

## **Confirmed Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on Thursday 2 December 2021**

All members participating remotely at 9.34am.

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### **Members Present**

Councillor Gaylor (Chair)  
Councillor Connelly (Deputy Chair)  
Councillor Blakeley  
Councillor Brash  
Councillor Hughes (until 11.41am, from 11.55am)  
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand  
Councillor Lamason  
Councillor Lee  
Councillor Nash  
Councillor Ponter  
Councillor Staples  
Councillor van Lier  
Barbie Barton

All members participated at this meeting remotely, and counted for the purpose of quorum, as per clause 25B of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002.

### **Karakia timatanga**

The Committee Chair opened the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

### **Public Business**

Nigel Corry, Chief Executive, introduced Lian Butcher, General Manager, Environment. The Committee Chair welcomed Ms Butcher to Greater Wellington.

#### **1 Apologies**

Moved: Cr Lamason / Cr Blakeley

That the Committee accepts the apology for absence from Councillor Laban.  
The motion was **carried**.

## **2 Declarations of conflicts of interest**

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

## **3 Public participation**

Quentin Duthie, spoke regarding Belmont Regional Park.

## **4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on 21 October 2021 – Report 21.495**

Moved: Cr Brash / Cr Connelly

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on 21 October 2021 – Report 21.495.

The motion was **carried**.

## **5 Process for considering submissions and feedback on the proposed new stock grazing licence at Baring Head/Ōrua-paouni– Report 21.466 [For Information]**

## **6 Hearing of oral submissions**

Paula Warren, Friends of the Baring Head Charitable Trust (submission number 11), spoke to their submission via Microsoft Teams.

## **7 Analysis of submissions and feedback on the proposed new stock grazing licence at Baring Head/Ōrua-paouni – Report 21.563**

Fiona Colquhoun, Parks Planner and Jimmy Young, Manager, Parks, spoke to the report.

The Committee completed its deliberations.

Moved: Cr Gaylor / Cr Lamason

That the Committee:

- 1 Considers the submissions on the proposals for new stock grazing licences (Attachment 1), together with the officer comments in determining its findings and recommendations to Council.
- 2 Recommends that Council:
  - a Agrees to the issuance of a commercial stock grazing licence for Baring Head/Ōrua-pouanui, for the period from 1 January 2022 to 31 January 2023, incorporating the following provisions:
    - i The provisions set out in Option 1 (paragraph 25 of Report 21.563), including that the licence provisions are designed to protect the nationally endangered banded dotterel nesting areas on the south coast area of the park.

- ii That the licence includes a condition limiting the use of fertiliser to a 5-hectare area of Wainuiomata River flats, avoiding the riparian zones of the river and its overflow formed drainage areas.
  - iii That the licence specifies that the use of agri-chemicals is not permitted.
- b Agrees that practices, as outlined in Option 2 of Report 21.563, to increase threat management for fire, weeds and pest animals, required for restoration of native vegetation, will commence during the term of the approved grazing license.
- c Agrees that the discontinuation of stock grazing licences, at the conclusion of this licence, will be the Council's strategic approach.
- d Notes that the Reclotting Papatūānuku/Parks Restoration plan currently in development, will provide directions for future restoration at Baring Head in support of Toitū Te Whenua Parks Network Plan 2020-30 (Toitū Te Whenua) directions.

The motion was **carried**.

The meeting adjourned at 11.06am and resumed at 11.20am.

**8 Update on the Progress of Action Items from previous Environment Committee meetings – December 2021 – Report 21.511 [For Information]**

Alastair Cross, General Manager, Environment Management, and Wayne O'Donnell, General Manager, Catchment Management, spoke to the report.

**9 Farming Reference Group update – oral update**

Barbie Barton, Chair, Farming Reference Group, provided an oral update on the farming and rural sector.

Ms Barton advised that the rural sector in Wairarapa is currently facing several challenges. The centre of the region is currently very dry, with dairy production down and store markets slow.

The Farming Reference Group has been discussing the impact of the introduction of the COVID-19 protection framework and the impact of ongoing supply issues caused by COVID-19 for instance, there is currently a 20-week wait for fencing supplies.

Ms Barton raised the challenges faced by the farming community in regard to pest management particularly in relation to the transfer of hill country land to forestry.

**Noted:** The Committee requested that officers arrange a workshop following the next Committee meeting to discuss land management matters in the Wairarapa.

Councillor Hughes left the meeting at 11.41am, during discussion on the above item.

**10 Environment/Catchment update – Report 21.523 [For Information]**

Wayne O'Donnell, General Manager, Catchment Management and Alastair Cross, General Manager, Environment Management, spoke to the report.

Councillor Hughes returned to the meeting at 11.55am, during discussion on the above item.

**11 Crown Funded Projects update – December 2021 – Report 21.568 [For Information]**

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

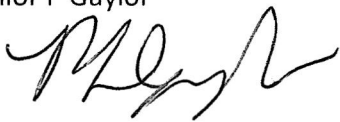
## **Karakia whakamutunga**

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

The public meeting closed at 12.17pm.

Councillor P Gaylor

Chair



Date: 12 May 2022.