

Please note these minutes remain unconfirmed until the Climate Committee meeting on 25 September 2025.

Report 25.130

Unconfirmed Public minutes of the Climate Committee meeting on Thursday 27 March 2025

Taumata Kōrero – Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council
100 Cuba Street, Te Aro, Wellington at 9.30am.

Members Present

Councillor Gaylor (Chair) (from 9.37am)
Councillor Saw (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Bassett
Councillor Connelly
Councillor Duthie
Councillor Laban (until 11.02am)
Councillor Lee
Councillor Nash
Councillor Ponter (from 9.34am)
Councillor Ropata
Councillor Staples
Councillor Woolf

Councillors Bassett, Connelly, Laban and 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.

Councillor Saw, as Deputy Chair, presided at the meeting from 9.30am to 9.37am in the absence of the Committee Chair.

Karakia timatanga

The Presiding Member opened the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved: Cr Duthie / Cr Ropata

That the Committee accepts the apology for absence from Councillor Kirk-Burnnand, and apology for lateness from Councillor Gaylor.

The motion was **carried**.

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

3 Public participation

Councillor Duthie read out a statement from Karen Yung.

Councillor Ponter arrived at the meeting at 9.34am, during the above public participation.

4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Climate Committee meeting on 12 September 2024 – Report 24.496

Moved: Cr Ropata / Cr Nash

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Climate Committee meeting on 12 September 2024 – Report 24.496.

The motion was **carried**.

5 Organisational Emissions Targets – Report 25.91

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

Moved: Cr Gaylor / Cr Saw

That the Committee:

- 1 Recommends to Council that it removes its current organisational net emissions targets for 2025, 2030 and 2035.
- 2 Recommends to Council to adopt a new organisational net emissions target of being 'Climate Positive' (each year, Greater Wellington's organisational emissions removals exceed its organisational emissions) from 2049/50 onwards.
- 3 Recommends to Council that it adopts a new gross emissions target for all categories of organisational emissions of a 72 percent reduction in 2039/40 compared to the base year of 2018/19.

Moved as an amendment (to replace motion 2 and 3 above): Cr Duthie / Cr Nash

That the Committee:

- 2 Recommends to Council to adopt a new organisational net emissions target of being 'Climate Positive' (each year, Greater Wellington's organisational

emissions removals exceed its organisational emissions) from 2044/45 onwards.

- 3 Recommends to Council that it adopts a new gross emissions target for all categories of organisational emissions of an 84 percent reduction in 2039/40 compared to the base year of 2018/19.

The amendment was **carried** and became part of the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put:

That the Committee:

- 1 Recommends to Council that it removes its current organisational net emissions targets for 2025, 2030 and 2035.
- 2 Recommends to Council to adopt a new organisational net emissions target of being 'Climate Positive' (each year, Greater Wellington's organisational emissions removals exceed its organisational emissions) from 2044/45 onwards.
- 3 Recommends to Council that it adopts a new gross emissions target for all categories of organisational emissions of an 84 percent reduction in 2039/40 compared to the base year of 2018/19.

The motion was **carried**.

Councillor Gaylor arrived at the meeting at 9.37am during the introduction to the above item. Councillor Saw vacated the Chair on the arrival of Councillor Gaylor.

6 Extra Emissions Unit Options – Report 25.90

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

Moved: Cr Duthie / Cr Lee

That the Committee:

- 1 Recommends that Council approve the transfer of 21,993 NZUs, earned by Greater Wellington through the Permanent Forest Sinks Initiative (PFSI), to Greater Wellington's Low Carbon Acceleration Fund (Option B).

The motion was **carried**.

7 Proposed Accountability Criteria for the Low Carbon Acceleration Fund – Report 25.109

Suze Keith, Senior Advisor Climate Change, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Gaylor / Cr Nash

That the Committee:

- 1 Recommends that Council adopts the new accountability criteria for the Low Carbon Acceleration Fund.

The motion was **carried**.

Noted: The Committee requested officers investigate requiring the Living Wage to be included in procurement services as a condition for Low Carbon Acceleration Fund funding.

8 Low Carbon Acceleration Fund Update – Report 25.92 [For Information]

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

Noted: The Committee requested that officers investigate signage in the regional parks outlining Greater Wellington’s investment into recloaking the parks, and to report on this to the next Environment Committee as part of an update on Parks activities.

9 Grazing Emissions Abatement Options for Flood Protection Managed Lands – Report 25.93 [For Information]

James Harbord, Climate Change Advisor, spoke to the report.

10 Porirua Citizens Assembly on Climate Change – Report 25.126 [For Information]

Zofia Miliszewska, Head of Strategy and Performance, and Ana Nicholls, Hautū Mātauranga Māori, spoke to the report.

Councillor Laban left the meeting at 11.02am and did not return.

Karakia whakamutunga

The Committee Chair closed the meeting with a karakia whakamutunga.

The public meeting closed at 11.06am.

Councillor P Gaylor

Chair

Date: