

## **Confirmed Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on Thursday 11 June 2020**

All members participating by Zoom at 9.30am.

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### **Members Present**

Councillor Gaylor (Chair)  
Councillor Connelly (Deputy Chair)  
Councillor Blakeley  
Councillor Brash  
Councillor Hughes (from 9.34am)  
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand  
Councillor Laban (until 10.23am)  
Councillor Lamason (from 9.54am)  
Councillor Lee  
Councillor Nash  
Councillor Ponter (until 10.00am)  
Councillor Staples  
Councillor van Lier  
Barbie Barton

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

### **Public Business**

#### **1 Karakia timatanga**

The Committee Chair invited Councillor Connelly to open the meeting with a karakia timatanga – Ngau mai e ngā hua.

#### **2 Apologies**

Moved: Cr Nash / Cr Connelly

That the Committee accepts the apologies for late arrival from Councillor Hughes and Councillor Lamason, and the apology for early departure from Councillor Ponter.

The motion was **carried**.

### **3 Declarations of conflicts of interest**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

### **4 Public participation**

There was no public participation.

### **5 Confirmation of the Public minutes of 13 February 2020 – Report 20.49**

Moved: Cr Blakeley / Cr Kirk-Burnnand

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of 13 February 2020 – Report 20.49.

The motion was **carried**.

**Noted:** Councillor Hughes joined the meeting at 9.34am, during the above item.

### **6 Update on progress of action items from previous meetings – Report 20.86**

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

### **7 Te Whanganui-a-Tara Whaitua update – Oral Report**

Tim Sharp, Programme Manager, Whaitua, and Louise Askin, Whaitua te Whanganui-a-Tara Co-Chair, spoke to the report.

Mr Sharp advised the Committee that the Te Whanganui-a-Tara Whaitua Committee (the Whaitua Committee) is currently 18 months into the whaitua programme. COVID-19 and the Government's alert level system caused some set backs to the programme, but some good progress was made via weekly Zoom meetings.

Ms Askin advised that as an outcome of the 2019 triennial elections some new members joined the Whaitua Committee. Also, Morrie Love departed the Whaitua Committee in 2019.

The Christmas wastewater pipe collapse in Wellington City helped the Whaitua Committee's conversation. It made the invisible visible, and generated a lot of discussion about and raised awareness of the water network in Wellington City.

Ms Askin advised that the Whaitua Committee endorses the approach that Greater Wellington is taking with the Te Whanganui-a-Tara Whaitua. It is community led and it is hoped that this will feed into the solutions and implementation of the final plan.

**Noted:** Councillor Lamason joined the meeting at 9.54am, during questions on the above item. Councillor Ponter left the meeting at 10am, during questions on the above item.

## **8 Paekakariki Surf Lifesaving Club lease renewal – Power Point Presentation**

Amanda Cox, Manager, Parks, and Matt Warren, Paekakariki Surf Life Saving Club, each presented to the Committee.

Al Cross, General Manager Environment Manager, introduced Mr Warren, from the Paekakariki Surf Life Saving Club (PSLSC), and welcomed him to the meeting.

Mr Warren provided the Committee with some background on the Paekakariki SLSC. The PSLSC was formed in 1913, and currently has 250 members. The current clubhouse, which was built in the mid-1960s, is PSLSC's fourth clubhouse. The PSLSC has had a base in Queen Elizabeth Park for 55 years.

Mr Warren explained the need for new clubrooms. The building has reached the end of its life, and is not fit for purpose for the present and future needs of the PSLSC. The expiry of the ground lease, Greater Wellington's policy to retreat buildings and structures away from the foreshore, and the changing nature of surf life-saving means it is timely to relocate.

Four sites have been identified, with a preferred site identified behind the dunes. This will ensure a longer life of the building by being less exposed, as well as preserving the dunes, and providing picnic areas and better access from Wellington Road. Mr Warren advised that they will not be able to see the beach from the clubrooms but explained that this is common throughout New Zealand, and identified the temporary guard tower used at Oriental Bay as an example of a solution.

Mr Warren provided the Committee with the indicative timeline, and the wish to continue the relationship with Greater Wellington to find a place in Queen Elizabeth Park that fits both the PSLSC and Greater Wellington's needs.

Ms Cox presented to the Committee on Council's role and responsibilities. Ms Cox advised that the PSLSC is an "existing use" facility on Queen Elizabeth Park, and that the new clubhouse is included in the Coastal Retreat Plan. The PSLSC lodged an application in May 2020 for a long term lease (30+ years).

Ms Cox explained legalities and processes that Council will need to follow when considering the lease. Ms Cox explained that Queen Elizabeth Park is owned by the Crown and administered by Greater Wellington. The Lease must be granted under section 59A of the Reserves Act 1977. Leases are considered by the Minister of Conservation under the Conservation Act 1987, with this power delegated to Council. Council will need to consider all things that the Minister would consider, in strict accordance with the Reserves Act 1977 and the Conservation Act 1987.

**Noted:** Councillor Laban left the meeting at 10.23am, during questions on the above item.

**9 Karakia whakamutunga**

The Committee Chair requested Councillor Connelly close the meeting with a karakia whakamutunga – Kia hora te marino.

The meeting closed at 10.50am.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Gaylor', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Councillor P Gaylor  
**Chair**

Date: