

Please note these minutes remain unconfirmed until the Environment Committee meeting on 26 November 2020.

Report 20.387

Unconfirmed Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on Thursday 15 October 2020

Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council
Level 2, 15 Walter Street, Te Aro, Wellington, at 9.47am.

Members Present

Councillor Gaylor (Chair)
Councillor Connelly (Deputy Chair) (from 10.11am)
Councillor Blakeley
Councillor Brash
Councillor Hughes
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand (from 10am)
Councillor Laban
Councillor Lamason
Councillor Lee
Councillor Nash
Councillor Staples (by Zoom)
Councillor van Lier
Barbie Barton (from 10.03am)

Members participating at this meeting by Zoom counted for the purpose of quorum, in accordance with clause 25B of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002.

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved: Cr Lamason / Cr Brash

That the Committee accepts the apology for absence from Councillor Ponter, and the apologies for lateness from Councillors Connelly and Kirk-Burnnand, and from Barbie Barton.

The motion was **carried**.

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

3 Public participation

There was no public participation.

4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting of 10 September 2020 – Report 20.331

Moved: Cr Blakeley / Cr Lamason

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on 10 September 2020 – Report 20.331.

The motion was **carried**.

5 Update on progress of action items from previous meetings – October 2020 – Report 20.373

Al Cross, General Manager Environment Management, spoke to the report.

Noted: The Committee requested that officers invite Wellington City Council officers to the next working group meeting between Greater Wellington, Wellington Water Limited, and Regional Public Health.

Noted: The Committee requested that officers compile a list of environmental restoration community groups in the Wellington Region and include the status of their engagement with Greater Wellington.

6 Whaitua programme briefing – Oral Report

Tim Sharp, Programme Manager – Whaitua, spoke to the report.

Mr Sharp updated the Committee on the progress of the Whaitua Te Whanganui-a-Tara Committee (the Whaitua Committee). Mr Sharp advised that the Whaitua Committee had a coastal expert panel to run through the freshwater scenarios and assess how this affects the marine environment.

The Whaitua Committee was scheduled to discuss wetlands and receive an update on where central government is at in regards to its freshwater policy statement and the effect this has on wetlands in the Whaitua.

There will be three rural engagements in November 2020, as well as a need to schedule a “reconnection” meeting for the Whaitua Committee, as it has not met physically since before COVID-19 and the introduction of the Alert Levels.

The Whaitua Committee is on track to have the Committee approve the Whaitua Implementation Programme in April 2021. The following whaitua programmes will need to be completed by 2022, to initiate a Plan Change in 2024.

Councillor Kirk-Burnnand arrived at the meeting at 10am, during the above item.

7 Establishment of the Toitū Te Whenua Parks Network Plan 2020-30 Hearing Subcommittee – Report 20.372

Fiona Colquhoun, Parks Planner spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Blakeley / Cr Kirk-Burnnand

That the Committee:

- 1 Establishes the Toitū Te Whenua Parks Network Plan 2020-30 Hearing Subcommittee.
- 2 Adopts the terms of reference for the Toitū Te Whenua Parks Network Plan 2020-30 Hearing Subcommittee.
- 3 Appoints Councillors Brash, Connelly, Gaylor, Lamason, and Nash as members of the Toitū Te Whenua Parks Network Plan 2020-30 Hearing Subcommittee, and Councillor Gaylor as Chair.

The motion was **carried**.

Barbie Barton arrived at the meeting at 10.03am, during the introduction of the above item.

8 Implications of freshwater reform for Greater Wellington – Report 20.365 [For information]

Matt Hickman, Manager Environmental Policy, and Caroline Watson, Environmental Policy Advisor, spoke to the report.

Councillor Connelly arrived at the meeting at 10.11am, during the introduction of the above item.

9 Changes to the phasing and timing of Whaitua processes and changes to the proposed Natural Resources Plan to give effect to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management – Report 20.364 [For information]

Miranda Cross, Team Leader, Policy Development, spoke to the report.

Karakia whakamutunga

The Committee Chair invited Councillor Connelly to close the meeting with a karakia whakamutunga Kia hora te marino.

The meeting closed at 11.19am.

Councillor P Gaylor
Chair

Date: