
Environment, Climate Change and Natural Heritage Committee

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Environment, Climate Change and Natural Heritage Committee held in the Reception Lounge, Auckland Town Hall, 301-305 Queen Street, Auckland on Wednesday, 11 December 2013 at 1:00pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Cr Wayne Walker	
Deputy Chairperson	Cr Linda Cooper, JP	
Members	Cr Dr Cathy Casey	
	Cr Ross Clow	Until 2.52pm, item 9, From 3.23pm, item 12; until 4.13pm, item C1
	Cr Chris Darby	Until 3.26pm, item 12
	Cr Hon Chris Fletcher, QSO	
	Cr Mike Lee	From 2.49pm, item 9
	Cr John Watson	
Ex-Officio	Member Karen Wilson	
	Deputy Mayor Penny Hulse	From 2.24pm, item 9, until 4.13pm, item C1

1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

2 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Confirmation of Minutes

There are no minutes to confirm.

4 Petitions

There were no petitions.

5 Public Input

5.1 Council's Biodiversity Policies

A presentation was given in support of this item.

A copy of the presentation is attached to the official copy of these minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website.

Resolution number ENV/2013/1

MOVED by Chairperson WD Walker, seconded by Cr RI Clow:

That the Environment, Climate Change and Natural Heritage Committee:

- a) **thank Mr Mike Brennan for his presentation regarding Council's Bio-diversity policies.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A Council's Bio-diversity 1
B Council Bio-diversity 2

6 Local Board Input

There was no local board input.

7 Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

8 Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

9 Committee Introduction and Overview

Presentations were given in support of this item.

Copies of the presentations are attached to the official copy of these minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website.

Resolution number ENV/2013/2

MOVED by Chairperson WD Walker, seconded by Cr CM Casey:

That the Environment, Climate Change and Natural Heritage Committee:

- a) receive the committee overview and introduction report.
- b) thank Jack Crow for his exemplary service to Auckland Council.

CARRIED

Attachments

- A Low Carbon Auckland
- B Natural Heritage Team
- C Air Land Water and Coastal Policy Team
- D Infrastructure & Environmental Services

Cr PA Hulse entered the meeting at 2.24 pm.

10 Update on Environment Strategic Action Plan – Project Planning and Approach

A presentation was given in support of this item.

A copy of the presentation is attached to the official copy of these minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website

Resolution number ENV/2013/3

MOVED by Chairperson WD Walker, seconded by Cr CM Casey:

That the Environment, Climate Change and Natural Heritage Committee:

- a) endorse the proposed benefits and scope of the Environment Strategic Action Plan.
- b) receive a progress update on approach to internal and external engagement.

CARRIED

Attachments

- A Environment Strategic Action Plan

Cr ME Lee entered the meeting at 2.49 pm.

Cr RI Clow left the meeting at 2.52 pm.

Member PA Hulse left the meeting at 2.52 pm.

11 Appeal to the Waikato Regional Pest Management Plan

Resolution number ENV/2013/4

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson LA Cooper, seconded by Chairperson WD Walker:

That the Environment, Climate Change and Natural Heritage Committee:

- a) Note the appeal lodged to the Waikato Regional Pest Management Plan.

CARRIED

12 Auckland Council Submission to the Department of Conservation on: Proposed variation to the West Coast North Island Marine Mammal Sanctuary; and Brief Review of Maui's Dolphin Threats Management Plan Decision

A presentation was given in support of this item.

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Resolution number ENV/2013/5

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson LA Cooper, seconded by Chairperson WD Walker:

That the Environment, Climate Change and Natural Heritage Committee:

- a) **Approve the Auckland Council Submission to the Department of Conservation on: Proposed variation to the West Coast North Island Marine Mammal Sanctuary.**
- b) **Receive a short presentation on the outcome of the Maui's Dolphin Threat Management Plan submission process and**
- c) **draft a letter to the Department of Conservation and the Ministry for Primary Industries, subject to any amendments by members of this Committee and with the final approval of the Chairperson.**
- d) **request officers to return to this Committee in February 2014 with a draft suite of methods and tools to achieve an integrated approach to the following:**
 - **sea and gas exploration**
 - **Mauis dolphin threats**
 - **mineral exploration**
 - **environmental threats**

CARRIED

Attachments

A Maui's Dolphin Threats Management Plan decision

Member PA Hulse returned to the meeting at 3.11 pm.

Cr CE Fletcher left the meeting at 3.18 pm.

Cr RI Clow returned to the meeting at 3.23 pm.

Cr C Darby left the meeting at 3.26 pm.

13 Appointments to Ark in the Park Governance Group

Resolution number ENV/2013/6

MOVED by Chairperson WD Walker, seconded by Cr CM Casey:

That the Environment, Climate Change and Natural Heritage Committee:

- a) **receive the Ark in the Park report.**
- b) **nominate Cr Wayne Walker and Cr Ross Clow of the Environment, Climate Change and Natural Heritage Committee to represent Auckland Council on the Ark in the Park governance group.**

CARRIED

14 2013 Environmental Initiatives Fund Allocation

A presentation was given in support of this item.

A copy of the presentation is attached to the official copy of these minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website

Resolution number ENV/2013/7

MOVED by Chairperson WD Walker, seconded by Cr RI Clow:

That the Environment, Climate Change and Natural Heritage Committee:

- a) **approve Environmental Initiatives Fund grant allocations listed in Attachment A: 2013 EIF Funding Recommendations.**

CARRIED

Attachments

A Environment Initiatives Fund

Member PA Hulse left the meeting at 3.53 pm.

Cr ME Lee left the meeting at 3.53 pm.

Member PA Hulse returned to the meeting at 4.05 pm.

Cr ME Lee returned to the meeting at 4.05 pm.

15 October 2013 Waste Minimisation and Innovation Fund Overview

Resolution number ENV/2013/8

MOVED by Chairperson WD Walker, seconded by Cr J Watson:

That the Environment, Climate Change and Natural Heritage Committee:

- a) **receive the October 2013 Waste Minimisation and Innovation Fund Overview report.**

CARRIED

16 Consideration of Extraordinary Items

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

17 Procedural motion to exclude the public

Resolution number ENV/2013/9

MOVED by Cr RI Clow, seconded by Cr J Watson:

That the Environment, Climate Change and Natural Heritage Committee:

- a) **exclude the public from the following part(s) of the proceedings of this meeting.**

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution follows.

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official

Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:

C1 October 2013 Waste Minimisation and Innovation Fund allocation of grants

Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Particular interest(s) protected (where applicable)	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
<p>The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.</p>	<p>s7(2)(b)(i) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would disclose a trade secret.</p> <p>In particular, the report contains sensitive information about the applications that should not be released to competitors..</p> <p>s7(2)(b)(ii) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.</p> <p>In particular, the report contains sensitive information about the applications that should not be released to competitors..</p>	<p>s48(1)(a)</p> <p>The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.</p>

C1 Addendum - Waste Minimisation and Innovation Fund Recommendations

Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Particular interest(s) protected (where applicable)	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
<p>The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.</p>	<p>s7(2)(b)(i) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would disclose a trade secret.</p> <p>In particular, the report contains information about some applications from businesses for technological innovations that may be commercially sensitive..</p> <p>s7(2)(b)(ii) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the</p>	<p>s48(1)(a)</p> <p>The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.</p>

	<p>person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.</p> <p>In particular, the report contains information about some applications from businesses for technological innovations that may be commercially sensitive..</p>	
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The text of these resolutions is made available to the public who are present at the meeting and form part of the minutes of the meeting.

CARRIED

4.08pm The public was excluded.

Resolutions in relation to the confidential items are recorded in the confidential section of these minutes and are not publicly available.

4.21pm The public was re-admitted.

RESTATEMENTS

It was resolved while the public was excluded:

C1 October 2013 Waste Minimisation and Innovation Fund allocation of grants

Resolution number ENV/2013/10

MOVED by Chairperson WD Walker, seconded by Deputy Chairperson LA Cooper:

That the Environment, Climate Change and Natural Heritage Committee:

- a) confirm there be no restatement of the confidential report, attachments or resolutions for the October 2013 Waste Minimisation and Innovation Fund allocation of grants.**

CARRIED

4.22 pm

The Chairperson thanked Members for their attendance and attention to business and declared the meeting closed.

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AT A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE
CHANGE AND NATURAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE
HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....