

Confirmed Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on Thursday 9 February 2023

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

Members Present

Councillor Gaylor (Chair)
Councillor Duthie (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Bassett (via MS Teams)
Councillor Connelly
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand (until 9.56 am)
Councillor Laban
Councillor Lee
Councillor Nash
Councillor Ponter (from 9.33 am)
Councillor Ropata
Councillor Saw (from 9.33 am)
Councillor Staples (via MS Teams)
Councillor Woolf

Barbie Barton

Karakia timatanga

The Committee Chair opened the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved: Cr Nash / Cr Kirk-Burnnand

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

The motion was **carried**.

Councillors Ponter and Saw arrived at the meeting at 9.33am at the conclusion of the above item.

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

3 Public participation

There was no public participation.

Lian Butcher, General Manager, Environment Group, introduced Nicola Patrick, the new Director, Catchment.

4 Environment/Catchment update – Report 23.1 [For Information]

Lian Butcher, General Manager, Environment, Al Cross, General Manager, Environment Management and Wayne O'Donnell, General Manager, Catchment Management, spoke to the report. Drone footage of recent damage on the Wairarapa East Coast due to Cyclone Hale was tabled.

Noted: The Committee requested that:

- A report to be presented at a future Committee meeting on the responsibilities that Greater Wellington has in marine biosecurity and how this may be addressed going forward
- Staff organise communications to inform communities about alligator weed and where it is found across the region
- More information is provided about reported environmental incidents

Councillor Kirk-Burnnand left the meeting at 9.56am, during the above item, and did not return.

5 Kaiataki Incident update – Report 23.25 [For Information]

Al Cross, General Manager Environment Management introduced the report. Grant Nalder, Manager, Harbours (Harbourmaster), spoke to the report.

Noted: The Committee expressed their gratitude to the Harbourmaster and other officers and organisations who were involved in the response to this incident.

6 Whaitua update – Report 23.24 [For Information]

Tim Sharp, Programme Manager, Whaitua, spoke to the report.

The meeting closed at 10.58 am


Councillor P Gaylor

Chair

Date: 18 May 2023.