

# Confirmed Public minutes of the Wairarapa Committee meeting on Tuesday 25 March 2025

Committee Room, Greater Wellington Regional Council  
34 Chapel Street, Masterton at 10.03 am.

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## Members Present

Councillor Staples (Chair)	Greater Wellington Regional Council
Mayor Caffell	Masterton District Council
Mayor Connelly	South Wairarapa District Council
Amber Craig (from 10.06am)	Rangitāne ō Wairarapa
Councillor Gaylor	Greater Wellington regional Council
Councillor Ponter	Greater Wellington Regional Council

Councillor Ponter and Councillor Gaylor 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: Mayor Caffell / Mayor Connelly

That the Committee accepts the apology for absence from Hon. Mayor Mark.

The motion was **carried**.

### 2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

### 3 Public participation

There was no public participation.

**4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Wairarapa Committee meeting of 29 October 2024 - Report 24.589**

Moved: Mayor Caffell / Mayor Connelly

That the Wairarapa Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Wairarapa Committee meeting of 29 October 2024 - Report 24.589

The motion was **carried**.

**5 Improving Wairarapa Committee Connections – Report 25.105**

Nicola Patrick, Director Catchment, spoke to the report.

Moved: Mayor Caffell / Cr Connelly

That the Wairarapa Committee:

- 1 Notes the purpose and intention of improving engagement, organisation and planning of the committee's business is to fulfil its strategic purpose.
- 2 Notes that a number of other governance forums exist with potential overlap to the work of the committee.
- 3 Agrees that officers will develop a cohesive and strategic forward work programme, considering the list provided in this report, for consideration by the Committee.
- 4 Requests that Greater Wellington officers investigate coordinating the Wairarapa Committee meetings with the Combined Council Forum and other relevant governance meetings.
- 5 Notes that the Wairarapa Moana Statutory Board has developed an interim position statement and is asking relevant agencies to engage with it on an ongoing basis to form enduring rangatira-ki-te-rangatira relationship.
- 6 Requests Greater Wellington officers engage with Mana Whenua further on enhancing or not their participation in the Committee.

The motion was **carried**.

Amber Craig arrived at the meeting at 10.06am during the above item.

**6 Public Transport Update – March 2025 – Report 25.96 [For Information]**

Samantha Gain, Group Manager Metlink and Tonia Haskell, Managing Director, Transdev, spoke to the report.

**7 Wairarapa Flood Risk Management Update – March 2025 – Report 25.89 [For Information]**

Hamish Fenwick, Team Leader Flood Operations and Francie Morrow, Team Leader Knowledge – Water Resilience, spoke to the report.

**8 Waipoua River Urban Reach Flood Risk Management Options – Report 25.110 [For Information]**

Francie Morrow, Team Leader Knowledge – Water Resilience, spoke to the report.

**Noted:** The Committee requested that officers circulate the summary of submissions to the Committee members as soon as it is available.

## **Karakia whakamutunga**

The Committee Chair closed the meeting with a karakia whakamutunga.

The meeting closed at 11.29am

Councillor A. Staples

**Chair**



Date: 3 June 2025.

