

Please note these minutes remain unconfirmed until the Environment Committee meeting on 15 October 2020.

Report 20.331

Confirmed public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on Thursday 10 September 2020

All members participating by Zoom at 9.30am.

Members Present

Councillor Gaylor (Chair)
Councillor Connelly (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Blakeley
Councillor Brash
Councillor Hughes
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand
Councillor Laban
Councillor Lamason (from 9.37am)
Councillor Lee
Councillor Nash
Councillor Ponter
Councillor Staples
Councillor van Lier
Barbie Barton

Members participating at this meeting by Zoom counted for the purpose of quorum, in accordance with clause 25B of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002.

Karakia timatanga

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

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved: Cr Connelly / Cr Blakeley

That the Committee accepts the apology for lateness from Councillor Lamason.

The motion was **carried**.

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

3 Public participation

There was no public participation.

4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on 6 August 2020 – Report 20.263

Moved: Cr Staples / Cr Brash

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on 6 August 2020 – Report 20.263.

The motion was **carried**.

5 Update on progress of action items from previous meetings – September 2020 – Report 20.311 [For information]

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

Councillor Lamason arrived at the meeting at 9.37am, during the above item.

6 Review of the Wellington Region Navigation and Safety Bylaws 2009 – Report 20.312

Al Cross, General Manager Environment Management, and Grant Nalder, Manager, Harbours, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Brash / Cr Gaylor

That the Committee:

- 1 Notes completion of the internal review stage of the second 10-year review of the Wellington Region Navigation and Safety Bylaws.
- 2 Determines that making a bylaw is the most appropriate way to address the proposals raised in the internal review (Attachment 1).
- 3 Considers that the Wellington Region Navigation and Safety Bylaws should be amended to address these proposals.

- 4 Agrees that, in accordance with Council's *Significance and Engagement Policy*, these proposals are of medium significance, which are considered to be of "significant interest to the public" under the Local Government Act 2002.
- 5 Notes that agreement to recommendation 4 requires Council to use the special consultative process set out in the Local Government Act 2002 when consulting on these proposals.
- 6 Adopts the draft Statement of Proposal (Attachment 2), which includes the required Summary of Information, proposed amended Wellington Region Navigation and Safety Bylaws, and information on the submissions process.
- 7 Approves the proposed timetable and process (paragraph 30).
- 8 Notes that, following receipt of submissions and if this step is warranted, officers will seek the establishment of a hearing subcommittee at the Environment Committee's February 2021 meeting.

The motion was **carried**.

7 Regional flood protection asset management report 2019/20 – Report 20.306

Wayne O'Donnell, General Manager Catchment Management, Graeme Campbell, Manager Flood Protection, and Colin Munn, Team Leader, Operations, Delivery and Planning, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Staples / Cr Lamason

That the Committee:

- 1 Notes that at the August Hutt Valley Flood Management Subcommittee and the June/July Wairarapa River Scheme meetings, the committees were satisfied that flood protection and erosion control infrastructure assets for those catchments have been satisfactorily assessed and that identified issues are being addressed through maintenance and improvement work programmes.
- 2 Agrees that the flood protection and erosion control infrastructure assets on 12 schemes across the Greater Wellington region have been satisfactorily assessed and that identified issues are being addressed through maintenance and improvement work programmes.

The motion was **carried**.

Noted: The Committee noted that the Otaki, Waikanae and Waiohine scheme committees are yet to confirm their satisfaction with the respective scheme conditions.

8 National resource management direction focusing on Action for Healthy Waterways and the influence of our submission – Report 20.316 [For information]

Al Cross, General Manager Environment Management and Matt Hickman, Manager, Environmental Policy, spoke to the report.

9 Floodplain management plan implementation annual report to June 2020 – Report 20.275 [For information]

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

10 Flood Hazard Modelling Standard – Report 20.315 [For information]

Andy Brown, Team Leader, Investigations, Strategy and Planning, spoke to the report.

11 Whaitua programme briefing – Oral report

Tim Sharp, Programme Manager, Whaitua, updated the Committee on the progress of Whaitua Te Whanganui-a-Tara Committee (the Whaitua Committee) and the preliminary investigations into the Kāpiti Coast whaitua.

Mr Sharp advised the Committee that in August 2020 the Aotearoa Town Hall series (a panel discussion) hosted a discussion on pipes, whaitua and the three waters. On the panel were Hon. Nanaia Mahuta (Minister for Local Government and Māori Development) and Kara Puketapu-Dentice (Co-Chair of Whaitua Te Whanganui-a-Tara Committee).

A workshop with mana whenua partners was also held, with a discussion on sites of significance for Māori and the frameworks that could be put in place to ensure their protection.

Mr Sharp advised the Committee that Pekaira Rei, whose iwi affiliations include Taranaki Whānui, composed a bespoke waiata for the Whaitua Committee.

The Whaitua Committee is on track to have the Committee approve the Whaitua Implementation Programme in April 2021.

Noted: The Committee asked if the flyover could be published on Greater Wellington's website.

Karakia whakamutunga

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

The meeting closed at 11.44am.



Councillor P. Gaylor
Chair

Date: 15 October 2020