



Confirmed Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Thursday 9 May 2019 in the Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council, Level 2, 15 Walter Street, Te Aro, Wellington at 9.30am.

Present

Councillors Kedgley (Chair), Blakeley, Brash (Deputy Chair), Donaldson, Gaylor, Laban, Lamason, Laidlaw, McKinnon, Ogden (from 9.39am), Ponter, Swain, Staples, and Barbie Barton and Ihaia Puketapu (from 9.51am).

Public Business

1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

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 14 February 2019

Moved

(Cr Kedgley / Cr McKinnon)

That the Committee confirms the public minutes of the meeting of 21 March 2019, Report 19.102.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Committee agreed to deal with item 6 – *Coastal Erosion Plan for Queen Elizabeth Park* ahead of item 5 – *Considering Carbon Neutrality*.

5 Coastal erosion plan for Queen Elizabeth Park

Amanda Cox, Manager, Parks, spoke to the report.

Report 19.171

File ref: CCAB-10-716

Moved

(Cr Gaylor / Cr Lamason.)

That the Committee:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content of the report.*
- 3. Endorses the draft Coastal erosion Plan for Queen Elizabeth Park.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Noted: Cr Ogden and Ihaia Puketapu arrived at the meeting during the consideration of the above item.

6 Considering carbon neutrality

Luke Troy, General Manager, Strategy, introduced the report. Jake Roos, Climate Change Advisor, spoke to the report.

Report 19.98

File ref: CCAB-10-703

Moved

(Cr Ponter / Cr Blakeley)

That the Committee:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content of the report.*
- 3. Agrees to:*
 - i. Instruct the Chief Executive to gather available research on the likely costs and implications of pathways for possible target dates, and the costs of inaction, prior to:*
 - ii. Setting target dates for carbon neutrality for Council as an organisation, with a facilitated workshop-based process, which will then report to Council for decision.*
- 4. Agrees that Greater Wellington should join CDP (formerly known as the Carbon Disclosure Project) and seek to integrate this into its annual reporting.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

The meeting adjourned, during debate on the above item,- at 10.38am. The meeting resumed at 10.48am. Cr Laidlaw returned to the meeting at 10.56am following the vote on the above item.

7 **Update from the Climate Change Working Groups**

Suze Keith, Climate Change Advisor, spoke to the report.

Report 19.168

File ref: CCAB-10-714

Moved

(Cr Staples/ Cr Blakeley)

That the Committee:

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

The motion was **CARRIED**.

8 **General Managers' report to the Environment Committee meeting on 9 May 2019**

Wayne O'Donnell, General Manager, Catchment Management, Al Cross, General Manager, Environment, and Grant Nalder, Manager Harbours (Harbourmaster) spoke to the report.

Report 19.123

File ref: CCAB-10-711

Moved

(Cr Gaylor / Cr Laban)

That the Committee:

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

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Noted: The Committee raised concerns about the risks that could arise through ships' officers not effectively being able to communicate with, or understand communications from, Beacon Hill due to a poor command of English, and requested that officers bring this to the attention of the Finance, Risk and Assurance Committee for its consideration.

The meeting closed at 11.48am.

Cr S Kedgley
(Chair)

Date: