

Confirmed Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on Thursday 26 November 2020

Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council
Level 2, 15 Walter Street, Te Aro, Wellington, at 9.30am.

Members Present

Councillor Gaylor (Chair)
Councillor Connelly (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Brash (from 9.39am)
Councillor Blakeley
Councillor Hughes
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand (from 10.05am)
Councillor Laban
Councillor Lamason
Councillor Lee
Councillor Nash
Councillor Ponter
Councillor van Lier (from 9.35am)
Barbie Barton

Karakia timatanga

The Committee Chair invited Councillor Connelly to open the meeting with a karakia timatanga – Ngau mai e ngā hua.

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved: Cr Lamason / Cr Connelly

That the Committee accepts the apology for absence from Councillor Staples, and the apologies for lateness from Councillors Brash, Kirk-Burnnand and van Lier.

The motion was **carried**.

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

3 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on 15 October 2020 – Report 20.387

Moved: Cr Laban / Cr Blakeley

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on 15 October 2020 – Report 20.387.

The motion was carried.

4 Public participation

Christine Richardson and Marie Russell spoke about pest control.

Peter Chrisp, Chair, Predator Free Wellington and James Willcocks, Project Director, Predator Free Wellington spoke about the Predator Free Wellington project.

Councillor van Lier arrived at the meeting at 9.35am, during public participation.

Councillor Brash arrived at the meeting at 9.39am, during public participation.

5 Update on progress of action items from previous meetings – November 2020 – Report 20.425 [For Information]

Councillor Kirk-Burnnand arrived at the meeting at 10.05am, during the above item.

6 Waikanae ki Uta ki Tai – Oral Report

Mike Grace, Senior Policy Advisor, Mana Whenua; Steve Bielby, Community Ranger, Kāpiti, and Sharlene Moate-Davis from Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai, spoke to the report.

Mr Grace introduced the report, and acknowledged and spoke of the catchment area.

Ms Moate-Davis spoke about the Treaty House partnership model and how that has facilitated discussions by placing value in a shared journey, while also acknowledging the knowledge and vision that each person brings. Ms Moate-Davis acknowledged that relationships are key, and that the sharing of narratives, knowledge, skills and experience is vital to inform future decisions.

Ms Moate-Davis spoke of māramatanga – that all knowledge, information, decisions and actions are well informed by the best local mātauranga Māori, science, models and technology, and the importance of utilising the strengths, knowledge and experiences of all to ensure diverse perspectives are considered, in order to create a collaborate action plan.

7 Wainuiomata Mainland Island threatened species sanctuary – Report 20.466

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

Moved: Cr Lamason / Cr Gaylor

That the Committee:

- 1 Notes the discussions, work completed to date, and potential next steps related to a proposed fenced threatened species sanctuary in the Wainuiomata Water Supply catchment.
- 2 Establishes a Greater Wellington working group to explore the proposal further and to report back to the Committee in early 2021.
- 3 Appoints Councillor Nash, General Manager, Catchment Management, and Manager, Parks to the working group, with the Councillor appointee to be responsible for keeping the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Environment Committee, and the Portfolio Leader, Parks, Forests, Biodiversity apprised of the work of the working group and any issues arising.

The motion was carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10.59am and resumed at 11.10am.

8 Whaitua Implementation – Report 20.343 [For Information]

Al Cross, General Manager Environment Management introduced the report; Alastair Smail, Programme Lead – Urban Water, spoke to the report.

Noted: The Committee requested that officers report back on progress made on implementation and the issues encountered in implementation.

9 Whaitua update – Oral Report

Phil Barker, Senior Policy Advisor – Whaitua, updated the Committee on the progress of the Whaitua Te Whanganui-a-Tara Committee (Whaitua Committee).

The Whaitua Committee had a refresh meeting on 30 October 2020, following a series of Zoom meetings due to COVID-19. The Whaitua Committee had a discussion on the goals and process ahead, and acknowledged that it is in the final decision making phase. Mr Barker advised that there are several meetings in December 2020 to progress the decision making process in time to complete the whaitua by April 2021.

Karakia whakamutunga

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

The meeting closed at 11.40am

Councillor P Gaylor
Chair



Date: 12 May 2021 .

