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Environment Committee

Thursday 6 August 2020, 9.30am

Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council
Level 2, 15 Walter Street, Te Aro, Wellington

Members

Cr Gaylor (Chair)

Cr Connelly (Deputy Chair)

Cr Blakeley

Cr Brash

Cr Hughes

Cr Kirk-Burnnand

Cr Laban

Cr Lamason

Cr Lee

Cr Nash

Cr Ponter

Cr Staples

Cr van Lier

Barbie Barton

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Please note these minutes remain unconfirmed until the Environment Committee meeting on 6 August 2020.

Report 20.205

Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on Thursday 11 June 2020

All members participating by Zoom at 9.30am.

Members Present

Councillor Gaylor (Chair)
Councillor Connelly (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Blakeley
Councillor Brash
Councillor Hughes (from 9.34am)
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand
Councillor Laban (until 10.23am)
Councillor Lamason (from 9.54am)
Councillor Lee
Councillor Nash
Councillor Ponter (until 10.00am)
Councillor Staples
Councillor van Lier
Barbie Barton

All members participated at this meeting via Zoom, and counted for the purpose of quorum, in accordance with clause 25B of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002.

Public Business

1 Karakia timatanga

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

2 Apologies

Moved: Cr Nash / Cr Connelly

That the Committee accepts the apologies for late arrival from Councillor Hughes and Councillor Lamason, and the apology for early departure from Councillor Ponter.

The motion was **carried**.

3 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

4 Public participation

There was no public participation.

5 Confirmation of the Public minutes of 13 February 2020 – Report 20.49

Moved: Cr Blakeley / Cr Kirk-Burnnand

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of 13 February 2020 – Report 20.49.

The motion was **carried**.

Noted: Councillor Hughes joined the meeting at 9.34am, during the above item.

6 Update on progress of action items from previous meetings – Report 20.86

Al Cross, General Manager Environment Management, spoke to the report.

7 Te Whanganui-a-Tara Whaitua update – Oral Report

Tim Sharp, Programme Manager, Whaitua, and Louise Askin, Whaitua te Whanganui-a-Tara Co-Chair, spoke to the report.

Mr Sharp advised the Committee that the Te Whanganui-a-Tara Whaitua Committee (the Whaitua Committee) is currently 18 months into the whaitua programme. COVID-19 and the Government's alert level system caused some set backs to the programme, but some good progress was made via weekly Zoom meetings.

Ms Askin advised that as an outcome of the 2019 triennial elections some new members joined the Whaitua Committee. Also, Morrie Love departed the Whaitua Committee in 2019.

The Christmas wastewater pipe collapse in Wellington City helped the Whaitua Committee's conversation. It made the invisible visible, and generated a lot of discussion about and raised awareness of the water network in Wellington City.

Ms Askin advised that the Whaitua Committee endorses the approach that Greater Wellington is taking with the Te Whanganui-a-Tara Whaitua. It is community led and it is hoped that this will feed into the solutions and implementation of the final plan.

Noted: Councillor Lamason joined the meeting at 9.54am, during questions on the above item. Councillor Ponter left the meeting at 10am, during questions on the above item.

8 Paekakariki Surf Lifesaving Club lease renewal – Power Point Presentation

Amanda Cox, Manager, Parks, and Matt Warren, Paekakariki Surf Life Saving Club, each presented to the Committee.

Al Cross, General Manager Environment Manager, introduced Mr Warren, from the Paekakariki Surf Life Saving Club (PSLSC), and welcomed him to the meeting.

Mr Warren provided the Committee with some background on the Paekakariki SLSC. The PSLSC was formed in 1913, and currently has 250 members. The current clubhouse, which was built in the mid-1960s, is PSLSC's fourth clubhouse. The PSLSC has had a base in Queen Elizabeth Park for 55 years.

Mr Warren explained the need for new clubrooms. The building has reached the end of its life, and is not fit for purpose for the present and future needs of the PSLSC. The expiry of the ground lease, Greater Wellington's policy to retreat buildings and structures away from the foreshore, and the changing nature of surf life-saving means it is timely to relocate.

Four sites have been identified, with a preferred site identified behind the dunes. This will ensure a longer life of the building by being less exposed, as well as preserving the dunes, and providing picnic areas and better access from Wellington Road. Mr Warren advised that they will not be able to see the beach from the clubrooms but explained that this is common throughout New Zealand, and identified the temporary guard tower used at Oriental Bay as an example of a solution.

Mr Warren provided the Committee with the indicative timeline, and the wish to continue the relationship with Greater Wellington to find a place in Queen Elizabeth Park that fits both the PSLSC and Greater Wellington's needs.

Ms Cox presented to the Committee on Council's role and responsibilities. Ms Cox advised that the PSLSC is an "existing use" facility on Queen Elizabeth Park, and that the new clubhouse is included in the Coastal Retreat Plan. The PSLSC lodged an application in May 2020 for a long term lease (30+ years).

Ms Cox explained legalities and processes that Council will need to follow when considering the lease. Ms Cox explained that Queen Elizabeth Park is owned by the Crown and administered by Greater Wellington. The Lease must be granted under section 59A of the Reserves Act 1977. Leases are considered by the Minister of Conservation under the Conservation Act 1987, with this power delegated to Council. Council will need to consider all things that the Minister would consider, in strict accordance with the Reserves Act 1977 and the Conservation Act 1987.

Noted: Councillor Laban left the meeting at 10.23am, during questions on the above item.

9 Karakia whakamutunga

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

The meeting closed at 10.50am.

Councillor P Gaylor
Chair

Date:

Environment Committee
6 August 2020
Report 20.256



For Information

UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Te take mō te pūrongo

Purpose

1. To update the Environment Committee (the Committee) on the progress of action items arising from previous Committee meetings.

Te horopaki

Context

2. Items raised at the Committee's last meeting, which require action by officers, are listed in [Attachment 1](#) – Action items from previous meetings – August 2020. For all action items, the current status and a brief comment is provided on progress to date.

Ngā hua ahumoni

Financial implications

3. There are no financial implications from this report, but there may be implications arising from the actions listed.

Ngā tūāoma e whai ake nei

Next steps

4. All completed items will be removed from the action items table for the next report. Items not completed will continue to be progressed. Any new items will be added, following this Committee meeting, and circulated to the relevant business group/s for action.

Ngā āpitihanga

Attachment

Number	Title
1	Action items from previous meetings

**Ngā kaiwaitohu
Signatories**

Writers	Al Cross – Kaiwhakahaere Matua mo te Taiao/General Manager Environment Management Wayne O’Donnell – Kaiwhakahaere Matua Whaitua/General Manager Catchment Management Luke Troy – Kaiwhakahaere Matua Rautaki/General Manager Strategy
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He whakarāpopoto i ngā huritaonga Summary of considerations
<i>Fit with Council's roles or Committee's terms of reference</i> The action items are of an administrative nature and support the functioning of the Committee.
<i>Implications for Māori</i> There are no direct implications for Māori arising from this report.
<i>Contribution to Annual Plan / Long term Plan / Other key strategies and policies</i> Action items contribute to Council's or Greater Wellington's related strategies, policies and plans to the extent identified in Attachment 1 .
<i>Internal consultation</i> There was no additional internal consultation in preparing this report and updating the action items.
<i>Risks and impacts: legal / health and safety etc.</i> There are no known risks or impacts.

Action items from previous meetings

Meeting date	Action	Status and comment
<p>13 February 2020</p>	<p>Strategic Priorities for the Environment Committee – Report 20.20</p> <p>Resolution</p> <p>That the committee considers the proposed strategic priorities for the 2019-22 triennium at a March 2020 workshop.</p>	<p>Status</p> <p>Ongoing.</p> <p>Comment</p> <p>This consideration has been scheduled for a workshop on 6 August 2020, following the Environment Committee meeting.</p> <p>The workshop was deferred to enable the LTP strategic priorities to be worked through with councillors first, which occurred through a series of workshops in May and June 2020.</p>
<p>13 February 2020</p>	<p>Regional water quality in the Wellington Region</p> <p>Resolution</p> <p>Requests officers to report to the next committee meeting on:</p> <p>a Options for a water quality monitoring regime at Owhiro Stream/Bay, with the report to identify the likely sources of contamination</p> <p>b The feasibility on effective ‘real-time’ public notification system for recreational users of Owhiro Bay and other recreational coastal areas in the Wellington Region</p>	<p>Status</p> <p>Ongoing.</p> <p>Comment</p> <p>Item a - was reported to the 9 April Council meeting.</p> <p>For item b - a meeting was held on 31 March 2020 between Mr Doyle, Mr Ian Reid (Chair of Owhiro Bay Residents Association), the General Manager Environment Management, the Council Chair, and Councillors Gaylor and Connelly.</p> <p>The General Manager Environment Management and the Wellington Water Chief Executive later agreed to set up a workshop with the Owhiro Bay Residents</p>

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		<p>Association and Regional Public Health to respond to issues of community engagement and communication, including notification processes. The General Manager Environment Management is meeting with Mr Doyle in late July, and convening a meeting with Wellington Water and Greater Wellington staff in early August to scope and co-design the process and workshops ahead.</p>
<p>13 February 2020</p>	<p>Noted The Committee requested that the framework for stormwater consents be made available on Greater Wellington’s website.</p>	<p>Status Completed.</p>