



Report 17.503

6/12/2017

File: CCAB-10-451

Confirmed public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Wednesday, 6 December 2017 in the Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council, Level 2, 15 Walter Street, Te Aro, Wellington at 10.01am

Present

Councillors Kedgley (Chair), Blakeley, Brash, Donaldson, Gaylor (from 10.17am), Laban, Laidlaw, Lamason, McKinnon (until 11.14am), Ogden, Staples and Swain.

Peter Gawith (until 12.47pm)

Public Business

The Chair opened the meeting by reading an email from Ihaia Puketapu thanking officers for their outstanding work and wishing the Committee a Merry Christmas.

1 Apologies

Moved

(Cr Kedgley/ Cr Donaldson)

That the Committee accepts the apologies for absence from Councillor Ponter and Ihaia Puketapu and for lateness from Councillor Gaylor.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

2 Declarations of conflict of interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

3 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

4 **Confirmation of the public minutes of 1 November 2017**

Moved

(Cr Staples/ Cr Donaldson)

That the Committee confirms the public minutes of the meeting of 1 November 2017, Report 17.439.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

5 **Action items from previous meetings**

Report 17.482

File ref: CCAB-10-441

Moved

(Cr Kedgley/ Cr Brash)

That the Committee:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content of the report.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

6 **Are we meeting our environmental outcomes in the Wellington Harbour and Hutt Valley catchment?**

Penny Fairbrother, Senior Science Coordinator, and Mark Heath, Environmental Scientist – Freshwater, spoke to the report.

Councillor Gaylor arrived at 10.17am during consideration of this item.

Report 17.471

File ref: ENPL-6-1806

Moved

(Cr Lamason/ Cr Ogden)

That the Committee:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content of the report.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Noted Officers agreed work on a communication plan regarding Te Awa Kairangi/Hutt River algal bloom and recommendations that the public stay away from the river. Officers also agreed to communicate this approach to Hutt City Council and Upper Hutt City Council.

The meeting adjourned at 11.14am and reconvened at 11.22am.

Councillor McKinnon left the meeting during the adjournment.

7 **Floodplain management planning – principles update**

Graeme Campbell, Manager, Flood Protection, spoke to the report.

Report 17.494

File ref: CCAB-10-447

Moved

(Cr Donaldson/ Cr Swain)

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Endorses the four principles that underlie GWRCs approach to floodplain management in the Region.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Noted Officers agreed to provide a report to a forthcoming meeting on climate change estimates and sea-level rise.

Noted Officers agreed to change the way flood standards are expressed in reports from “1 in 100 year flood standard” to percentages instead.

8 **Marine and Coastal Area Act 2011 obligations**

Pauline Hill, Kaitohutohu Matua/Senior Policy Advisor, Te Hunga Whiriwhiri, spoke to the report.

Report 17.454

File ref: CCAB-10-400

Moved

(Cr Swain/ Cr Laidlaw)

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

9 **Porirua City Council request for exception to sea level rise Climate Change Design Criteria**

Graeme Campbell, Manager, Flood Protection, spoke to the report.

Report 17.466

File ref: CCAB-10-437

Moved

(Cr Brash/ Cr Donaldson)

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Notes that the existing sea level rise allowance for climate change design criteria is 0.8m by 2100.*
4. *Approves the use of a 1.0m sea level rise allowance for climate change by 2100 for the upcoming Porirua Stream flood hazard maps.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

10 **General Managers' report to the Environment Committee meeting 6 December 2017**

Nigel Corry, General Manager, Environment Management, and Wayne O'Donnell, General Manager, Catchment Management, spoke to the report,

Peter Gawith left the meeting at 12.47pm during consideration of this item.

Report 17.460

File ref: CCAB-10-436

Moved

(Cr Donaldson/ Cr Brash)

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Noted Officers agreed to coordinate a joined-up and consistent message from the Region's Mayors and Territorial Authorities regarding water usage savings and restrictions.

The meeting closed at 12.54pm.

Cr S Kedgley
(Chair)

Date: