

Confirmed Public minutes of the Wairarapa Committee meeting on Tuesday 23 August 2022

Committee Room, Greater Wellington Regional Council
34 Chapel Street, Masterton, at 10.02am

Members Present

Councillor Staples (Chair)	Greater Wellington Regional Council
Mayor Beijen (remotely, via Teams)	South Wairarapa District Council
Amber Craig	Rangitāne ō Wairarapa Inc
Councillor Gaylor (remotely, via Teams)	Greater Wellington Regional Council
Mayor Lang	Carterton District Council
Mayor Patterson	Masterton District Council

Mayor Beijen and Councillor Gaylor participated at the meeting remotely and counted for the purpose of quorum in accordance with clause 25B of the Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002.

Karakia timatanga

The Committee Chair invited Amber Craig opened the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved: Mayor Patterson / Amber Craig

That the Committee accepts the apology for absence from Councillor van Lier.

The motion was **carried**.

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

3 Public participation

Tim Lusk, Director, Wairarapa Regional Water Trust, spoke regarding the Wairarapa Resilience Strategy.

4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Wairarapa Committee meeting on 28 June 2022 – Report 22.297

Moved: Mayor Beijen / Mayor Lang

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Wairarapa Committee meeting on 28 June 2022 – Report 22.297.

The motion was **carried**.

5 Update on Progress of Action Items from previous Wairarapa Committee meetings – June 2022 – Report 22.181 [For Information]

6 Public Transport Update – Report 22.365 [For Information]

Samantha Gain, General Manager, Metlink, introduced the report and spoke to the presentation on Metlink Public Transport Performance in Attachment 1.

Noted: The Committee requested further information about the timing/delays of the Network Upgrade Programme for rail on the Wairarapa Line.

7 Wairarapa Flood Protection Update Report – August 2022 – Report 22.331 [For Information]

Graeme Campbell, Manager, Flood Protection, and Madeliene Playford, Project Manager, Implementation, spoke to the report.

8 Wairarapa Water Resilience Strategy – Oral Update

Nigel Corry, Chief Executive, and Alistair Cross, General Manager, Environment Management, provided an oral update on the status of the Wairarapa Water Resilience Strategy (the Strategy) work programme.

Mr Corry advised the Committee of options to progress work on the Wairarapa Water Resilience Strategy. One option is to resource for a programme manager. Part of that role would be to implement the plan in liaison with a steering group involving mana whenua and the four councils. The role may be resourced through the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee and could have input and advice from the Wairarapa Economic Development Strategy (WEDS). Mr Corry also advised that the Committee could consider setting up a subcommittee, with mana whenua members.

Mr Cross provided an update on the work to date. Most work has focused on developing a process for collaboration with Rangitāne ō Wairarapa (RoW) in order to inform the approach to the action plan work ahead. As part of this work, it was noted that RoW had

developed and provided Greater Wellington a framework group structure for engagement between RoW and the respective councils.

Mr Cross also explained the current policy framework for water storage developments, in relation to both the Proposed Natural Resources Plan and next tranche of plan changes.

Karakia whakamutunga

The Committee Chair invited Amber Craig to close the meeting with a karakia whakamutunga.

The public meeting closed at 11.38am.



Councillor D Ponter

Council Chair

Date:

6/10/22