

Confirmed Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on Thursday 1 April 2021

Taumata Kōrero Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council
100 Cuba Street, Te Aro, Wellington, at 9.31am

Members Present

Councillor Gaylor (Chair)
Councillor Connelly (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Blakeley
Councillor Brash
Councillor Hughes
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand
Councillor Laban
Councillor Lee
Councillor Nash
Councillor Ponter
Councillor Staples
Councillor van Lier
Barbie Barton (remotely, via Teams)

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

Karakia timatanga

The Committee Chair invited Councillor Connelly to open the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved: Cr Staples / Cr Nash

That the Committee accepts the apology for absence from Councillor Lamason.

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 18 February 2021 – Report 21.67

Moved: Cr Connelly / Cr Nash

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting of 18 February 2021 – Report 21.67

The motion was **carried**.

5 Update on progress of action items from previous Environment Committee meetings – April 2021 – Report 21.101

Wayne O'Donnell, General Manager, Catchment spoke to the report.

Noted: The Committee requested that the status be changed from 'Completed' to 'Ongoing' for the action item: Crown Funded COVID-19 Recovery Projects.

6 Submissions on the Navigation and Safety Bylaws Review – Report 21.103

Grant Nalder, Manager, Harbours, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Staples / Cr Brash

That the Committee:

- 1 Notes that submissions were received on the proposed amendments to the Wellington Region Navigation and Safety Bylaws 2009.
- 2 Agrees to receive and consider late submissions.
- 3 Agrees to hear four submitters, deliberate, and recommend adoption of the amended bylaws at the next Environment Committee meeting on 13 May 2021.

The motion was **carried**.

Noted: The Committee requested that the Chair allow an allocation of 10 minutes per submitter on the proposed amendments to the Wellington Region Navigation and Safety Bylaws 2009 when submissions are heard.

7 Wainuiomata Mainland Island Threatened Species Sanctuary update – Oral Report

Wayne O’Donnell, General Manager, Catchment updated the Committee with progress from October 2020 to March 2021 and spoke to the detail provided in the tabled Power Point presentation.

The Department of Conservation (DoC) have agreed to investigate other DoC funding sources in addition to their \$30,000 contribution towards the feasibility study.

8 Whaitua update – Oral Report

Tim Sharp, Programme Manager - Whaitua, updated the Committee with an oral report via Teams.

Mr Sharp advised that full day meetings of the Whaitua Committee are currently being held fortnightly. Recommendations for maintaining and improving the quality of fresh water, and three waters management are being finalised. He emphasised that the Whaitua Committee is committed to delivering a Whaitua Implementation Programme (WIP) that covers all of the major issues. Mana whenua are leading much of the mahi and are committed to being involved in terms of how they see the roll-out of the WIP and their on-going future role.

A considerable amount of time has been put into reviewing previous and new information and information resulting from community events. It is estimated that this will be completed by June 2021 and presented to the Council at its meeting on 24 June 2021. Any recommendations will be discussed at a Council workshop in July 2021 with changes finalised and presented at the Council meeting on 19 August 2021 meeting. Upper Hutt City Council have indicated that they will pick up recommendations for Water Sensitive Design in their 2022 District Plan review and any outstanding matters in a subsequent 2024 plan change.

It was acknowledged that the Te Kahui Taiao Group have contributed significantly in partnership with the Whaitua Committee.

9 Crown Funded Projects and Programmes update – Oral Report

Wayne O’Donnell, General Manager, Catchment, updated the Committee with progress on the 8 projects and spoke to the detail provided in the tabled Power Point presentation.

Noted: The Committee requested officers to provide an update at the next meeting regarding the total number of Full Time Equivalents (FTE’s) that will be required for the Predator Free Wellington project as the number of external contractors will have an impact on Corporate Services, particularly Finance.

Noted: The General Manager for Environment Group will provide councillors with the Transmission Gully Project mitigation planting plans within Belmont Regional Park.

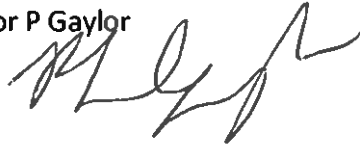
Karakia whakamutunga

The Committee Chair invited Councillor Connelly to close the meeting with a karakia whakamutunga.

The meeting closed at 10.01am.

Councillor P Gaylor

Chair



Date:

12 May 2021.