
Environment Committee

Komiti Taiao

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Environment Committee held in Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton and via Audio Visual link on Tuesday 10 May 2022 at 9.32am.

PRESENT

Chairperson Cr M Gallagher

Heamana

Deputy Chairperson Cr S Thomson

Heamana Tuarua

Members

Mayor P Southgate

Cr A O'Leary (exclusively via Audio Visual link)

Cr D Macpherson

Cr M Donovan

Maangai N Hill (exclusively via Audio Visual link)

In Attendance

Cr M van Oosten

Lance Vervoort – Chief Executive

Sean Hickey - General Manager Strategy and Communication

Eeva-Liisa Wright – General Manager Infrastructure

Julie Clausen - Unit Manager Strategy and Corporate Planning

Poppy Barran - Sustainability and Climate Change Advisor

Trent Fowles - Compliance Manager

Kirsty Quickfall - Resource Recovery Advisor

DM Aksel Bech and Cr Jennifer Nickel – Waikato Regional Council

Governance Team

Carmen Fookes – Senior Governance Advisor

Tyler Gaukrodger – Governance Advisor

Chantel Jansen – Governance Officer

Cr Thomson opened the meeting with Karakia

1. Apologies – Tono aroha

Resolved: (Cr Gallagher/Cr Macpherson)

That the apologies for absence from Cr Naidoo-Rauf were accepted.

2. Confirmation of Agenda – Whakatau raarangi take

Resolved: (Cr Gallagher/Cr Thomson)

The Committee to confirm the agenda.

3. Declarations of Interest – Tauaakii whaipaaanga

No members of the Council declared a Conflict of Interest.

4. Public Forum – Aatea koorero

No members of the public wished to speak.

5. Confirmation of the Open Environment Committee Minutes - 22 February 2022

Resolved: (Cr Gallagher/Cr Thomson)

That the Environment Committee confirm the open Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 22 February 2022 as a true and correct record.

6. Chair's Report

Resolved: (Cr Thomson/Cr Gallagher)

That the Environment Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) notes that we require an urgent and significant step change in the scale and speed at which we are responding to climate change;
- c) requests staff to prepare options for funding climate change initiatives in the 2023/24 annual plan, including a targeted rate and 'better off' funding ;
- d) requests the CE to report back to this committee with a plan for;
 - i) building the organisation's capacity over the next year to deliver on the climate strategy, policy and action plan, including any resourcing required;
 - ii) seeking partnership and co-funding opportunities; and
- e) requests staff prepare proposals for the 2024-34 Long Term Plan that align with the targets that are approved by elected members in the climate strategy/action plan

Cr O'Leary left the meeting (10.00am) during the above item. She was not present when the matter was voted on.

Mayor Southgate left the meeting (10.18am) during the above item. She was not present when the matter was voted on.

7. Waikato Regional Council Verbal Updates

Resolved: (Cr Gallagher/Mayor Southgate)

That the Environment Committee receives the report.

Cr O'Leary re-joined the meeting (10.26am) during the above item. She was present when the matter was voted on.

Mayor Southgate re-joined the meeting (10.40am) during the above item. She was present when the matter was voted on.

Cr Donovan left the meeting (10.52am) during the discussion of the above item. He was not present when the matter was voted on.

The meeting was adjourned from 11.00am to 11.14am.

8. Update on 2021/22 Climate Change Action Plan

Resolved: (Cr Thomson/Cr Gallagher)

That the Environment Committee receives the report.

Cr Donovan re-joined the meeting (11.19am) during the discussion of the above item. He was present when the matter was voted on.

9. Update on the 2018-2024 Waste Management and Minimisation Plan

Staff Action: *Staff undertook to provide Members with information concerning recycling and food waste service usage at retirement villages.*

Resolved: (Cr Gallagher/Cr Macpherson)

That the Environment Committee receives the report.

10. General Manager's Report

Resolved: (Cr Gallagher/Cr Donovan)

That the Environment Committee:

- a) Receives the report; and
- b) Delegates the Chair and Deputy Chair of Environment Committee and General Manager Strategy and Communication to develop and finalise a submission to the National Adaptation Plan.

The meeting was declared closed at 12.10pm.