

Please note these minutes remain unconfirmed until the Environment Committee meeting on 25 September 2025.

Report 25.344

## **Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on Thursday 28 August 2025.**

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

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### **Members Present**

Councillor Gaylor (Chair)  
Councillor Duthie (Deputy Chair) (from 10.55am)  
Councillor Bassett (until 10.40am, and from 10.57am)  
Councillor Connelly (until 11.30am, and from 12.32pm)  
Councillor Laban  
Councillor Lee  
Councillor Nash  
Councillor Ponter (until 11.20am, and from 11.24am until 11.55am)  
Councillor Ropata  
Councillor Saw  
Councillor Staples  
Councillor Woolf  
Barbie Barton

### **Karakia timatanga**

The Committee Chair opened the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

### **Public Business**

#### **1 Apologies**

Moved: Cr Connelly / Cr Nash

That the Committee accepts the apology for lateness from Councillor Duthie.

The motion was **carried**.

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

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

### **3 Public participation**

Rose Swindells, Principal, and Chandra Littlewood, Enviroschools facilitator, Moriah Kindergarten, spoke on the Kindergarten's connection with the local Moturoa Awa in Central Park.

Bill McAulay, Friends of Taupō Swamp and Catchment Inc, spoke on forestry activity at Plimmerton.

Blade Williams, Mana College, spoke to a wastewater mitigation strategy being proposed for Titahi Bay.

Sue Kefali Pattinson spoke on the Pinehaven Stream flood model and streamworks.

Stephen Pattinson spoke on the Pinehaven Stream flood model and streamworks.

### **4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on 19 June 2025 – Report 25.245**

Moved: Cr Saw / Cr Ponter

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on 19 June 2025 – Report 25.245.

The motion was **carried**.

### **5 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Te Awa Kairangi/Hutt River Valley Subcommittee meeting on 5 August 2025 – Report 25.338**

Moved: Cr Laban / Cr Connelly

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Te Awa Kairangi/Hutt River Valley Subcommittee meeting on 5 August 2025 – Report 25.338.

The motion was **carried**.

The meeting adjourned at 10.40am and resumed at 10.55am. Councillor Bassett was not present when the meeting returned. Councillor Duthie was present when the meeting resumed at 10.55am.

### **6 Mauri Tūhono Update – Report 25.432 [For Information]**

Lana Simmons-Donaldson, Project Lead Mauri Tūhono, Sharlene Moate-Davis, Co-Chair Mauri Tūhono, Rawiri Smith, Co-Chair Mauri Tūhono and Keri Hawkins, Senior Advisor Māori, spoke to the report.

Councillor Bassett returned to the meeting at 10.57am during the introduction of the above item.

Councillor Ponter left the meeting at 11.20am and returned at 11.24am during the above item.

Councillor Connelly left the meeting at 11.30am, during the above item.

**7 Wainuiomata / Ōrongorongo Zero Ungulate Project Update – Report 25.334** [For Information]

Glen Falconer, Team Leader Pest Animals, and Chris Cosslett, Pest Control Project Planner, spoke to the report.

**Noted:** The Committee noted the distinction between the Wainuiomata-Ōrongorongo Zero Ungulate Project and the Puketaha fenced sanctuary proposal.

Councillor Ponter left the meeting at 11.55am and did not return.

**8 Year 1 Progress Update – Long Term Plan Focus Areas for Rōpū Taiao – Report 25.353** [For Information]

Henk Louw, Principal Advisor Ecosystems and Rob Deakin, Principal Advisor Flood and Resilience, spoke to the report. A presentation was tabled.

Councillor Connelly returned at 12.32am during the above item.

**9 Te Rōpū Taiao | Environment Group Update – August 2025 – Report 25.398** [For Information]

Sallyann Smutek, Chief Advisor, spoke to the report.

## **Karakia whakamutunga**

The Committee Chair closed the meeting with a karakia whakamutunga.

The meeting closed at 12.50pm.

Councillor P Gaylor  
**Chair**

Date: