

# ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE



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## MINUTES

**THURSDAY 8 MAY 2014**

**9.15am – 10.50am, 11.05am – 11.15am, 11.20am to 12.14pm**

**Committee Room One  
Ground Floor, Council Offices  
101 Wakefield St  
Wellington**

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### **PRESENT:**

Councillor Pannett (Chair)

Councillor Ahipene-Mercer (9.17am – 10.50am, 11.11am – 11.15am, 11.20am - 12.14pm)

Councillor Foster (10.12am – 10.28am)

Councillor Free

Councillor Lee (9.15am – 10.50am, 11.05am – 11.15am, 11.20 - 11.45am, 11.46am – 12.14pm)

Councillor Sparrow

### **APOLOGIES:**

Mayor Wade-Brown

Councillor Ritchie

## **APOLOGIES**

**Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Sparrow, the motion that the Environment Committee receive apologies from Mayor Wade-Brown and Councillor Ritchie.**

**The motion was put and declared CARRIED.**

### **RESOLVED:**

*THAT the Environment Committee:*

1. *Receive apologies from Mayor Wade-Brown and Councillor Ritchie.*

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Lee, the motion that the Environment Committee approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20 March 2014 which, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of that meeting.**

**The motion was put and declared CARRIED.**

### **RESOLVED:**

*THAT the Environment Committee*

1. *Approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20 March 2014 which, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of that meeting.*

## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

### **NOTED:**

The Chair advised that the remainder of the agenda would be taken as follows:

Report 3 – Environmental Reference Group Annual Report 2013

EPetition

Public Participation

Conflict of Interest Declarations

Report 2 – Climate Change Action Plan Update and Adaptation (Action Area One)

Report 1 – Review of the Collection and Transportation of Waste Bylaw

Report 4 – 2013/14 Quarterly report: quarter three (1 January – 31 March 2014)

Report 5 – Our Living City Fund – April 2014

Report 6 – Environment Committee Forward Programme

Report 7 – Capacity Infrastructure Services Ltd – Overview from Chief Executive and Statement of Intent

Report 8 – Greater Wellington Regional Council: Hutt/Wellington Natural Resources  
Whaitau Committee

Report 9 – Island Bay Seawall Replacement Options

**ENVIRONMENTAL REFERENCE GROUP ANNUAL REPORT 2013**

Report of Graeme Shimmin – Advisor, Consultation & Engagement (REPORT 3)

Bev Abbott, the Co-Chair of the Environmental Reference Group addressed the Committee.

(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer arrived at the meeting at 9.17am).

**Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Sparrow, the substantive motion.**

**The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.**

**RESOLVED:**

*THAT the Environment Committee:*

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Note the work and achievements of the Environmental Group in 2013.*

**EPETITION**

**NOTED:**

1. Richard Tingey presented an EPetition to the meeting to ask Wellington City Council to erect a concrete staircase with stainless steel handrails from Palliser Road to Lookout Road on Mount Victoria. He considered that this would constitute a world-class walking route and therefore a prized tourist destination.

**Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Ahipene-Mercer, the substantive motion in the officers' response.**

**The substantive motion in the officers' response was put and declared CARRIED.**

**RESOLVED:**

*THAT the Environment Committee:*

1. *Receive the petition.*
2. *Thank the submitter for his passion and interest in Wellington and the Town Belt.*

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

### **NOTED:**

There was no public participation.

## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

### **NOTED:**

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

## **CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN UPDATE AND ADAPTATION (ACTION AREA ONE)**

Oral Report of Nigel Taptiklis – Senior Policy Advisor, and Sean Audain – Innovation Officer (Smart City) (REPORT 2)

The Committee was addressed by Dr Andy Reisinger, the Deputy Director (International) of the New Zealand Agricultural Greenhouse Gas Research Centre, Judy Lawrence, the Adjunct Research Associate of the NZ Climate Change Research Institute, and Prof Martin Manning of Victoria University of Wellington's School of Geography, Environment and Earth Sciences.

(Councillor Foster arrived at the meeting at 10.12am).

(Councillor Foster left the meeting at 10.28am).

(The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.50am).

(The meeting reconvened following morning tea at 11.05am).

(Councillors Pannett, Lee, Sparrow, and Free were present when the meeting reconvened).

## **REVIEW OF THE COLLECTION AND TRANSPORTATION OF WASTE BYLAW**

Report of Mark Jones – Senior Policy Advisor (REPORT 1)

**Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Free, the substantive motion.**

**The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.**

### **RESOLVED:**

*THAT the Environment Committee:*

1. *Receive the information.*

2. *Note that the Collection and Transportation of Waste (CTW) Bylaw regulates four private tanker companies that collect, transport and discharge dirty water from grease traps, commercial car washes, and septic tanks (from businesses and from some households).*
3. *Agree that officers undertake special consultation on reinstating the proposed CTW Bylaw in its current form.*
4. *Note that the more significant Trade Waste Bylaw will be reviewed by 2016 and that changes to the current CTW Bylaw may be proposed in that later review, including possibly subsuming the CTW Bylaw into the larger Trade Waste Bylaw and encouraging tanker companies to adopt extra tracking / record keeping requirements.*

**2013/14 QUARTERLY REPORT: QUARTER THREE (1 JANUARY – 31 MARCH 2014)**

Report of Martin Rodgers – Manager, Research, Consultation and Planning

(REPORT 4)

**Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Lee, the substantive motion.**

**The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.**

**RESOLVED:**

*THAT the Environment Committee:*

1. *Note the information.*

**OUR LIVING CITY FUND – APRIL 2014**

Report of Mark Farrar – Senior Advisor, Funding and Relationships

(REPORT 5)

**Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Lee, the substantive motion.**

**The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.**

**RESOLVED:**

*THAT the Environment Committee:*

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to fund the applicants as listed in Appendix 2.*

(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer returned to the meeting at 11.11am).

(The meeting adjourned at 11.15am).

(The meeting reconvened at 11.20am).

(Councillors Pannett, Ahipene-Mercer, Free, Lee, and Sparrow were present when the meeting reconvened).

## **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE FORWARD PROGRAMME**

Report of Sophie Rapson, Policy Advisor.

(REPORT 6)

**Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Free, the substantive motion with, on officer's advice, an addition to recommendation 2 and additional recommendations 3-7 as follows:**

THAT the Environment Committee:

2. Agree to approve the Forward Programme for the Environment Committee as attached as Appendix 1, **with the following additional recommendations.**
3. **Note that further information by way of an oral report will be brought back to the June meeting of the Environment Committee and Council about the feasibility of building a pipeline under the harbour and a reservoir at the Prince of Wales Park to inform decision-making as part of the Long Term Plan.**
4. **Note that preliminary work on possible options to remediate the Houghton Valley leachate will also be brought back to the Committee for consideration in the form of an oral report on a date to be finalised.**
5. **Note that a written report on the Outer Green Belt completion, outlining progress on completing the track connections between Tawa and Johnsonville and outlining options including key milestones and indicative funding requirements within the Outer Green Belt area, be prepared for the June meeting.**
6. **Note that an oral briefing on the consent conditions relating to the Moa Point Wastewater Treatment Plant be provided at the June meeting.**
7. **Note that an oral report on drinking water fountains be provided at a yet to be specified meeting of the Committee.**

**The substantive motion, as amended, was put and declared CARRIED.**

### **RESOLVED:**

*THAT the Environment Committee:*

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to approve the Forward Programme for the Environment Committee as attached as Appendix 1, **with the following additional recommendations.***

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**NOTED:**

The resolution differs from the recommendations in the officer's report as follows:

The Committee added the text in **bold**.

**CAPACITY INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES LTD – OVERVIEW FROM  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND STATEMENT OF INTENT (REPORT 7)**

**NOTED:**

John Strahl and Colin Crampton, Capacity's Chairman and Chief Executive respectively, addressed the Committee.

**GREATER WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL: HUTT/WELLINGTON  
NATURAL RESOURCES WHAITAU COMMITTEE (REPORT 8)**

**NOTED:**

GWRC Councillor Chris Laidlaw was not in attendance for the meeting.

**ISLAND BAY SEAWALL REPLACEMENT OPTIONS  
Oral Report of Nicci Wood – Senior Policy Advisor, and Zach Rissel – Programme  
Manager, Biophilic City (REPORT 9)**

