

Confirmed Public minutes of the Te Awa Kairangi / Hutt River Valley Subcommittee meeting on Thursday 6 June 2024

Council Chamber, Upper Hutt City Council
838 Fergusson Drive, Upper Hutt, at 2.06pm

Members Present

Councillor Connelly (Chair)	Greater Wellington Regional Council
Councillor Duthie (Deputy Chair)	Greater Wellington Regional Council
Councillor Edwards	Hutt City Council
Mayor Guppy	Upper Hutt City Council
Councillor Hammond	Upper Hutt City Council
Deputy Mayor Lewis (until 3.22pm)	Hutt City Council
Caleb Ware	Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira Inc

Deputy Mayor Lewis and Caleb Ware participated at the meeting remotely via Microsoft Teams and counted for the purpose of quorum in accordance with clause 25B of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002.

Karakia timatanga

The Subcommittee Chair opened the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved: Cr Duthie / Mayor Guppy

That the Subcommittee accepts the apologies for absence from Councillors Laban and Lee.

The motion was **carried**.

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

3 Public participation

Kevin Braddock, Mawaihakona Stream Restoration Group, spoke on the work of the Group to clean up and restore the Mawaihakona Stream, noting the need for weed control and rabbit control.

Noted: The Subcommittee requested officers to provide the maps of the genesis of the Mawaihakona Stream.

John Simes spoke to a presentation on the rescue of heritage podocarps in the space required for the RiverLink project on the western side of Te Awa Kairangi/Hutt River.

Noted: The Subcommittee requested a future report on the effect of river reshaping on the Belmont wetland.

Noted: The Subcommittee requested that officers consider whether individual trees could be dug up and replanted as part of the RiverLink works.

Stephen Pattinson, Save Our Hills (Upper Hutt Inc.), was prevented by technical difficulties from speaking on upgrading the Pinehaven flood model.

Noted: The Subcommittee requested that officers circulate Stephen Pattinson's presentation to members.

Dale Harlen spoke on the safety for cyclists on the river trail, particularly in Stokes Valley, and the need for safe cycling areas on the road before joining or leaving the river trail.

Dr David Tripp spoke on the survey of users of the river trail and the barriers stopping people from using the trail. Doctors for Active Safe Transport encourage active modes of transport as a contributing factor to cancer prevention.

4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Te Awa Kairangi / Hutt River Valley Subcommittee meeting on 12 March 2024 – Report 24.114

Moved: Cr Duthie / Cr Edwards

That the Subcommittee confirms the Public minutes of the Te Awa Kairangi / Hutt River Valley Subcommittee meeting on 12 March 2024 – Report 24.114 as corrected.

The motion was **carried**.

Noted: The minutes were corrected by replacing the first paragraph in item 3 Public Participation with the following: "Karen Yung spoke to the importance of community engagement on the Waiwhetū flood risk modelling (item 6 on the agenda). The focus on Waiwhetū Stream may mean that residents elsewhere in the catchment, such as Moera, are not aware they are also affected."

5 Te Awa Kairangi / Hutt River and Valley Flood Risk Management Report – Report 24.213 [For Information]

Tina Love, Team Leader Infrastructure Projects, spoke to the report.

6 Waiwhetū Flood Modelling Update – Report 24.254 [For Information]

Andy Brown, Team Leader Knowledge – Water, and Francie Morrow, Senior Project Manager – Investigations, spoke to the report.

7 Te Wai Takamori o Te Awa Kairangi Project Update – Report 24.232 [For Information]

Tracy Berghan, Manager Riverlink, and Matt Trlin, Programme Director Waka Kotahi, spoke to the report.

8 Te Awa Kairangi / Hutt River Corridor User Study – Report 24.212 [For Information]

Ross Jackson, Landscape Advisor Implementation, and Joby Mills, Senior River Ranger, spoke to the report.

Deputy Mayor Lewis left the meeting at 3.32pm during the above item and did not return.

9 Stokes Valley Stream Update – Report 24.274 [For Information]

Tim Sharp, Catchment Manager – Te Whanganui-a-Tara, spoke to the report.

Karakia whakamutunga

The Subcommittee Chair closed the meeting with a karakia whakamutunga.

The public meeting closed at 4.17pm.

Councillor R Connelly

Chair



Date:

6/8/2024