

Public minutes of the Climate Committee meeting on Thursday 7 September 2023

Taumata Kōrero – Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council
100 Cuba Street, Te Aro, Wellington at 9.32am.

Members Present

Councillor Gaylor (Chair)
Councillor Saw (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Bassett
Councillor Connelly
Councillor Duthie
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand
Councillor Laban
Councillor Nash
Councillor Ponter (from 11.32am)
Councillor Ropata (from 9.38am)
Councillor Staples
Councillor Woolf

Karakia timatanga

The Committee Chair opened the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved: Cr Saw / Cr Staples

That the Committee accepts the apology for absence from Councillor Lee and the apologies for lateness from Councillors Ponter and Ropata.

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 Climate Committee meeting on 16 March 2023 – Report 23.104

Moved: Cr Nash / Cr Kirk-Burnnand

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Climate Committee meeting on 16 March 2023 – Report 23.104.

The motion was **carried**.

5 Organisational Climate-Related Risk Assessment – Report 23.401 [For Information]

Zofia Miliszewska, Head of Strategy and Performance introduced Jake Roos as the Manager, Climate Change. Jake Roos, Manager Climate Change, and Mélanie Barthe, Senior Advisor, Climate Change, spoke to the report.

Councillor Ropata arrived at the meeting at 9.38am, during the above item.

6 Updating the Climate Emergency Action Plans – Report 23.438

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

Moved: Cr Nash / Cr Saw

That the Committee endorses the two updated Climate Emergency Action Plans (Attachment 1) as an input to the 2024-34 Long Term Plan process including public consultation process.

The motion was **carried**.

7 Low Carbon Acceleration Fund status update – Report 23.421 [For Information]

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

Noted: The Committee requested a briefing note on why the Metlink diesel bus battery repowering project is not considered viable.

8 Update on Regional Climate Change Projects – Report 23.446 [For Information]

Arya Franklyn, Project Lead, Regional Emissions Strategy, Mélanie Barthe, Senior Advisor, Climate Change, and Suze Keith, Senior Advisor, Climate Change, spoke to the report.

Noted: The Committee requested that staff brief the Council Chair, on what's needed in the transport space to close the gap and meet regional net emissions targets, for the Council Chair to raise with the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 10.50am during the above item. The meeting resumed at 11.06am and the above item continued.

9 Reflections on Takutai Kāpiti and Implications for Greater Wellington's Future Role – Report 23.447 [For Information]

The Rt Hon. Jim Bolger spoke to the report.

The Rt Hon. Jim Bolger spoke on the work that Kāpiti Coast District Council (KCDC) has been doing in climate change adaptation and mitigation. This included the challenges and opportunities KCDC faced.

KCDC set up a coastal advisory panel to lead the conversation with the community about the coastal hazard risks of sea-level rise and climate change on the Kāpiti Coast. Panel members include iwi partners, community, and other key stakeholders.

The Rt Hon. Jim Bolger advised the Committee of the need to assist the community in understanding the risks and challenges for dealing with a rapidly changing climate and the best way to do this is to get out into the community. He also reinforced this by engaging with Māori and iwi.

He also commented on the risks that councils face themselves in terms of their assets.

Councillor Ponter arrived at the meeting at 11.32am, during the above item.

Karakia whakamutunga

The Committee Chair closed the meeting with a karakia whakamutunga.

The meeting closed at 12.01pm.



Councillor P. Gaylor

Chair

Date: 28 March 2024

