

Confirmed Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on Thursday 20 February 2025

Taumata Kōrero – Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council
100 Cuba Street, Te Aro, Wellington at 9.30am

Members Present

Councillor Gaylor (Chair)
Councillor Duthie (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Bassett
Councillor Connelly
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand
Councillor Laban (from 9.30am until 10.27am and from 10.32am)
Councillor Lee
Councillor Nash
Councillor Ponter (from 9.45am until 11.08am)
Councillor Ropata
Councillor Saw (from 9.35am until 11.08am and from 11.27am)
Councillor Staples
Councillor Woolf
Barbie Barton

Karakia timatanga

The Committee Chair invited opened the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved: Cr Staples / Cr Nash

That the Committee accepts the apology for lateness from Councillor Saw and Councillor Ponter.

The motion was **carried**.

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

Councillor Connelly declared a conflict of interest with regard to agenda item 6 – High Pathogen Avian Influenza (HPAI) Regional Responses – Report 25.25.

3 Public participation

Diane Strugnell, Pāuatahanui Freshwater Catchment Community spoke on the group's work on Pāuatahanui Inlet.

Councillor Saw arrived at 9.35am during the above item.

Councillor Ponter arrived at 9.45am at the end of the above item.

Anthony Davies, Friends of Belmont Regional Park, spoke on the prospective fast-track approvals application involving Belmont Regional Park.

Jonathan Ravens spoke on the prospective fast-track approvals application involving Belmont Regional Park.

4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on 21 November 2024 - Report 24.621

Moved: Cr Laban / Cr Nash

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on 21 November 2024 – Report 24.621.

The motion was **carried**.

5 Greater Wellington Involvement in the Approvals Process under the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024 – Report 25.59 [For Information]

Fathima Iftikar, Director, Strategy, Policy and Regulation, Andrew Banks, Resource Advisor, David Boone, Manager Ecosystems and Community, and Shaun Andrewartha, Manager Environmental Regulation, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Connelly / Cr Ponter

That the Committee invites the Group Manager Environment to report back to the Environment Committee on any fast track approvals proposals that may include acquisition of or swap for Regional Council land.

The motion was **carried**.

Councillor Laban left the meeting at 10.27am and returned at 10.32am during the above item.

Noted: The Committee requested that officers arrange a briefing on the proposed Belmont Quarry Development Fast Track project.

The meeting adjourned at 11.08am and resumed at 11.24am. Councillor Ponter was not present when the meeting resumed, and did not return. Councillor Saw was not present when the meeting resumed.

6 High Pathogen Avian Influenza (HPAI) Regional Responses – Report 25.25 [For Information]

Henk Louw, Principal Advisor Ecosystems, spoke to the report.

Councillor Saw returned to the meeting at 11.27am, during the above item.

7 Farming Reference Group Chair’s Report – 25.47 [For Information]

Barbie Barton, Chair of the Farming Reference Group, spoke to the report.

8 Te Rōpū Taiao | Environment Update – February 2025 – Report 25.23 [For Information]

Lian Butcher, Group Manager Environment, spoke to the report.

Noted: The Committee requested a report on contestable community funds, including a schedule of current funds and future funds, fund guidelines, and how Greater Wellington manages the funds.

Karakia whakamutunga

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

The meeting closed at 11.43am.



Councillor P Gaylor

Chair

Date: 15 May 2025 .