

**MINUTES OF AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE HELD IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, 6 WAIPAREIRA AVENUE,
LINCOLN, WAITAKERE CITY, ON TUESDAY, 9 APRIL 2002,
COMMENCING AT 1.35 PM.**

PRESENT: Councillors PA Hulse (Chairperson)
DQ Battersby, JP (until 2.37 pm)
BA Brady, JP
JM Clews, QSO, JP
RP Dallow, QPM, JP (until 2.40 pm)
AC Fenton
GB Presland
GW Russell (from 2.20 pm until 2.45 pm)
CA Stone

IN ATTENDANCE: Director: Strategic Group
Landscape Planning Co-ordinator
Communications Advisor
Committee Secretary: S Hargis

Mary Anne Crawford - Consultant

1 APOLOGIES

710/2002

MOVED by Cr Fenton, seconded Cr Brady:

That an apology from Crs Hoskin, Lawley, Nash, Neeson and Yates for absence and Cr Russell for lateness be received and sustained.

CARRIED

URGENT DEPUTATION

Pursuant to Standing Order 37.2 the Chairperson determined that a deputation from the Painted Apple Moth Community Advisory Group was one of urgency and should be received at this meeting.

K Witten-Hannah and Dr P Maddison presented the Environmental Management Committee with a petition on behalf of the Painted Apple Moth Community Advisory Group.

2.20 pm Cr Russell entered the meeting.

2.37 pm Cr Battersby left the meeting.

2.40 pm Cr Dallow left the meeting.

2.45 pm Cr Russell left the meeting.

2 PAINTED APPLE MOTH FUTURE OPTIONS REPORT

711/2002

MOVED by Cr Clews, seconded Cr Brady:

1. That Council indicates to Government a strong preference for option 5, (submitted by the Painted Apple Moth Community Advisory Group) for the future management of the Painted Apple Moth, option 5 being:

That eradication be pursued through a highly resourced and intensive community supported and Government funded ground based operation across the entire area where male moths have been trapped.

That there be:

- No aerial spraying over populated areas;
- Ground spraying of larval finds carried out with *Bucillus thuringiensis var. kurstaki* - based spray;
- Programmes to consult and enlist the support and participation of the public and local government to help detect infestations, to wipe out weed hosts, and to control the movement of vegetation;
- Expanded Government funding and support for all research and development programmes into the Painted Apple Moth and alternative and complementary techniques for its eradication.
- Increased resources put into researching adverse health effects and providing treatment for those affected by either the previous or the ongoing programme.

To implement this option the following 10-point plan is proposed (This will be further developed with full public and community input and consultation. The Painted Apple Moth Community Advisory Group eradication plan previously published in 2001 is also undergoing modification as a result of the current situation and community input.):

1. **Buffer Zone** - At the fringes of the infestation, a 2km buffer zone will be created in order to prevent the moth spreading further. This will be provided by an intensification of the trapping programme and a greater public education process. (This buffer zone will aim to protect the Waitakere Ranges and other sensitive areas.)
2. **Research and Development** - An increase in the scientific effort and support to produce synthetic pheromone and to develop other eradication methods such as the sterile male technique, is required. The latter would require much greater rearing and sterilization facilities coupled with public education. Research into the effects of the eradication methods on natural ecosystems will be undertaken.
3. **Public Support** - A great increase in the programme to develop public education and community involvement in the campaign, the involvement of the THOUSAND EYES of the Community, with inclusion of children and youth, and translation of information for the Auckland ethnic communities.
4. **Host Removal** - That the months from now and through winter 2002 be used to eradicate wattles and other weed hosts from the infested and peripheral regions. (A large percentage of larvae have been found on wattles - removal of these will help delay the spread and "buy time" for the eradication.)

5. **Sector By Sector Approach** - That infested areas and hotspots be treated by ground spraying by trained teams, this work to be intensified to remove the moth sector by sector. Spot aerial spraying of individual trees or inaccessible infested areas may be needed. Any aerial applications will be the exception to the rule and not carried out without careful and detailed planning and full consultation and agreement of affected people.
 6. **Safest Choices** - That *Bucillus thuringiensis var. kurstaki* be the pesticide of choice for larval infestations, with the formulation used disclosed to medical professionals so that allergies can be addressed. Other methods such as *Decis Forte* (a type of insecticide) spray may be used for larval stages on inanimate objects.
 7. **Management** - That management of the eradication be locally based, with appropriate advisers from outside as well as within the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.
 8. **Health** - That increased resources be put into all areas of adverse health effects and treatment, that provision be made for greater education and involvement of local health practitioners. The formulation of sprays used must be available to health professionals to enable the proper recognition and treatment of allergies.
 9. **Monitoring** - That there be extended monitoring, especially around the fringes of the Waitakere Ranges until eradication has been completed.
 10. **Public Consultation** - That the Painted Apple Moth Community Advisory Group and other community networks be better utilized for community education and consultation.
2. That Council express to Government by all means available its concern that there is a lack of information on which the Cabinet can make a decision and requests that the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry produces a full quadruple bottom line evaluation of all options including option 5, (the Painted Apple Moth Community Advisory Group option):

CARRIED

2.53 pm

The Chairperson thanked members for their attendance and attention to business and declared the meeting closed.

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COMMITTEE HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....