

Confirmed Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on Thursday 9 May 2024

Committee Room, Greater Wellington Regional Council | Te Pane Matua Taiao
34 Chapel Street, Masterton, at 10.40am

Members Present

Councillor Duthie (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Bassett
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand
Councillor Laban
Councillor Lee
Councillor Nash
Councillor Ropata
Councillor Saw
Councillor Staples
Councillor Woolf

Barbie Barton

Councillor Duthie, as Deputy Chair, presided at the meeting in the absence of the Committee Chair.

Councillor Ponter participated at this meeting remotely via Microsoft Teams and counted for the purposes of quorum in accordance with clause 25B of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002.

Karakia timatanga

The Presiding Member opened the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved: Cr Kirk-Burnnand / Cr Bassett

That the Committee accepts the apologies for absence from Councillors Connelly and Gaylor.

The motion was **carried**.

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

3 Public participation

John Argue, Chair, Pāpāwai-Mangarara Stream Care Group, spoke on the work that the Care Group is doing on the Pāpāwai Mangarara Stream.

Monique Leerschool and Pat McLean, Forest and Bird, spoke on the Kaipatangata long-tailed bats.

4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on 27 February 2024 – Report 24.96

Moved: Cr Laban / Cr Nash

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on 27 February 2024 – Report 24.96.

The motion was **carried**.

5 Wetlands – Greater Wellington’s Current Approach and Future Next Steps – Report 24.172 [For Information]

Matthew Hickman, Principal Advisor, Shaun Andrewartha, Manager, Environmental Regulation, and James Luty, Manager, Data and Monitoring, spoke to the report.

6 Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Policy – Report 24.193

Shaun Andrewartha, Manager, Environmental Regulation and Stephen Thawley, Project Leader, Environmental Regulation spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Staples / Cr Saw

That the Committee:

- 1 Endorses the Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Policy (Attachment 1).
- 2 Notes that as this will be a living document, minor updates will be made to ensure the policy remains up to date and reflects operational practice and national guidelines.

The motion was **carried**.

7 Farming Reference Group Chair Update Report – Report 24.201 [For Information]

Barbie Barton, Farming Reference Group Chair, spoke to the report.

8 Te Rōpū Taiao | Environment Group Update – Report 24.210 [For Information]

Lian Butcher, Group Manager Environment, spoke to the report and tabled a handout.

Councillor Ponter left the meeting at 11.56am and did not return.

Karakia whakamutunga

The Presiding Member closed the meeting with a karakia whakamutunga.

The public meeting closed at 12.07pm.

Councillor P Gaylor

Chair



Date:

13 June 2024.