

Confirmed Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on Wednesday 12 May 2021

Solway Room IV, Copthorne Hotel and Resort
High Street, Masterton, at 3.30pm.

Members Present

Councillor Gaylor (Chair)
Councillor Blakeley
Councillor Brash
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand
Councillor Lamason
Councillor Lee
Councillor Nash
Councillor Ponter
Councillor Staples
Councillor van Lier
Barbie Barton

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved: Cr Blakeley / Cr Staples

That the Committee accepts the apologies for absence from Councillors Connelly, Hughes and Laban.

The motion was **carried**.

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

3 Public participation

Amber Craig, Rangitāne o Wairarapa Inc, spoke to the Committee on water resilience and water.

Marama Fox spoke to the Committee on water resilience and water.

Marnie Prickett, Choose Clean Water NZ, spoke to agenda item 5 – Whaitua implementation update, and fresh water issues relating to irrigation.

4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting of 1 April 2021 - Report 21.134

Moved: Cr Brash / Cr Blakeley

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting of 1 April 2021 - Report 21.134

The motion was **carried**.

5 Whaitua Implementation Update – Report 21.167

An updated report was tabled.

Wayne O'Donnell, General Manager, Catchment Management, and Al Cross, General Manager, Environment Management, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Gaylor / Cr Staples

That the Committee:

- 1 Notes that whaitua implementation covers multiple organisations, our partners and communities, including Greater Wellington, territorial authorities, Wellington Water, mana whenua and local communities.
- 2 Notes that regulatory recommendations of the Whaitua Implementation Programmes (WIPs) are being progressed through the Plan Change programme.
- 3 Notes that integration and coordination of the non-regulatory recommendations for which Greater Wellington has responsibility, will be fully realised through the *Fit for the Future* programme, which brings together organisational arrangements across Greater Wellington's Environment Management and Catchment Management groups.
- 4 Requests officers to prepare two reports, with input from mana whenua, assessing Greater Wellington's progress against Te Awarua-o-Porirua and Ruamāhanga WIPs, including current gaps.
- 5 Requests officers to assess the resourcing implications of fully implementing the Whaitua Implementation Programme recommendations for which Greater Wellington is responsible.
- 6 Requests officers to compile a schedule of Whaitua Implementation Programme recommendations across all responsible organisations, identifying progress, proposed timing and phasing, and estimated completion.

- 7 Requests officers to advise on the ongoing implications for Whaitua implementation of the Resource Management and Three Waters reform programmes, and the Local Government Review.

The motion was carried.

6 Crown Funded Projects and programmes update – Oral report

Wayne O'Donnell, General Manager, Catchment Management, gave a presentation on progress with Crown funded COVID-19 recovery projects.

The meeting closed at 5.29pm.



Councillor P Gaylor

Chair

Date: 17/6/2021.

