



Confirmed Public minutes of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group meeting on Tuesday 4 June 2024

Council Chamber, Hutt City Council
30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt, at 11.01am

Members Present

Mayor Whanau (Chair)	Wellington City Council
Hon. Mayor Mark (Deputy Chair)	Carterton District Council
Mayor Baker	Porirua City Council
Mayor Barry	Hutt City Council
Mayor Caffell (from 11.03am until 11.34am)	Masterton District Council
Mayor Guppy	Upper Hutt City Council
Mayor Holborow	Kāpiti Coast District Council
Deputy Mayor Sadler-Futter	South Wairarapa District Council

Mayors Caffell and Mark participated at this 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 Committee Chair opened the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved: Mayor Whanau / Mayor Baker

That the Joint Committee accepts the apologies for absence from Council Chair Ponter, Callum Katene and Kura Moeahu.

The motion was **carried**.

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

3 Public participation

There was no public participation.

4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group meeting on 19 March 2024 - Report 24.140

Moved: Mayor Whanau / Mayor Guppy

That the Joint Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group meeting on 19 March 2024 – Report 24.140.

The motion was **carried**.

5 Introduction of Director of Emergency Management – National Emergency Management Agency

Jeremy Holmes, Regional Manager, introduced John Price, Director Civil Defence Emergency Management and Deputy Chief Executive (DCE) Emergency Management from the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA).

John has now been in the role for a year. He was previously the Police District Commander in Canterbury during the Christchurch earthquakes and the mosque attacks.

John explained to the Group the structure of NEMA. One DCE is responsible for strategic enablement, and the other is responsible for emergency management. The DCE Emergency Management is also the Director of Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) under the CDEM Act 2002.

John talked about the reform of the CDEM Act 2002. In 2023 there was a Bill before Parliament, which the Select Committee was considering. Following the review into the response to Cyclone Gabrielle and other severe weather events, the Bill as drafted was not considered fit for purpose. As a result, it was withdrawn by the new Government.

The Coalition Government's Budget (which was announced 30 May 2024) has identified funding to complete the new national crisis centre, which will replace 'The Bunker' in the basement of the Beehive, as well as provide for an alternative national crisis centre, which will be in Auckland.

John advised that there will be a three-part National Response and Recovery Exercise in June and July, since the last occurred in 2016. The focus of this exercise will be a rupture of the Alpine Fault. Day 1 will be the initial response. People throughout the country will be involved.

Day 2 will be two weeks on and will involve gathering over 200 leaders from different sectors in Te Papa.

Day 3 will have a focus on recovery.

There will be some significant space weather events for 2025-26. The solar cycle will have an impact on power and magnetic forces, and GPS, among other things. This is something that NEMA is working through.

The CDEM Group discussed the balance of community preparedness without causing negative impacts to mental health and panic. John advised that simple messaging is key. It is also difficult to involve communities in preparedness due to socio economics and differing priorities. It is important that communities are connected.

Mayor Caffell joined the meeting at 11.03am, during the above item.

6 Government Inquiry Update and Engagement Timeline – Report 24.291 [For Information]

Jeremy Holmes, Regional Manager, WREMO, spoke to the report.

Mayor Caffell left the meeting at 11.34am during the above item and did not return.

7 Hawke’s Bay Review and How This Applies to the Wellington Region – Report 24.292 [For Information]

Jeremy Holmes, Regional Manager, WREMO, spoke to the report.

8 Personal Liability Insurance for Statutory Appointments – Report 24.293 [For Information]

Jeremy Holmes, Regional Manager, WREMO, spoke to the report.

9 Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Appointments – June 2024 – Report 24.285

Jeremy Holmes, Regional Manager, WREMO, spoke to the report.

Moved: Mayor Whanau / Mayor Baker

That the Joint Committee:

- 1 Approves the addition of the following statutory appointees:
 - a Paul McCorry as alternate Local Controller for Wellington City Council
 - b Chris Matthews as alternate Local Controller for Wellington City Council
 - c Steve Millar as alternate Local Controller for Kāpiti Coast District Council
 - d Simon Taylor as alternate Local Controller for the combined Wairarapa councils.
 - e Ian Osland as alternate Local Controller for the combined Wairarapa councils.
- 2 Approves the removal of the following statutory appointees:
 - a Angela Bell as alternate Local Controller for Kāpiti Coast District Council


- b Glen O'Connor as alternate Local Controller for Kāpiti Coast District Council
- c Kara Puketapu-Dentice as alternate Local Controller for Hutt City Council
- d Andrew Dalziel as alternate Local Recovery Manager for Porirua City Council

The motion was **carried**.

Karakia whakamutunga

The Committee Chair closed the meeting with a karakia whakamutunga.

The public meeting closed at 11.49am.



Mayor T Whanau

Chair

Date: 24.6.25