

Confirmed Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on Thursday 15 May 2025

Committee Room, Greater Wellington Regional Council
34 Chapel Street, Masterton at 10.03am.

Members Present

Councillor Gaylor (Chair)
Councillor Duthie (Deputy Chair) (from 10.12am)
Councillor Bassett
Councillor Connelly
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand
Councillor Laban
Councillor Nash
Councillor Staples

Barbie Barton

Councillors Connelly and Laban participated at this meeting remotely via Microsoft Teams and counted for the purpose of quorum in accordance with clause 25A of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002.

Karakia timatanga

The Committee Chair opened the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved: Cr Nash / Cr Staples

That the Committee accepts the apology for absence from Councillors Lee, Ponter, Ropata, Saw and Woolf.

The motion was **carried**.

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

3 Public participation

Richard Johns, Kirsty McCarthy and John Hart, Wairarapa Catchment Collective, spoke to the work of the Collective in Wairarapa. A presentation was tabled.

Councillor Duthie joined the meeting at 10.12am during the above presentation.

4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting of 20 February 2025 - Report 25.21

Moved: Cr Bassett / Cr Kirk-Burnnand

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting of 20 February 2025 - Report 25.21.

The motion was **carried**.

5 Wairarapa Water Resilience Strategy Implementation – Report 25.144 [For Information]

Nicola Patrick, Director Catchment, and Pete Huggins, Catchment Manager – Ruamāhanga, spoke to the report.

6 Regional Predator Control Programme Change – Report 25.204 [For Information]

Henk Louw, Principal Advisor Ecosystems, and Jack Mace, Director Delivery, spoke to the report.

Noted: The Committee requested an analysis of trends in predator numbers and the associated effects on trends in biodiversity.

7 Catchment Engagement Approach – Report 25.162 [For Information]

Nicola Patrick, Director Catchment, spoke to the report.

8 Community Environment Funding Update – Report 25.167 [For Information]

Jo Fagan, Senior Community and Capability Advisor, and David Boone, Manager Ecosystems and Community, spoke to the report.

Noted: The Committee requested a schedule of funding grants made and the outcomes.

9 Te Rōpū Taiao | Environment Update – May 2025 – Report 25.205 [For Information]

Lian Butcher, Group Manager Environment, Fathima Iftikar, Director, Strategy, Policy and Regulation, and David Boone, Manager Ecosystems and Community, spoke to the report.

Noted: The Committee requested an update on the development and mana whenua endorsement of place names and storytelling within our Regional Parks. Names and stories should support mana whenua partners in revealing their stories and connections to whenua as per Toitū te Whenua.

Karakia whakamutunga

The Committee Chair closed the meeting with a karakia whakamutunga.

The public meeting closed at 12.09pm.



Councillor P Gaylor

Chair

19 June 2025 .
Date:

