rural area.

(Gavin Bruce withdrew from the table.)

004/08MB **PROJECT MILL CREEK**
(1215/13/IM)

(ORAL REPORT)

NOTED:

The Chair outlined the Boards role with regards to resource consent applications and the limitations on its role in respect of Project Mill Creek. She provided information about the Board's statutory role under the Local Government Act and described its general delegations. She explained that the Board will receive the application, then decide whether or not to submit, and if so, what those submissions would be, but did advise that this would be complicated as both those for and against the proposal were residents of the Board's representative area. She advised that it would not be possible for a Board member to be appointed to the Hearing committee (should there be one) as both she and Gavin Bruce, the two accredited members of the Board, had conflicts in that Gavin was a member of Windcorp, and Ruth had previously been involved in Environment court case against Meridian in respect of Project West Wind. She advised that due to the concerns raised by residents that the Board will ask Meridian Energy to give more information to the residents. The Board will also pass on concerns to the Council which are raised by residents.

(Gavin Bruce returned to the table.)

005/08MB **RESOURCE CONSENT APPROVALS AND APPLICATIONS FOR 12 DECEMBER 2007 TO 12 FEBRUARY 2008 (TO INCLUDE A BRIEFING FROM OFFICERS ON CHANGES TO CONDITIONS OF CONSENT)**

Report of Radhika Openshaw – Hearings and Technical Adviser.

(1215/13/IM)

(REPORT 2)

NOTED:

Bill Stevens - Planning Manager, North and West areas was in attendance for this item. He briefed the Board on the application for changes to condition of consent, which had been received regarding Project Westwind, for the transformer boxes to be sited outside the turbine bases. The Board felt this would be a significant visual alteration to the approved project and expressed this view to Council officers. The decision rests with Council officers.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Makara/Ohariu Community Board:

1. *Receive the information.*

006/08MB **ORDER OF BUSINESS**
(1215/13/IM)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Makara/Ohariu Community Board:

- 1. Take Report 3 "Project Westwind" and Report 4 Community Liaison Group Update together.*

007/08MB **PROJECT WESTWIND AND COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP UPDATE**
(1215/13/IM) (ORAL REPORT)

NOTED:

Mark France – Meridian Energy, Strategic Relations Adviser and Carolyn Wylie – Meridian Energy, Project Relationship Manager were in attendance for this item. They updated the Board on issues which have been raised by locals and advised that that the internal roading is largely complete, turbine bases were being excavated and construction of the wharf is about to begin.

The Board discussed the concern that in Makara, construction traffic is running day and night to the site apparently at odds with traffic conditions in the Environment Court decision.

Ruth Paul updated the Board on the recent meeting of the Project Westwind Community Liaison Group. This was the group's fourth meeting and minutes would be circulated to anyone interested if they contact her.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Makara/Ohariu Community Board:

- 1. Request that the Community Board representative on the Community Board Liaison Group request that the Project Westwind Traffic Management Plan is revisited so it is more aligned with the Environment Court decision.*

008/08MB RURAL FIRE BANS
(1215/13/IM)

(ORAL REPORT)

NOTED:

Jock Darragh – Principal Rural Fire Officer was in attendance for this item. He updated the Board on the un-burnt slash from the tree felling in Takarau Gorge. He advised that the slash had not been burnt as the weather conditions had not been favourable over the recent months. He advised that if this was not burned before winter it would be buried on higher land than the rivers edge.

Mr Darragh advised that he was offering the preparation of a “pre suppression plan” for residents in the rural areas. This plan enables him to know that in the event of a rural fire that as the Principal Rural Fire Officer he knows what the landowner has on the property which may require saving and what can be left to burn.

009/08MB REVIEW OF WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL ELECTORAL SYSTEM

(1215/13/IM)

(ORAL REPORT)

NOTED:

Michael Webster City Secretary was in attendance for this item. He advised the Board that the Wellington City Council is to review its electoral system it will use for the triennial elections.

010/08MB REVIEW OF THE MAKARA/OHARIU COMMUNITY BOARD STANDING ORDERS

(1215/13/IM)

(ORAL REPORT)

NOTED:

Michael Webster – City Secretary was in attendance for this item. He advised the Board that the Makara/Ohariu Community Board Standing Orders adopted in 1993 are out of date and would be updated and brought into line with the Wellington City Council Standing Orders.

011/08MB **PROJECT MILL CREEK**
(1215/13/IM)

(ORAL REPORT)

NOTED:

Further to the discussion held earlier in the meeting, the Board agreed that two Board Members will write to Meridian Energy to seek answers to the questions raised by the public who attended the meeting.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Makara/Ohariu Community Board:

1. *Authorise Board members Craig Shepherd and John Hume to liaise with Meridian Energy on behalf of the Board in relation to Project Mill Creek.*

012/08MB **ROADING REPORT**
(1215/13/IM)

(ORAL REPORT)

NOTED:

Steve Wright – Team Leader, Resurfacing and Contracts was in attendance for this item. Mr Wright advised the Board on various matters of interest for roading in the Makara/Ohariu areas. The work of footbridge outside the school is progressing. Once the Resource Consent has been granted by the Regional Council the work to fix the bridge will commence.

Roadside growth cutting through the Makara and Ohariu Valley areas had commenced and would be carried out over February 2008.

Various sites are being investigated for the Board's improvement budget, including widening of "Robbers corner" on Makara Hill.

013/08MB **FORWARD PROGRAMME**

Report prepared by Democratic Services.
(1215/13/IM)

(REPORT 9)

NOTED:

The Board discussed the date for the March 2008 meeting. No decision was made at the meeting to change the date as diaries needed to be checked. All indications were that the meeting would be likely to be held on Tuesday 18 March 2008 instead of Wednesday 19 March 2008.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Makara/Ohariu Community Board:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Approve and amend as needed, the draft work programme for the upcoming meeting.*

Meeting Date	Items
<p><i>Wednesday 19 March 2008*</i> <i>* Note that this is a Wednesday as the Thursday is right on the Easter Weekend</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Standing Items</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Monthly List of Resource Consent Approvals</i> ➤ <i>Roading Report</i> ➤ <i>Forward Programme</i> • <i>Project Westwind</i> • <i>Community Liaison Group</i> • <i>Rating and Valuations</i> • <i>Elected Members Remuneration</i> • <i>Biodiversity Landowners Group (Goats)</i> • <i>Project Mill Creek</i>
<i>Thursday 17 April 2008</i>	• <i>Standing Items</i>
<i>Thursday 15 May 2008</i>	• <i>Standing Items</i>
<i>Thursday 19 June 2008</i>	• <i>Standing Items</i>
<i>Thursday 17 July 2008</i>	• <i>Standing Items</i>
<i>Thursday 21 August 2008</i>	• <i>Standing Items</i>
<i>Thursday 18 September 2008</i>	• <i>Standing Items</i>
<i>Thursday 16 October 2008</i>	• <i>Standing Items</i>
<i>Thursday 20 November 2008</i>	• <i>Standing Items</i>
<i>Thursday 18 December 2008</i>	• <i>Standing Items</i>

NOTED:

The resolution differs from the recommendations in the officer's report as follows:

The Community Board added the text in **bold**.

The meeting concluded at 9.07pm.

Confirmed: _____

Chair

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