

Confirmed Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on Thursday 15 June 2023

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

Members Present

Councillor Gaylor (Chair)
Councillor Duthie (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Bassett
Councillor Connelly
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand
Councillor Laban
Councillor Lee
Councillor Nash
Councillor Ponter (from 10.08am)
Councillor Ropata
Councillor Saw (from 9.49am)
Councillor Staples
Councillor Woolf

Karakia timatanga

The Committee Chair opened the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved: Cr Staples / Cr Nash

That the Committee accepts the apology for absence from Barbie Barton, and for lateness from Councillors Ponter and Saw.

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 27 April 2023 - Report 23.170

Moved: Cr Bassett / Cr Laban

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on 27 April 2023 - Report 23.170

The motion was **carried**.

5 Environment Update – Report 23.3 [For Information]

Lian Butcher, Group Manager, Environment, spoke to the report.

Jack Mace, Director, Delivery, provided an updated on the Cyclone Recovery task force categorisation of properties impacted by the CycloneProcess:

1. Houses – residential properties – can rebuild
2. Rebuilding or repair but house would require mitigation to protect from floods
3. Cannot rebuild – voluntary buy out – council and central government.

Greater Wellington will drive the categorisation of the affected properties, while the relevant territorial authority will act as a liaison with the affected parties.

The Floodplain Management Plan Implementation Team received a Highly Commended award for “Te Tohu Waka Hourua – the Buddle Findlay Award for Māori-Crown Partnerships at the Taituarā awards on 8 June 2023.

Noted: The Committee congratulated the Floodplain Management Plan Implementation Team on this recognition.

Noted: The Committee requested that:

- a The dates of river walkovers be circulated to members
- b An update on the control and prevention of marine pests be provided at a future meeting
- c A timeline on the programme of Te Reo on signage at Greater Wellington’s parks be provided to members

Councillor Saw arrived at meeting 9.49am, during the above item.

6 Whaitua Implementation Update – Report 23.249 [For Information]

Nicola Patrick, Director, Catchment, and Gareth Edwards, Project Manager, Whaitua Implementation spoke to the report.

Councillor Ponter arrived at the meeting at 10.08am, during the above item.

7 Whaitua Development Update – Report 23.250 [For Information]

Nicola Patrick, Director, Catchment, and Tim Sharp, spoke to the report.

The meeting adjourned at 10.30am and resumed at 10.56am. Councillors Connelly and Ropata were not present when the meeting resumed.

8 Environmental Outcomes Platform – He Kākano– Report 23.247 [For Information]

Sue McLean, Group Manager, Corporate Services, Sam Gundersen, and Ross Lynch, spoke to the report. Provided a live demo.

Councillors Connelly and Ropata returned to the meeting at 10.57am, during the above item.

9 Farming Reference Group Chair update – Report 23.235 [For Information]

Councillor Staples spoke to the report.

10 Proposed Timeline for the Natural Resources Plan Public Notification – Report 23.270 [For Information]

Fathima Iftikar, Director, Strategy, Policy, and Regulation, and Matt Hickman, Manager, Policy spoke to the report.

Karakia whakamutunga

The Committee Chair closed the meeting with a karakia whakamutunga.

The meeting closed at 11.37am.

Councillor P Gaylor

Chair

Date:



10 August 2023.