

Confirmed Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on Thursday 12 May 2022

Taumata Kōrero – Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council
100 Cuba Street, Te Aro, Wellington at 9.31am.

Members Present

Councillor Gaylor (Chair)
Councillor Connelly (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Blakeley
Councillor Brash
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand
Councillor Laban
Councillor Lamason
Councillor Lee
Councillor Nash
Councillor Ponter (from 10.01am)
Councillor Staples
Barbie Barton (remotely, via Microsoft Teams, until 10am)

All members participated at this meeting remotely and counted for the purpose of quorum in accordance with clause 25B of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Karakia timatanga

The Committee Chair opened the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved: Cr Blakeley / Cr Staples

That the Committee accepts the apology for absence from Councillors Hughes and van Lier, apology for lateness from Councillor Ponter, and apology for early departure from Barbie Barton.

The motion was **carried**.

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

3 Public participation

Heather and Donald Phillips spoke regarding pest pig control.

Noted: The Committee requested that officers review pig numbers on the Greater Wellington land in question, explore responding with further control measures if required, and report back the proposed course of action to the public participants and the Committee.

4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Committee meeting on 31 March 2022 - Report 22.140

Moved: Cr Laban / Cr Nash

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on 31 March 2022 - Report 22.140.

The motion was **carried**.

5 Update on Progress of Action Items from Previous Environment Committee Meetings – May 2022 – Report 22.150 [For Information]

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

6 Environment/Catchment Update – May 2022 – Report 22.21 [For Information]

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

Noted: The Committee requested that future Environment/Catchment Update reports include:

- A standing update on Transmission Gully
- A further update on Wairarapa water races, including further detail regarding stock exclusion regulations and water quality.
- An update on the main themes and information that arise from the Porirua wastewater treatment plant discharge consent hearing.
- An update regarding the formal recording of black coral in Kapiti.

Barbie Barton left the meeting at 10am, during discussion on the above item, and did not return.

Councillor Ponter arrived at 10.01am, during discussion on the above item.

7 Puketahā – Wainuiomata Ecosanctuary Feasibility Study – Oral Report

Councillor Nash provided an oral update on the progression and next steps related to the feasibility study. Conversations with the Department of Conservation continue, and a media piece featuring the proposed sanctuary and commentary from Greater Wellington, Taranaki Whanui and the Department of Conservation, recently aired on TV 3.

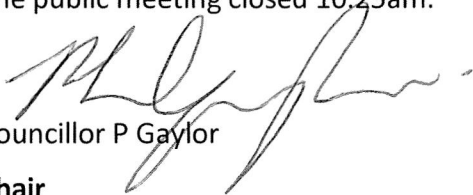
8 Crown Funded Projects update – May 2022 – Report 22.185

Wayne O'Donnell, General Manager, Catchment Management, spoke to the report.

Karakia whakamutunga

The Committee Chair invited Councillor Connelly to close the meeting with a karakia whakamutunga.

The public meeting closed 10.25am.



Councillor P Gaylor

Chair

Date: 23 June 2022