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## Environment Committee

### *Komiti Taiao*

### OPEN MINUTES

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Minutes of a meeting of the Environment Committee held in Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton and Audio Visual Link on Tuesday 30 November 2021 at 1.04pm.

#### PRESENT

**Chairperson** Cr Gallagher  
*Heamana*

**Deputy Chairperson** Cr S Thomson  
*Heamana Tuarua*

**Members** Cr A O’Leary (exclusively via audio visual)  
Cr D Macpherson  
Cr M Donovan  
Maangai Maaori N Hill (exclusively via audio visual)

**In Attendance** Sean Hickey – General Manager Strategy and Communication  
Maria Barrie – Unit Director Parks and Recreation  
Luke Archbold – Parks Operational Planning and Capital Projects Manager  
Charlotte Catmur – Sustainability and Environment Advisor

**Governance Staff** Becca Brooke – Governance Manager  
Carmen Fortin and Tyler Gaukrodger – Governance Advisors

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1. **Apologies – *Tono aroha***  
**Resolved:** (Cr Gallagher/Cr Thomson)  
That the apologies from Mayor Southgate and Cr Naidoo-Rauf and partial apologies from Cr Macpherson be accepted.
2. **Confirmation of Agenda – *Whakatau raarangi take***  
**Resolved:** (Cr Gallagher/Cr Thomson)  
That the agenda is confirmed noting that there will be a late verbal update taken as part of item 6 (Chair’s Report) concerning COP26 conference update.
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 - 26 August 2021**

**Resolved:** (Cr Gallagher/Cr Thomson)

That the Environment Committee confirm the open Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 26 August 2021 as a true and correct record.

**6. Chair's Report (*Recommendation to the Council*)**

The Chair introduced the report and provided a verbal updates concerning COP26, and Free Fares Campaign which aims to allow for free fares and increase the use of public transport to young people the free fares campaign. A summary of the update on COP26 is attached to these minutes as **Appendix 1**. He then outlined his updated recommendation, thanked the Sustainability and Environment Advisor for all of her work on the Climate Change response and welcomed the new Sustainability and Climate Senior Advisor.

**Resolved:** (Cr Thomson/Cr Macpherson)

That the Environment Committee recommends the Council:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves to support the 'Free Fares Campaign' to central government which is seeking free bus fares for community service card holders, tertiary students and under 25's; and
- c) delegates authority to the Mayor to sign the petition on the Councils behalf; and
- d) recommends that the Council delegates its Regional Connections Committee Members to discuss the petition at the Regional Connections Committee.

*Cr Macpherson joined the meeting (1.13pm) during the discussion of the above item. He was present when the matter was voted on.*

**7. Nature in the City – Update**

The Parks Operational Planning and Capital Projects Manager introduced the report, noting the benefits map attached to the report was focused on the first 10 years of the programme. He also outlined the focus on the outputs of community engagement, participation, and voluntary restoration. He responded to questions from Members regarding areas of focus reasoning, recognition of cultural context and input within communication, opportunities outside of the gullies such as in transport corridors, engagement with schools, opportunities with Waikato DHB for greenspaces, the review of greenspace, and land banking opportunities.

**Resolved:** (Cr Thomson/Cr Mapherson)

That the Environment Committee receives the report.

**8. Update on 2021/2022 Climate Change Action Plan**

The Sustainability and Environment Advisor introduced the report, noting the updated format to the monitoring report, and the actions across the organisation within monitoring report. Staff responded to questions from Members regarding opportunities to reduce emissions through renewable energy supply, non-biogenic methane emissions monitoring, bio-solid methane emissions through waste and landfill, emissions projections, Long-Term Plan considerations for faster action on emission reduction,

**Staff Action:** *Staff undertook to include non-biogenic methane emissions in the next Climate Change Action Plan monitoring report to the Committee.*

**Resolved:** (Cr Thomson/Cr Donovan)

That the Environment Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) request staff report back to the 22 February 2022 Environment Committee meeting on options to reduce emissions from Council's energy use, including opportunities for reducing energy consumption, increasing energy efficiency and onsite renewable energy generation; and
- c) approves the changes to the 2021/2022 Climate Change Action Plan as indicated in **Attachment 1** of the staff report.

## **9. General Manager's Report**

The General Manager Strategy and Communication took the report as read. Staff responded to questions from Members regarding future opportunities to discuss the emission targets of Waikato Regional Council, membership of the Waikato Regional Council and Hamilton City Council Climate Collaboration Forum, and the Climate Change Strategy approval process.

**Staff Action:** *Staff undertook to provide an update to members regarding target actions from the Working Group lead by Councillor Strange, the Regional Transport Committee Councillors Working Group and the subsequent staff Working Group.*

**Resolved:** (Cr Donovan/Maangai Hill)

That the Environment Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) notes that a report will be presented to the Environment Committee regarding options and improvement to litter management in parks and reserves prior to end of 2022; and
- c) notes that additional Waste Minimisation funding will be considered at the appropriate time within the 2024-34 Long-Term Plan.

**The meeting was declared closed at 2.17pm.**

## Appendix 1

### Thinking globally Acting Locally

#### TOTI/CHEC University of Waikato COP26 local panels November 1- 12, 2021

1. Continuing concern that we are not facing up to the seriousness & urgency...  
Blah blah blah as Greta Thunberg said....  
Unfortunate that our PM Jacinda did not go to Glasgow....  
Don't leave it up to the children...  
Even if we win on climate change, we'll still need to work on social and economic practices that also endanger the world, and humanity....Sustainable Development.....
2. People are asking what they can do....  
MOBILISE....  
Put public pressure on our leaders, national and local  
Insist on action on the Big Picture elements  
Share the local stories – the people are on the move...
3. Join the dots – INTEGRATED ACTIONS ....KAITIAKITANGA  
KOTAHITANGA....leaders and academics and flaxroots  
WANANGA - talking together
4. SYSTEMIC REFORM – innovative new era focussing on prevention & cure, resilience and adaptation... are we confident that current restructuring promises (LG, 3Waters, Housing) will deliver? Too much 'status quo' ...INNOVATE....SHARE KNOWLEDGE
5. Three examples of priorities  
Forest restoration (rather than monocultural pine trees)....land restoration.... Urban forests for recreation, human health, ecosystem health and CO2 uptake.  
  
Stomp on SUV & ute urban fashion. Don't pin our hopes on electric cars. Reduce car usage In Britain, noticeable drop in public transport because of Covid fear.....mask wearing? Tell kids to get on yer bike...or scooter....  
  
Build 'neighbourhoods', not just housing... Reform building regulations to require safer, more liveable homes through eco-housing minimising energy use for heating & cooling; city gardens, good for health, people's income, and climate change; 20 minute city (basic facilities within 20 minute walk, less need for energy consuming transport).
6. Increase support/prioritise funding for local initiatives (as well as international assistance)

## **COP 26 FOLLOW\_UP**

Sources of programmes and links to access recordings of events

The resources listed below should be viewed as a living document. Deeper analyses and more divergent interpretations will appear in publications of key actors in the non-governmental and private sector spaces as well as in the academic literature. The primary aims, here, were to give some impression to those not in attendance of the diversity of pavilions (or, 'stands') in which to engage with debates at the COP; and, in the final section, to present some of the initial overviews by seasoned and expert commentators. There is, admittedly, little on the opposition from Saudi Arabia and Russia, but for a better idea of the full range of pavilions, see the images circulated previously on the CHEC daily information feed from Glasgow.

I hope colleagues will send links to me at [nsjwatts@gmail.com](mailto:nsjwatts@gmail.com) so that we can get a better picture of the emerging discourse post-COP26, particularly across the Commonwealth and especially from our friends in New Zealand. This will enable us to keep the list updated, at least until it gets too long and unwieldy.

### **THE PAVILIONS**

LIST OF 35 PAVILIONS AT COP26

<https://cop23.unfccc.int/cop26/pavilions>

### **THE COMMONWEALTH AT COP26**

**Commonwealth Secretariat**

<https://climate.thecommonwealth.org>

includes access to event recordings for weeks 1 and 2 of COP26.

### **THE EU AT COP26**

[https://www.vo-europe.eu/assets/docs/COP26\\_EU\\_SIDE\\_EVENTS\\_PROGRAMME.pdf](https://www.vo-europe.eu/assets/docs/COP26_EU_SIDE_EVENTS_PROGRAMME.pdf)

### **THE FRANCOPHONIE AT COP26**

<https://www.ifdd.francophonie.org>

### **INDIGENOUS PEOPLES**

<https://www.iipfccpavilion.org/cop26-pavilion-programme> (no longer directly accessible)

### **ENERGY**

**Global**

**Wind**

**Energy**

**Council**

<https://windareyouin.com/index.php/news/gwec-announces-cop26-pavilion-schedulegwec-announces-cop26-pavilion-schedule/>

### **NATURE BASED SOLUTIONS**

**WWF**

[https://wwf.panda.org/discover/our\\_focus/climate\\_and\\_energy\\_practice/cop26/](https://wwf.panda.org/discover/our_focus/climate_and_energy_practice/cop26/)

[https://wwfint.awsassets.panda.org/downloads/wwf\\_cop26\\_pavilion\\_event\\_schedule.pdf](https://wwfint.awsassets.panda.org/downloads/wwf_cop26_pavilion_event_schedule.pdf)

WWF Manifesto for COP26

[https://wwfint.awsassets.panda.org/downloads/ambition\\_red\\_lines\\_a\\_wwf\\_climate\\_policy\\_manifesto\\_for\\_cop26.pdf](https://wwfint.awsassets.panda.org/downloads/ambition_red_lines_a_wwf_climate_policy_manifesto_for_cop26.pdf)

#### **Nature+Zone**

<https://www.naturepositive.org>

[http://4fqbk2blqkb1nrebde8yxqj-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/NatureZone-Event-Schedule-4\\_11-1-copy.pdf](http://4fqbk2blqkb1nrebde8yxqj-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/NatureZone-Event-Schedule-4_11-1-copy.pdf)

### **RURAL DEVELOPMENT/AGRICULTURE**

**IFAD** The International Fund for Agricultural Development

<https://www.ifad.org/en/web/events/cop26>

### **URBAN SUSTAINABILITY**

**Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF)**

<https://www.clgf.org.uk/whats-new/news/clgf-at-cop26-local-government-for-climate-change/>

**ICLEI:** Local Governments for Sustainability/ International Council of Local Environment Initiatives/Marrakech Partnership

<https://circulars.iclei.org/update/cities-regions-and-built-environment-action-event/>

<https://unfccc.int/climate-action/marrakech-partnership/marrakech-partnership-at-cops/high-level-champions-and-marrakech-partnership-at-cop26>

**The Multilevel Action Pavilion**

<https://www.cities-and-regions.org/wp-content/uploads/multilevel-action-pavilion-agenda-cop26.pdf>

### **OCEAN AND CLIMATE**

**One Ocean Hub**

<https://oneoceanhub.org>

<https://oneoceanhub.org/one-ocean-hubs-cop26-side-events-registration-now-open/>

### **FINANCE**

**Adaptation Fund**

<https://www.adaptation-fund.org/cop26/>

**IDFC (international Development Finance Club)**

<https://www.idfc.org/idfc-is-at-cop-26-in-glasgow-uk/>

**Gfanz: Impact Finance Bulletin**

[https://www.pioneerspost.com/news-views/20211112/impact-finance-bulletin-gfanz-growth-sees-40-of-world-s-financial-assets?utm\\_source=PPnewsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=332](https://www.pioneerspost.com/news-views/20211112/impact-finance-bulletin-gfanz-growth-sees-40-of-world-s-financial-assets?utm_source=PPnewsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=332)

### **HEALTH**

**WHO**

<https://www.who.int/initiatives/cop26-health-programme/health-events-at-cop26>

### **SCIENCE**

**Met Office**

[https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/binaries/content/assets/metofficegovuk/pdf/weather/learn-about/climate/cop/science\\_pavilion\\_programme-finalv2.pdf](https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/binaries/content/assets/metofficegovuk/pdf/weather/learn-about/climate/cop/science_pavilion_programme-finalv2.pdf)

**SDGs**

**SDGs Pavilion – UNDESA**

<https://www.un.org/en/COP26/SDGPavilion>

**WATER**

<https://water4climate.us2.pathable.com>

[https://water4climate.us2.pathable.com/agenda#/?limit=20&scroll=item,3Ttcn88wWzC427E3N,3Ttcn88wWzC427E3N,498,1,0&sortByFields\[0\]=startsAt&sortByOrders\[0\]=1&uid=g8R6QQkFR4MwX4CeB](https://water4climate.us2.pathable.com/agenda#/?limit=20&scroll=item,3Ttcn88wWzC427E3N,3Ttcn88wWzC427E3N,498,1,0&sortByFields[0]=startsAt&sortByOrders[0]=1&uid=g8R6QQkFR4MwX4CeB)

**OUTCOMES**

**Glasgow Climate Pact**

[https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cop26\\_auv\\_2f\\_cover\\_decision.pdf](https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cop26_auv_2f_cover_decision.pdf)

**GRIST \_ COP26 GAPS**

<https://grist.org/cop26/the-progress-and-failures-of-cop26-in-3-charts/>

**The Guardian**

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/nov/15/cop26-pacific-delegates-condemn-monumental-failure-that-leaves-islands-in-peril>

**IISD/ENB Final Report**

[https://enb.iisd.org/sites/default/files/2021-11/enb12793e\\_1.pdf](https://enb.iisd.org/sites/default/files/2021-11/enb12793e_1.pdf)

**Carbon Brief**

<https://www.carbonbrief.org/cop26-key-outcomes-agreed-at-the-un-climate-talks-in-glasgow>

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