

RECORD OF MEETING

SUBJECT	Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee meeting
WHEN	Monday 5 May 2014 at 3.00pm
WHERE	Martinborough Town Hall, Memorial Square, Martinborough
ATTENDEES	Aidan Bichan, Mike Birch, Esther Dijkstra, Andy Duncan, Rebecca Fox, Peter Gawith, Philip Palmer, Vanessa Tipoki, David Holmes, Mike Ashby, Siobhan Garlick, Rawiri Smith, Colin Olds Four members of the public were also present.
APOLOGIES	Chris Laidlaw

1. **Whaitua programme communications**

Alastair Smaill, Whaitua Project Manager, gave a verbal update to the Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee regarding region-wide communications in relation to water and the role of whaitua committees. These messages will be communicated through radio, newspaper, film and poster channels.

2. **Election of Chair, Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee**

The election of Chair of the Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee followed an election by majority process.

Four members of the Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee were nominated for election to the role of Chair. Each nominee was seconded. The nominees were: David Holmes, Peter Gawith, Esther Dijkstra, and Rebecca Fox.

Following three rounds of voting, Peter Gawith was elected as Chair of the Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee. Subsequently, Peter Gawith moved that runner-up, Esther Dijkstra, be made Deputy Chair and this was approved by the Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee members.

3. **Guiding principles of the Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee**

Rawiri Smith, member of the Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee and the Ruamāhanga Whaitua Project Team, provided a short history on the development of the principles to guide the review of the Regional Plan by Te Upoko Taiao – Natural Resource Management Committee of Greater Wellington Regional Council. These principles are embedded within the Terms of Reference of the Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee. Rawiri also provided a Wairarapa perspective of the principles.

A background document tabled at the meeting is available online: <http://www.gw.govt.nz/ruamahanga-whaitua-committee-agendas-and-papers/>

4. The physical environment viewed through the guiding principles

Tessa Bunny, Ruamāhanga Whaitua Project Team, spoke about the physical environment of the Ruamāhanga Whaitua (catchment) and how this environment can be considered through the lenses of the guiding principles.

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5. The roles of Regional and District Councils

Emily Greenberg, Ruamāhanga Whaitua Project Team, spoke to a presentation highlighting how the roles and responsibilities of Regional and District Council differ and overlap, and the opportunities that this provides for improving how Councils work together.

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6. Ministry for the Environment case study

The representative from the Ministry for the Environment was unwell and not able to attend the Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee meeting as planned. This agenda item was postponed and will be discussed at the next Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee meeting.

7. Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee work programme

Alastair Smaill, Whaitua Project Manager, spoke to a presentation on the work programme of the Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee over the next 18 months.

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The meeting closed at 6.45pm.