

Please note these minutes remain unconfirmed until the Environment Committee meeting on 21 November 2024.

Report 24.574

Unconfirmed Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on Thursday 17 October 2024

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

Members Present

Councillor Gaylor (Chair)
Councillor Duthie (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Bassett
Councillor Connelly
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand
Councillor Laban
Councillor Lee
Councillor Nash
Councillor Ponter (until 11.24am)
Councillor Ropata (from 10.02am)
Councillor Saw
Councillor Staples (until 10.02am, from 11.07am, until 11.42am)
Councillor Woolf
Barbie Barton

Councillor Staples 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: Cr Saw / Cr Kirk-Burnnand

That the Committee accepts the apologies for lateness from Councillor Ropata and early departure from Councillor Staples.

The motion was **carried**.

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

3 Public participation

Chris Montgomerie, Team Leader Enviroschools, introduced students from Papa Taiao Earthcare – Ngahuaia Waipara, Akela Youmans, Anahera Graham, and Ahuriri Te Tana.

The rangatahi spoke on the vision of Papa Taiao Earthcare and their current activities including the planning and production of a mural and short stories about the pollution of Te Awarua-o-Porirua – Porirua Harbour.

Noted: The Committee requested:

- the Council Chair write a letter in support of the installation of the mural
- a copy of the mural be provided to committee members and Greater Wellington.

Renée Hogg spoke on Greater Wellington-owned reserves, erosion control and prevention, and duty of care.

Noted: The Committee requested that a copy of Renée Hogg's presentation be circulated to members.

4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on 8 August 2024 – Report 24.426

Moved: Cr Nash / Cr Ponter

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on 8 August 2024 – Report 24.426.

The motion was **carried**.

Councillor Staples left the meeting at 10.02am during the above item.

Councillor Ropata joined the meeting at 10.02am, during the above item.

5 Predator Free Wellington Update – Report 24.528 [For Information]

James Willcocks, Project Director, Predator Free Wellington, spoke to the report.

Noted: The Committee requested information on the interconnection between restoration and pest eradication.

6 Biosecurity Memorandum of Understanding between Department of Conservation, Biosecurity New Zealand and Te Uru Kahika – Report 24.556 [For Information]

Henk Louw, Principal Advisor, Ecosystems, spoke to the report.

The meeting adjourned at 10.50am and resumed at 11.07am. Councillor Staples was present when the meeting resumed.

7 Regional Parks Update – Report 24.510 [For Information]

David Boone, Manager Ecosystems and Community, spoke to the report.

Noted: The Committee requested an update on replacement park signage and naming of regional parks.

Councillor Ponter left the meeting at 11.24am.

8 Te Rōpū Taiao | Environment Update – October 2024 – Report 24.490 [For Information]

Lian Butcher, Group Manager Environment, spoke to the report. Matthew Hickman, Principal Advisor, gave an update on resource management changes.

Councillor Staples left the meeting at 11.42am.

Karakia whakamutunga

The Committee Chair closed the meeting with a karakia whakamutunga.

The public meeting closed at 11.53am.

Councillor P Gaylor

Chair

Date: