

Public minutes of the Te Awa Kairangi / Hutt River Valley Subcommittee meeting on Tuesday 27 June 2023

Taumata Kōrero – Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council
100 Cuba Street, Te Aro, Wellington, at 4.33pm

Members Present

Councillor Ros Connelly (Chair)	Greater Wellington Regional Council
Councillor Quentin Duthie (Deputy Chair)	Greater Wellington Regional Council
Councillor Simon Edwards	Hutt City Council
Councillor David Lee	Greater Wellington Regional Council
Councillor Hammond	Upper Hutt City Council

Karakia timatanga

The Committee Chair invited Lee Hunter to open the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved: Cr Connelly / Cr Edwards

That the Subcommittee accepts the apologies for absence from Mayor Wayne Guppy, Deputy Mayor Tui Lewis, Councillor Laban and Caleb Ware.

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.

The Committee Chair accorded priority to agenda item 5 – RiverLink Project Update Report in accordance with Standing Order 3.5.2.

5 RiverLink Project Update Report - Report number 23.203 [For information]

Lee Hunter, interim Chair, Mana Whenua Steering Group, tabled a video and presentation.

Mr Hunter spoke on the cultural design strategy of Te Wai Takamori o Te Awa Kairangi (RiverLink). This strategy weaves the narrative and mana whenua vision of Te Awa Kairangi. The vision is to lift the mana and mouri of Te Awa Kairangi, and to re-establish Lower Hutt as a vital and connected river city.

Graeme Campbell, Principal Advisor, introduced the report. Rodd James, RiverLink Programme Director, Wayne O'Donnell, Programme Director, and Tom Biggin, Hutt City Council Partner Lead RiverLink, spoke to the report.

Noted: The Subcommittee noted their support for the remuneration of members of the liaison group established as a condition of consent and requested that officers engage with the Alliance to consider the remunerate of volunteers in the Liaison group.

4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Subcommittee meeting of 21 March 2023 - Report 23.119

Moved: Cr Duthie / Cr Edwards

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Subcommittee meeting of 21 March 2023 - Report 23.119

The motion was **carried**.

6 Te Awa Kairangi / Hutt Valley Flood Risk Management Report – Report 23.204 [For information]

Sharyn Westlake, Team Leader, Floodplain Management Plan Implementation, spoke to the report.

Joby Mills, Senior River Ranger, tabled an updated presentation.

Noted: The Subcommittee:

1. requested that the Subcommittee Chair write to the Ministry for the Environment to advocate for regional councils to have stronger powers to protect waterways from illegal dumping.
2. requested that officers report back to the Environment Committee on actions taken to prevent fly tipping on Te Awa Kairangi (and other waterways), and options available to Greater Wellington to deter and prosecute fly-tipping.

7 Whaitua Implementation Information – Report 23.262 [For information]

Nicola Patrick, Director Catchment, and Tim Sharp, Catchment Manager – Te Whanganui-a-Tara Catchment tabled a presentation and spoke to the report.

8 Flood Warning in the Hutt Valley – Report 23.287 [For information]

Graeme Campbell, Principal Advisor, Flood and Resilience, spoke to the report.

9 Birchville Dam – Report 23.293 [For Information]

Jack Mace, Director, Delivery, spoke to the report.

Mr Mace advised the Subcommittee that the reduction in the volume of water in the Birchville Dam did not go ahead as it was not required.

Mr Mace advised the Subcommittee that Greater Wellington has employed a consent advisor to monitor the Parks Network rules and consents so that Greater Wellington undertakes work safely and with the required consents.

Karakia whakamutunga

The Subcommittee Chair closed the meeting with a karakia whakamutunga.

The meeting closed at 6.34pm.

Councillor R Connelly

Chair



Date:

22/8/2023