

Confirmed Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on Thursday 21 November 2024

Taumata Kōrero – Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council
100 Cuba Street, Te Aro, Wellington at 9.30am

Members Present

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

Barbie Barton

Councillors Duthie, Ropata, Saw and Staples participated at this meeting remotely via Microsoft Teams and counted for the purpose of quorum in accordance with clause 25A 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: Cr Nash / Cr Kirk-Burnnand

That the Environment Committee accepts the apologies for absence from Councillor Ponter and early departure from Councillor Saw.

The motion was **carried**.

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

The Committee acknowledged the passing of Nicolas Boyack, Senior Staff Reporter.

The Chief Executive acknowledged Hikoi mō te Tiriti and the efforts of Metlink and operators (rail, bus and ferry), the Parks, and Communications teams in responding to the Hikoi. Councillor Nash, Chair of the Transport Committee, acknowledged the efforts and the unprecedented use of public transport services.

Noted: The Committee requested that the Chief Executive pass on Councillors' thanks to staff and public transport service operators.

3 Public participation

Lucy Thorburn, Wellington East Girls' College, Maya Davies, Wellington East Girls' College, Santino Morehu-Smith, Kāpiti College, Isabella Sharp, Samuel Marsden College, and Jemima Tito, St Oran's College, spoke to the Committee about their roles as environmental leaders at their respective schools.

4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on 17 October 2024 – Report 24.574

Moved: Cr Bassett / Cr Kirk-Burnnand

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on 17 October 2024 - Report 24.574.

The motion was **carried**.

5 Farming Reference Group Chair's Report Update – Report 24.619 [For Information]

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

6 Annual Asset Management Condition Report – Report 24.366

George Bowman, Team Leader Assets and Performance, and Hamish Fenwick, Team Leader Flood Operations, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Bassett / Cr Laban

That the Committee:

- 1 Notes that overall, the proportion of assets in Very Good to Moderate remains high, but there has been a slight decline in the condition of assets, but that the approval of the 2024-34 Long Term Plan provides an increased level of funding for capital works and resources over the next 10 years.

- 2 Agrees that the major flood protection and erosion control infrastructure assets across the Wellington Region have been managed satisfactorily to the agreed Levels of Service in the 2023/24 financial year.
- 3 Notes that identified priority issues are being addressed through maintenance and improvement work programmes.

The motion was **carried**.

Councillor Connelly departed the meeting at 10.17am during the presentation of the above item and returned at 10.36am, during the final question, and was present for the vote.

7 Annual Floodplain Management Plan Implementation Report – Report 24.367 [For Information]

Tina Love, Team Leader Infrastructure Projects and Hamish Fenwick, Team Leader Flood Operations, spoke to the report.

8 Streamlining of Resource Management Regulatory Services – Report 24.620 [For Information]

Stephen Thawley, Project Leader, and Christina Cranston, Team Leader Consents and Compliance, spoke to the report.

9 Whaitua Implementation Update – Report 24.518 [For Information]

Nicola Patrick, Director Catchment, and Mikaila Ceelen, Advisor Catchment, spoke to the report.

10 Te Rōpū Taiao | Environment Update – November 2024 [For Information]

Lian Butcher, Group Manager Environment, spoke to the report.

Karakia whakamutunga

The Committee Chair closed the meeting with a karakia whakamutunga.

The public meeting closed at 11.06am.



Councillor P Gaylor

Chair

Date:

20 February 2025.