

Confirmed Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on Thursday 8 August 2024

Taumata Kōrero – Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council
100 Cuba Street, Te Aro, Wellington, at 9.31am

Members Present

Councillor Gaylor (Chair)
Councillor Duthie (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Bassett
Councillor Connelly (from 9.46am)
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand
Councillor Laban
Councillor Lee
Councillor Nash
Councillor Ropata
Councillor Saw
Councillor Staples

Barbie Barton

Barbie Barton participated at this meeting remotely via Microsoft Teams and counted for the purpose of quorum in accordance with clause 25B 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 Duthie

That the Committee accepts the apologies for absence from Councillor Ponter and Councillor Woolf, and an apology for lateness from Councillor Connelly.

The motion was **carried**.

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

3 Public participation

Chris Gibbons, Whitireia Park Restoration Group, spoke on the activities of the Restoration Group.

Councillor Connelly joined the meeting at 9.46am, during the above item.

4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on 13 June 2024 – Report 24.322

Moved: Cr Staples / Cr Saw

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on 13 June 2024 – Report 24.322.

The motion was **carried**.

5 Dangerous Dams Policy – Deliberations – Report 24.385

Jo Frances, Lead Consenting Advisor, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Staples / Cr Laban

That the Committee:

- 1 Considers the submission received on the proposed Policy on Dangerous Dams, Earthquake-prone Dams, and Flood-prone Dams 2024.
- 2 Agrees to the changes advised by officers:
 - a include the phrase “*and may work with the owners of identified*” in paragraph 16, and
 - b entirely redrafted paragraph 25, and
 - c amendments to paragraphs 17 and 19, and
 - d reordering paragraphs 3, and 16-22, and
 - e amend paragraph 13 to include a provision to actively contact affected parties downstream.
- 3 Recommends that Council adopt the policy as amended.

The motion was **carried**.

6 Crown Funding Contribution to Implementing Floodplain Management Plan Outcomes – Report 24.384 [For Information]

Graeme Campbell, Strategic Advisor Flood Resilience, spoke to the report.

7 Farming Reference Group Chair Update – Report 24.410 [For Information]

The Committee Chair spoke to the report.

8 Te Rōpū Taiao | Environment Group Update – August 2024 – Report 24.375 [For Information]

David Boone, Manager Ecosystems and Community, Shaun Andrewartha, Manager Environmental Regulation, and Megan Oliver, Principal Advisor Knowledge, spoke to the report.

Noted: The Committee requested:

- Officers to include more graphs and diagrams in future update reports, particularly showing trends over time in environmental regulation.
- Officers to provide an update on pest control operations in our regional parks.

Karakia whakamutunga

The Committee Chair closed the meeting with a karakia whakamutunga.

The public meeting closed at 11.00am.

Councillor P Gaylor

Chair



Date: 17 October 2024.

