

# Confirmed Minutes of the Wairarapa Committee meeting on Tuesday 20 February 2024

Committee Room, Greater Wellington Regional Council | Te Pane Matua Taiao  
34 Chapel Street, Masterton at 10.02am.

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## Members Present

Councillor Staples (Chair)	Greater Wellington Regional Council
Mayor Caffell	Masterton District Council
Mayor Connelly	South Wairarapa District Council
Councillor Gaylor	Greater Wellington Regional Council
Hon. Mayor Mark (from 10.24am)	Carterton District Council
Councillor Ponter	Greater Wellington Regional Council

Deputy Mayor Williams (from 10.04am)      Carterton District Council

Deputy Mayor Williams was present from 10.04am and vacated the seat at 10.24am when Hon. Mayor Mark arrived at the meeting.

Councillor Gaylor participated at the meeting remotely via Microsoft Teams and counted for 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: Councillor Staples / Mayor Caffell

That the Committee accepts the apology for absence from Amber Craig.

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 31 October 2023 – Report 23.557**

Moved: Cr Ponter / Mayor Caffell

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Wairarapa Committee meeting of 31 October 2023 – Report 23.557

The motion was **carried**.

Deputy Mayor Williams arrived at 10.04am at the conclusion of the above item.

### **5 Regional Policy Statement Change 1 and Natural Resources Plan Plan Change 1 update – Report 24.54 [For information]**

Fathima Iftikar, Director Strategy, Policy and Regulation, Natasha Tomic, Team Leader Policy, Mika Zollner, Senior Policy Advisor, spoke to the report.

Hon. Mayor Mark arrived at 10.24am during the above item and Deputy Mayor Williams vacated the seat on Hon. Mayor Mark's arrival.

### **6 Flood Risk Management update – Report 24.25 [For information]**

Madeliene Playford, Team Leader FMP Implementation and Jacky Cox, Manager Logistics and Resourcing, spoke to the report.

**Noted:** The Committee requested:

- information on the work being done on Donald's Creek be circulated to the committee.
- confirmation of the 30 June date for the report for the geotechnical investigations into the structural integrity of the stopbanks.

Councillor Ponter left the meeting at 10.55am during the above item.

### **7 Cyclone Gabrielle Summary – Report 24.43 [For information]**

Tash Styles, Catchment Management – Wairarapa Coast, spoke to the report.

Councillor Ponter returned to the meeting at 11.08am during the above item.

### **8 Update on Wairarapa Line [For information]**

Councillor Ponter and Councillor Staples spoke to the item. A document outlining the Wairarapa Line disruptions was tabled.

There are three options to address the issue of the rail line being laid too close. The section of track could be replaced, the wheels on the carriages that are experiencing issues could

be replaced or the track could be ground down. The first two solutions will take at least a year to action. The third solution is not able to be actioned until the fire ban in the area has been lifted.

The Committee also discussed the 45 days of planned track closure in the Wairarapa between Christmas 2024 and Easter 2025.

## **Karakia whakamutunga**

The Committee Chair closed the meeting with a karakia whakamutunga.

The public meeting closed at 11.48am.



Councillor A Staples

**Chair**

Date: 9 April 2024