



greater WELLINGTON

REGIONAL COUNCIL

Te Pane Matua Taiao

Report 19.330

8 August 2019

File: CCAB-10-760

Confirmed Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Thursday 8 August 2019 in the Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council, Level 2, 15 Walter Street, Te Aro, Wellington at 9.30am.

Present

Councillors Kedgley (Chair), Blakeley, Brash (Deputy Chair), Donaldson, Gaylor, Lamason, McKinnon, Ogden (from 9.33am), Ponter, Swain, Staples. Barbie Barton and Ihaia Puketapu.

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved

(Cr Donaldson/ Cr Lamason)

That the Council accepts the apologies for absence from Crs Laban and Laidlaw.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

2 Declarations of conflict of interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

3 Public Participation

Robin Gunston, establishment chair of Steering Committee, Waikanae ki Uta ki Tai Programme, spoke to its structure, aims and its relationship to GWRC whaitua processes regarding the Waikanae River.

Tracey Ultra spoke to the environmental impacts of water extraction in the Hutt Valley.

Angela McLeod spoke about the water extraction in the Hutt Valley.

Chris Parkin spoke about Climate Change and the water bottling consent in the Hutt Valley.

Paul Lambert spoke to the Climate Change report, water bottling consent in the Hutt Valley and for a climate emergency.

Pat van Berkel spoke to the water extraction consent in the Hutt Valley.

4 **Confirmation of the public minutes of 20 June 2019**

Moved

(Cr Gaylor/ Cr Donaldson)

That the Committee confirms the public minutes of the meeting of 20 June 2019, Report 19.275.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

5 **Confirmation of the minutes for Te Kāuru Upper Ruamahanga River FMP Subcommittee**

Moved

(Cr Staples/ Cr Donaldson)

That the Committee confirms the public minutes of the meeting of 11 June 2019, Report 19.252.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

6 **Action items from previous meetings**

Report 19.291

File ref: CCAB-10-738

Moved

(Cr Kedgley/ Cr Swain)

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

7 **Whaitua quarterly update - presentation from Whaitua Te Whanganui-a-Tara Committee**

Co-Chairs Kara Puketapu-Dentice and Louise Askin gave an oral update.

They spoke of the need to frame and understand their purpose and reason, so went to Matiu/Somes Island. They decided on kawa – a Māori way of doing things and developed a statement of understanding:

- Life
- Water
- Collective role
- Connections and relationships

The Co-Chairs explained that they have two years to go through the process and have a co-governance approach with mana whenua.

Their focus is on water quantity and quality. They explained that there are many streams that are now pipes so we have lost our connection and relationship with water, particularly with population increase and the effects of development.

They intend to draw on the work of the Te Awarua-o-Porirua Whaitua Committee.

The Co-Chairs explained that they want to translate the recommendations into actions and influence the Long Term Plan, with the intention of having the community invested in the process to facilitate continued maintenance.

The meeting adjourned at 10.39am after item 7 and resumed at 10.56am. Cr Ponter returned at 10.58am. Cr McKinnon returned at 11.00am.

8 **What is a Climate Emergency? (Information Paper)**

Andrea Brandon, Programme Lead Climate Change, and Jake Roos, Climate Change Advisor, spoke to the report.

Report 19.292

File ref: CCHSTR-5-64

Moved

(Cr Brash/ Cr Blakeley)

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Notes that GWRC is holding an emissions reduction target workshop on 9 August.*
4. *Notes that a full paper will be prepared to go to Council on 21 August.*
5. *Requests officers to prepare a report on declaring a climate emergency for the next Council meeting on 21 August 2019, including in the report consideration of the costs of action and inaction.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

9 **Climate Change Working Group Update**

Suze Keith, Climate Change Advisor, and Andrea Brandon, Climate Change Programme Lead spoke to the report.

Report 19.311

File ref: CCHSTR-5-80

Moved

(Cr Blakeley/ Cr Brash)

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*

2. *Notes the content of the report.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

10 **Water management system and water bottling consents**

Al Cross, General Manager, Environment Management, and Shaun Andrewartha, Manager, Environment Regulation, spoke to the report.

Report 19.323

File ref: CCAB-10-749

Moved

(Cr Donaldson/ Cr Blakeley)

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

11 **Use of the streamlined planning process – Plimmerton Farm rezoning**

Report 19.310

File ref: CCAB-10-751

Moved

(Cr Brash/ Cr Donaldson)

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Notes that officers recommend supporting Porirua City Council's application for a streamlined planning process via a letter to the Minister for the Environment.*
4. *Notes that this approach does not preclude our ability to ensure the regional planning framework is implemented in a robust manner.*
5. *Approves the recommendation to provide a letter of support to the Minister for the Environment for Porirua City Council's application to use a streamlined planning process for the Proposed Plimmerton Farms Plan Change.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

12 **General Managers' Report to the Environment Committee**

Report 19.300

File ref: CCAB-10-747

Moved

(Cr Kedgley/ Cr Swain)

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*

2. *Notes the content of the report.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

The meeting closed at 1.12pm.


Cr S Kedgley
(Chair)

Date:

19/09/2019