
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 Level 2, Auckland Town Hall, 301-305 Queen Street, Auckland on Wednesday, 5 March 2014 at 9.30am.

PRESENT

Chairperson
Deputy Chairperson
Members

Cr Wayne Walker
Cr Linda Cooper, JP
Cr Dr Cathy Casey
Cr Ross Clow
Cr Hon Chris Fletcher, QSO
Deputy Mayor Penny Hulse (Ex-officio)
Cr Mike Lee
Member Liane Ngamane
Cr John Watson
Member Karen Wilson

From 10.08am, item 5
From 9.57am, item 5, until
11.17am, item 10
From 10.19am, item 5
From 11.03am, item 10

APOLOGIES

Cr Chris Darby For absence

ALSO PRESENT

Cr Calum Penrose From 9.57am, item 5

1 Apologies

Resolution number ENV/2014/11

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

That the Environment, Climate Change and Natural Heritage Committee:

- a) **accept the apologies from Councillor Darby for non-attendance and Councillor Lee and Councillor Fletcher for lateness.**

CARRIED

2 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution number ENV/2014/12

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

That the Environment, Climate Change and Natural Heritage Committee:

- a) **confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Wednesday, 11 December 2013, including the confidential section, as a true and correct record.**

CARRIED

4 Petitions

There were no petitions.

5 Public Input

5.1 Maui's and Hector's Dolphins Education/Action Inc - Christine Rose and Maribeth Armstrong

Christine Rose and Maribeth Armstrong spoke to the Committee regarding the Maui and Hector dolphins.

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

Resolution number ENV/2014/13

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

The Environment, Climate Change and Natural Heritage Committee:

- a) **thank Christine Rose and Maribeth Armstrong for their presentation regarding the Maui and Hector dolphins.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A Maui's and Hector's Dolphins Inc
- B Maui's and Hector's dolphins -Photos

Cr CE Fletcher entered the meeting at 9.57 am.

Cr C Penrose entered the meeting at 9.57 am.

Cr RI Clow entered the meeting at 10.08 am.

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 Update on Meeting of the Inter Council Working Party on Genetically Modified Organisms (ICWP)

Resolution number ENV/2014/14

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

That the Environment, Climate Change and Natural Heritage Committee:

- a) receive the Update on Meeting of the Inter Council Working Party on Genetically Modified Organisms (ICWP) report.
- b) agree to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with other Councils to share the costs and further work on Section 32 document subject to budget approval.
- c) forward the report to all Local Boards and Mana Whenua for their information.
- d) ensure collaboration with other Councils with regards to submission of any future reviews.

CARRIED

Member PA Hulse entered the meeting at 10.19 am.

10 Further Clarification Of and Action On Maui's Dolphin Threats Management

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

Resolution number ENV/2014/15

MOVED by Chairperson WD Walker, seconded by Cr CE Fletcher:

That the Environment, Climate Change and Natural Heritage Committee:

- a) write to the Minister for Primary Industries seeking a reconsideration of ring-netting in the Manukau Harbour entrance.
- b) approve representation on the Maui's Research Advisory Group at all levels.
- c) approve in-kind assistance for the *Toxoplasma* genotyping cat sampling programme run at Massey University.
- d) request a report back on the policy options for addressing feral cat issues and note this is part of the Regional Pest Management Plan review.
- e) support development of a safe-boating campaign around Maui's dolphins.

CARRIED

Resolution number ENV/2014/16

Cr CM Casey moved the following additional recommendations, seconded by Chairperson WD Walker:

That the Environment, Climate Change and Natural Heritage Committee:

- f) invite the minister for Primary Industries and Minister of Conservation to a meeting with the committee and 2 representatives from the Maui's and Hector's Dolphin Education/Action Inc seeking a reconsideration of ring-netting in the Manukau Harbour entrance.
- g) urge the Government to introduce observer coverage on the fishing fleet sooner than its proposed four year phase.
- h) express its strong concern about the proposed reintroduction of ring-netting in the mouth of the Manukau Harbour.
- i) lead a public education campaign about the need to protect Maui's dolphin habitat – inside harbours, out to 100m deep and along the West Coast to the South Island.
- j) take a leadership role in advocating for all measures needed to prevent human induced threats to the dolphin to enable their recovery.
- k) request the Mayor to take a leadership role in advocating for all measures needed to prevent human induced threats to the dolphin to enable their recovery with the Minister for Primary Industries and Minister of Conservation.
- l) require changes to the Marine Mammals Protection Act (MMPA) so that by-caught deceased Maui's and Hector's dolphin must be brought back to shore for research purposes.
- m) forward the report to all Local Boards and Mana Whenua for their information.

CARRIED

Attachments

A Maui's Dolphin threats management

Cr ME Lee entered the meeting at 11.03 am.

Cr CE Fletcher left the meeting at 11.17 am.

11 Auckland Household Waste Survey

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

Resolution number ENV/2014/17

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

That the Environment, Climate Change and Natural Heritage Committee:

- a) receive the 'Auckland Household Waste Survey' Report.

CARRIED

Attachments

A Waste Prevention Study

12 Waste Management and Minimisation Plan Update Report

The following Youtube link was played as part of the officer's presentation:
<http://youtu.be/G1C6jSaQLek>

Resolution number ENV/2014/18

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

That the Environment, Climate Change and Natural Heritage Committee:

a) receive the 'Waste Management and Minimisation Plan Update Report'.

CARRIED

13 Consideration of Extraordinary Items

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

12:34 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:.....