

Please note these minutes remain unconfirmed until the Council meeting on 9 October 2025.

Report 25.362

## Public minutes of the Wairarapa Committee meeting on Tuesday 9 September 2025

Committee Room, Greater Wellington Regional Council  
34 Chapel Street, Masterton, at 10.03am

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### Members Present

Councillor Staples (Chair)  
Mayor Caffell  
Mayor Connolly  
Amber Craig  
Councillor Ponter

Greater Wellington Regional Council  
Masterton District Council  
South Wairarapa District Council  
Rangitāne o Wairarapa  
Greater Wellington Regional Council

### Karakia timatanga

The Committee Chair opened the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

### Public Business

#### 1 Apologies

Moved: Mayor Connolly / Amber Craig

That the Committee accepts the apology for absence from Hon. Mayor Mark.

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 Wairarapa Committee meeting of 3 June 2025 - Report 25.243**

Moved: Mayor Caffell / Mayor Connolly

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Wairarapa Committee meeting of 3 June 2025 - Report 25.243

The motion was **carried**.

**Note:** Amber Craig abstained from voting on the above motion.

**5 Public Transport Update – Report 25.402** [For Information]

Samantha Gain, Group Manager Metlink, Paul Tawharu, Senior Manager Operations, and Brandon Robins, General Manager Operations Transdev, spoke to the report.

**6 Environmental Group Update – September 2025 – Report 25.389** [For Information]

Nicola Patrick, Director Catchment, Tash Styles, Catchment Manager – Wairarapa Coast, Pete Huggins, Catchment Manager – Ruamāhanga, and Jack Mace, Director Delivery, spoke to the report.

**7 Wairarapa Flood Risk Management Update – Report 25.401** [For Information]

Hamish Fenwick, Team Leader Flood Operations Delivery, Jack Mace, Director Delivery, and Francie Morrow, Team Leader Knowledge – Water Resilience, spoke to the report.

**8 Annual Floodplain Management Plan Implementation Report – Report 25.275** [For Information]

Jackie Cox, Manager Infrastructure, Assets and Support, and Fraser Woods, Project Manager Engineering, spoke to the report.

**9 Annual Wairarapa Flood Asset Assessment Report – Report 25.272**

Lucy Ashford, Team Leader Assets and Performance, and Hamish Fenwick, Team Leader Flood Operations Delivery, spoke to the report.

Moved: Mayor Caffell / Amber Craig

That the Committee:

- 1 Recommends to the Environment Committee that it is satisfied that flood protection and erosion control infrastructure assets have been managed satisfactorily to the agreed Levels of Service (LoS)
- 2 Notes that identified issues are being addressed through maintenance and improvement work programmes
- 3 Notes that the 2024-24 Long Term Plan (LTP) provides an increased level of funding for capital works and maintenance over the next 10 years.
- 4 Recommends that Mātauranga Maori be incorporated into future risk assessment carried out by Greater Wellington.

The motion was taken in parts: Part 1 was put separately and was carried separately. Parts 2 to 4 were put together and were carried.

Mayor Connelly requested that his vote against Part 1 be recorded.

**10 Review of Lower Wairarapa Valley Development Scheme – Report 25.436** [For Information]

Pete Huggins, Catchment Manager – Ruamāhanga, and Hamish Fenwick, Team Leader Flood Operations Delivery, spoke to the report.

**11 Donald's and Abbots Creeks Flood Hazard Maps – Report 25.403**

Kirsty Duff, Senior Engineer, Francie Morrow, Team Leader Knowledge – Water Resilience, and Pete Huggins, Catchment Manager – Ruamāhanga, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Staples / Mayor Connolly

That the Committee:

- 1 Notes that the flood hazard maps have been developed in accordance with Greater Wellington's Flood Hazard Modelling Standard
- 2 Recommends that the Environment Committee endorse the Donald's and Abbots Creeks flood hazard maps.

**12 Communications Update on Wairarapa Flood Protection Community Information Campaign – Report 25.410** [For Information]

Carmen Sellwood, Team Leader Marketing and Communications, and David Dillion, Manager Marketing and Communications, spoke to the report.

**13 Resource Management Reform Update – Report 25.444** [For Information]

Fathima Iftikar, Director Strategy, Policy and Regulation, and Matthew Hickman, Principal Advisor Strategy, Policy and Regulation, spoke to the report.

Cr Ponter left the meeting at 12.19pm during the introduction of the above item and returned at 12.28pm.

**Karakia whakamutunga**

The Committee Chair closed the meeting with a karakia whakamutunga.

The meeting closed at 12.31pm.

Councillor A Staples

**Committee Chair**

Date:

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