

Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on Thursday 27 April 2023

Committee Room, Greater Wellington Regional Council | Te Pane Matua Taiao
34 Chapel Street, Masterton at 10.06 am

Members Present

Councillor Gaylor (Chair)
Councillor Duthie (Deputy Chair - via MS Teams)
Councillor Bassett
Councillor Connelly
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand
Councillor Laban
Councillor Lee
Councillor Nash
Councillor Ponter
Councillor Ropata (from 10.24am)
Councillor Saw (from 10.22am)
Councillor Staples
Councillor Woolf (from 11.18am)

Barbie Barton (until 1.09pm)

Karakia timatanga

The Committee Chair opened the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved: Cr Nash / Cr Staples

That the Committee accepts the apology for lateness from Councillors Ropata, Saw and Woolf.

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 Environment Committee meeting on 9 February 2023 - Report 23.31

Moved: Cr Staples / Cr Nash

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on 9 February 2023 - Report 23.31

The motion was **carried**.

The Committee Chair invited Lian Butcher, General Manager Environment, to introduce Fathima Iftikar, Director, Strategy, Policy and Regulation.

5 Predator Free Wellington – Report 23.156 [For Information]

James Wilcox, Programme Director, Denise Church, Board member, spoke to the report.

Councillor Saw arrived at 10.22am and Councillor Ropata arrived at 10.24 during the above item.

6 Environment Catchment Update – Report 23.2 [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.

Noted: The Committee requested:

- an update on Transmission Gully and the wetlands in Queen Elizabeth Park in future reports
- a workshop to discuss the role of councillors in a flood event
- that officers include ungulate culling in the 2023-33 Long Term Plan.

Councillor Woolf arrived at 11.18am during the above item.

7 Whaitua Implementation Update – Report 23.144 [For Information]

Nicola Patrick, Director, Catchment Management, spoke to the report.

8 Whaitua Development Update – Report 23.143 [For Information]

Nicola Patrick, Director, Catchment Management, spoke to the report.

The meeting adjourned at 11.44am and resumed at 11.56am

9 Visibility of GW within Environment Collaborative Projects and Education Programmes – Report 23.97 [For Information]

Wayne O'Donnell, General Manager Catchment Management and Micheline Evans, Team Leader, Strategy and Advice spoke to the report.

10 Farming Reference Group Chair update – Report 23.155 [For Information]

Barbie Barton, Chairperson, Farming Reference Group, spoke to the report.

The Committee Chair acknowledged that this is Wayne O'Donnell, General Manager Catchment Management, and Al Cross, General Manager Environment Management final Environment Committee meeting as general managers. The Committee Chair thanked them for their contributions to the Committee's work, and invited the Chief Executive, Council Chair and Council Deputy Chair to express their thanks. Waiata were sung in acknowledgement of each speaker.

The meeting adjourned at 12.40pm and resumed at 1.09pm. Barbie Barton was not present when the meeting resumed and did not return to the meeting.

The chair afforded importance to agenda item 12 in accordance with Standing Order 3.5.2

12 Mauri Tūhono Framework Engagement Report 23.157 [For Information]

Ali Caddy, Manager Biodiversity, Micheline Evans, Team Leader, Strategy and Advice and Ra Smith spoke to the report.

11 Wainuiwhenua Update – Report 23.83 [For Information]

Amanda Cox, Principal Advisor to the Chair, Office of the Chief Executive, spoke to the report.

Karakia whakamutunga

The Committee Chair closed the meeting with a karakia whakamutunga.

The meeting closed at 2.36pm


Councillor P Gaylor

Chair

Date: 15 June 2023.