



Confirmed Public Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Thursday, 19 September 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 (from 10.00am until 11.30am), McKinnon, Ogden (from 9.35am), Ponter, Swain (from 9.38am), Staples.

Barbie Barton and Ihaia Puketapu.

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved

(Cr Donaldson/ Cr Staples)

That the Council accepts the apology for absence from Cr Laidlaw, and the apology for lateness from Cr Lamason.

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 8 August 2019

Moved

(Cr Blakeley/ Cr McKinnon)

That the Committee confirms the public minutes of the meeting of 8 August 2019, Report 19.330.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

5 Confirmation of the minutes of the Hutt Valley Flood Management Subcommittee of 6 August 2019

Moved (Cr Laban/ Cr McKinnon)

That the Committee confirms the public minutes of the meeting of 6 August 2019, Report 19.329.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

6 Confirmation of the minutes of the Hutt Valley Flood Management Subcommittee of 12 September 2019

Moved (Cr Laban/ Cr Blakeley)

That the Committee confirms the public minutes of the meeting of 12 September 2019, Report 19.411.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

7 Resource Management National Direction – Year of Delivery (Part 1)

Alastair Smaill, Programme Lead -Urban Water, spoke to the report.

Report 19.410 File ref: CCAB-10-775

Moved (Cr Staples/ Cr Gaylor)

That the Committee:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content of the report.*
- 3. Approves the Council Submission points in principle, subject to further input to the draft submission by Environment Committee members, and final sign-off by Environment Committee Chair and Council Chair.*
- 4. Directs officers in our submission to the NES to make a strong statement supporting our rural sector and question the practicality of what is proposed with regards to stock exclusion on hill country.*
- 5. Requests officers to take account of the issues raised by the Committee when entering into the appeal process of the proposed Natural Resources Plan.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Noted: Cr Ogden arrived at 9.35am during the discussion of the above item.

Noted: Cr Swain arrived at 9.38am during the discussion of the above item.

Noted: Cr Lamason arrived at 10.00am during the discussion of the above item.

The meeting adjourned at 10.27am after questions, and resumed at 10.44am. Crs Lamason and Ogden, and Ihaia Puketapu returned at 10.46am.

Noted: Cr Ogden left the meeting at 11.04am during the debate on the above item.

8 **Climate Change Update**

Report 19.417

File ref: CCHSTR-5-64

Moved

(Cr Brash/ Cr Blakeley)

That the Committee:

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

The motion was **CARRIED**.

The meeting accorded priority to agenda item 10 - *Flood Protect Annual Asset Management Report 2019*.

10 **Flood Protection Annual Asset Management Report 2019**

Wayne O'Donnell, General Manager, Catchment, introduced the report.
Colin Munn, Team Leader, Operations and Delivery, spoke to the report.

Report 19.416

File ref: CCAB-10-784

Moved

(Cr Lamason/ Cr Staples)

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Notes the Scheme Advisory Committees and Friends Groups have confirmed that assets have been maintained to their satisfaction.*
4. *Notes the advice from officers that the 15 River Management Schemes in the Greater Wellington Region have been assessed and that identified issues are satisfactorily being addressed through maintenance and improvement programmes.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Noted: Cr Ogden returned at 11.12am during the discussion on the above item.

Noted: Cr Ponter left the meeting at 11.23am during the discussion on the above item.

9 **‘Supporting Electric Vehicles in the Wellington Region’ Advisory Report**

Jake Roos, Climate Change Advisor, spoke to the report.

Report 19.413

File ref: CCAB-10-780

Moved

(Cr Blakeley/ Cr Kedgley)

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Endorses the advisory report and the recommended strategy it describes (Attachment 1).*
4. *Requests officers to give consideration to the suggested measures in the advisory report including how they can be integrated with GWRC’s Corporate Carbon Neutrality Action Plan, Regional Climate Mitigation Plan and/or other plans, where appropriate.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Noted: Cr Ponter returned to the meeting at 11.32am, during discussion on the above item.

Noted: The Committee requested that the presenting officer read the two Troy Bowker, Weekend Herald, articles and give an assessment of the articles to Committee members.

11 **Floodplain Management Plan Implementation: Annual Progress Report to June 2019**

Alistair Allan, Team Leader, FMP Implementation, spoke to the report.

Report 19.381

File ref: CCAB-10-765

Moved

(Cr Donaldson/ Cr Blakeley)

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Agrees that a copy of the report be sent to the Wellington Region’s Territorial Authorities.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Noted: Cr Gaylor left the meeting at 12.02pm during discussion on the above item.

12 **Regional Pest Management Plan 2019-39: Operational Plan 2019/20**

Wayne O'Donnell, General Manager, Catchment Management, introduced the report. Davor Bejakovich, Manager, Biosecurity, spoke to the report.

Report 19.415

File ref: CCAB-10-788

Moved

(Cr Staples/ Cr Brash)

That the Committee:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content of the report.*
- 3. Approves the proposed Operational Plan 2019/20 (Attachment 1) for the Regional Pest Management Plan 2019-2039.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Noted: Cr Gaylor returned to the meeting at 12.04pm during discussion on the above item.

13 Coastal Erosion Plan at Queen Elizabeth Park

Amanda Cox, Manager, Parks, and Wayne Boness, Principal Ranger, spoke to the report.

Report 19.420

File ref: CCAB-10-774

Moved

(Cr Gaylor/ Cr Brash)

That the Committee:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Endorses the final Coastal Erosion Plan for Queen Elizabeth Park.*
- 3. Recommends that Council approves the final Coastal Erosion Plan for Queen Elizabeth Park.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

14 General Managers' Report to the Environment Committee on 19 September 2019

Wayne O'Donnell, General Manager, Catchment Management, and Shaun Andrewartha, Acting General Manager, Environment Management, spoke to the report.

Report 19.382

File ref: CCAB-10-766

Moved

(Cr Donaldson/ Cr Ogden)

That the Committee:

- 1. Receives the report.*

2. *Notes the content of the report.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

The Committee Chair thanked Ihaia Puketapu, Barbie Barton and Councillors for their significant contribution over the triennium.

The meeting closed at 12.53pm.

Cr L Laidlaw
(Council Chair)

Date: