## 13. STYX RIVER: SEEKING COMMUNITY VIEWS

The Water Services Manager reported outlining the process that will be used for obtaining community views on the Styx River in order to assist in its sustainable management. The following process has been developed for this purpose:

- 1. 'Styx River Happening' at Spencer Park on Sunday 14 March 1998, 10 am 4 pm
  - Partnership building
  - Displays, speakers, activities
  - Sharing of information
  - Family Day
- 2. Workshop three weeks later
  - Identification of community values
  - Identification of issues and opportunities
- 3. Focus Groups
  - Discussions with small groups of people with specific interests.
- 4. Feedback Workshop
  - Feedback on the draft version of community views
- 5. Styx River Management Strategy
  - Development of the Styx River Management Strategy incorporating community views with existing policies and the results of other expert investigations.
  - Consultation with the community.

Organisational details of the Styx River Happening have been finalised. The organisation of the following events will be dependent on the outcomes of the previous events.

The Committee **decided** to endorse the foregoing process.