
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, 28 May 2014 at 9.30am.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Cr Wayne Walker	From 12.57pm, item 12
Deputy Chairperson	Cr Linda Cooper, JP	Until 11.40am, item 10
Members	Cr Dr Cathy Casey	
	Cr Hon Christine Fletcher, QSO	
	Deputy Mayor Penny Hulse	From 10.46am, item 5.2
	Cr Mike Lee	From 9.50am, item 5.1
	Member Liane Ngamane	From 10.56am, item 5.2
	Cr John Watson	
	Member Karen Wilson	

APOLOGIES

Cr Chris Darby	For absence on Council business
Cr Linda Cooper	For early departure
Member Liane Ngamane	For lateness

1 Apologies

Resolution number ENV/2014/11

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

That the Environment, Climate Change and Natural Heritage Committee:

- a) **accept the apologies from Member Ngamane for lateness, Cr Darby for non-attendance on council business and Cr Cooper for early departure.**

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 Cr CM Casey:

That the Environment, Climate Change and Natural Heritage Committee:

- a) **confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Wednesday, 5 March 2014, as a true and correct record.**

CARRIED

4 Petitions

There were no petitions.

5 Public Input

Cr ME Lee arrived at the meeting at 9.50 am.

5.1 Sea Cleaners - Hayden

Resolution number ENV/2014/13

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

That the Environment, Climate Change and Natural Heritage Committee:

- a) **thank Hayden Smith, from Sea Cleaners for his presentation regarding the work of Sea Cleaners.**
- b) **recognise the significant success of the Waitemata Clean up trust (now Water and Harbour Clean Up Trust) and significant volunteer groups to help clean up the Waitemata and support the concept of extending the work of Sea Cleaners to clean up the Manukau Harbour.**
- c) **recognise that rubbish from Auckland is also landing on the west coast of the Coromandel peninsula and impact on that special environment.**
- d) **request officers to work with the Sea Cleaners to prepare a report on options for Auckland Council to consider ways of reducing waste reaching Auckland harbours, streams and waterways as well as those of the west coast of the Coromandel peninsula.**

- e) request a report to identify:
 - i) advice available to facilitate consultation and engagement with iwi and hapu
 - ii) volunteer, education and engagement programmes available to support this activity
 - iii) funding available to support the clean up work in Auckland (Manukau Harbour) and the west coast of the Coromandel peninsula.

CARRIED

*Cr PA Hulse arrived at the meeting at 10.46 am.
Member Ngamane arrive at the meeting at 10.56 am.*

5.2 Personal Exposure and Noise and Air Pollution in the City Centre (PENAP) - Greg McKeown

Resolution number ENV/2014/14

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

That the Environment, Climate Change and Natural Heritage Committee:

- a) thank Greg McKeown, from Heart of the City for his presentation regarding the Personal Exposure and Noise and Air Pollution (PENAP) in the city centre.

CARRIED

Attachments

- A PENAP presentation

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.

*Cr ME Lee left the meeting at 10.58 am.
Cr ME Lee returned to the meeting at 11.23 am.*

9 Climate Risk Management – Insights from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

Dr Andy Reisinger presented regarding climate risk management. A copy has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Resolution number ENV/2014/15

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

That the Environment, Climate Change and Natural Heritage Committee:

- a) **thank Dr Andy Reisinger, Deputy Director at the New Zealand Agricultural Greenhouse Gas Research Centre for his presentation.**
- b) **request officers to prepare a memo covering all aspects of this issue including implementation, recommendations for implementation, Long-term Plan (LTP) funding and adaptive policy pathways.**

CARRIED

Attachments

A Climate Risk management presentation

10 Low Carbon Auckland: A proposed action plan and governance options

Officers provided a presentation regarding Low Carbon Auckland. A copy has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Resolution number ENV/2014/16

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

That the Environment, Climate Change and Natural Heritage Committee:

- a) **endorse the proposed Low Carbon Auckland Action Plan (Attachment B to the agenda), as recommended by members of the Low Carbon Auckland Steering Group.**
- b) **recommend that the Regional Strategy and Policy Committee adopt the Low Carbon Auckland Action Plan (Attachment B to the agenda).**

CARRIED

Deputy Chairperson LA Cooper left the meeting at 11.40 am.

Resolution number ENV/2014/17

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

That the Environment, Climate Change and Natural Heritage Committee:

- c) **endorse the self-organising network (Option 2b to the agenda) as the ideal end state governance arrangement for effective implementation of the Low Carbon Auckland Action Plan, and the establishment of a cross-sector stewardship group (Option 2a to the agenda) as a transition step.**
- d) **recommend that the current Low Carbon Auckland Steering Group is reconvened to oversee the process for establishing a cross-sector stewardship group (Option 2a to the agenda).**

- e) **delegate authority to the Chief Planning Officer and the chair to make any editorial changes to the Low Carbon Auckland Action Plan prior to reporting to Regional Strategy and Policy Committee.**

CARRIED

Resolution number ENV/2014/18

MOVED by Cr W Walker, seconded by Member PA Hulse:

That the Environment, Climate Change and Natural Heritage Committee:

- f) **thank and acknowledge the collaborative effort of the work stream and steering group in producing the Low Carbon Action Plan.**

CARRIED

Attachments

A Low Carbon Auckland presentation

11 CBD air quality: Personal Exposure to Noise and Air Pollution study.

Resolution number ENV/2014/19

MOVED by Cr J Watson, seconded by Cr CE Fletcher:

That the Environment, Climate Change and Natural Heritage Committee:

- a) **agree that the Personal Exposure to Noise and Air Pollution (PENAP) study has demonstrated a potential air quality issue in the CBD that would benefit from further research.**
- b) **support additional continuous monitoring and source apportionment studies being carried out of Customs Street and surrounds.**
- c) **request officers to report back regarding publication of reports on air pollution as carried out by other international cities.**
- d) **request officers to investigate further funding.**

CARRIED

12 Update on the 'Sea Change – Tai Timu Tai Pari' (Hauraki Gulf Marine Spatial Plan) Project

Officers provided a presentation. A copy has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Resolution number ENV/2014/20

MOVED by Member Ngamane, seconded by Chairperson WD Walker:

That the Environment, Climate Change and Natural Heritage Committee:

- a) **receive the Update on the Sea Change - Tai Timu Tai Pari (Hauraki Gulf Marine Spatial Plan) Project report.**

CARRIED

Attachments

A Sea Change presentation

13 Update on Environment Strategic Action Plan

Officers provided a presentation. A copy has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Resolution number ENV/2014/21

MOVED by Chairperson WD Walker, seconded by Member PA Hulse:

That the Environment, Climate Change and Natural Heritage Committee:

- a) **endorse the development of the environmental actions and green growth agenda to complement and support the work done to date on strategic environmental actions.**
- b) **endorse the convening of an interim oversight group to support the development of Transformational Shift 2 – Strongly commit to environmental action and green growth.**

CARRIED

Attachments

A ESAP presentation

14 LED Road Lighting Conference

Officers provided a presentation. A copy has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Resolution number ENV/2014/22

MOVED by Chairperson WD Walker, seconded by Cr ME Lee:

That the Environment, Climate Change and Natural Heritage Committee:

- a) **agree that the report be forwarded to all local boards for their information.**
- b) **support and encourage adoption of LED lighting by Auckland Council and Auckland Transport.**
- c) **request follow-up report on progress of adoption of LED lighting in November 2014.**

CARRIED

Attachments

A LED presentation

Precedence of Business

Resolution number ENV/2014/23

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

That the Environment, Climate Change and Natural Heritage Committee:

- a) **agree that item 16 Species Prioritisation Framework be accorded precedence at this time.**

CARRIED

Chairperson WD Walker left the meeting at 12.57 pm.

15 Mana Whenua and Maori Engagement in the Implementation of the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan

Resolution number ENV/2014/24

MOVED by Member PA Hulse, seconded by Member Ngamane:

That the Environment, Climate Change and Natural Heritage Committee:

- a) receive this report.

CARRIED

16 Species Prioritisation Framework

Resolution number ENV/2014/25

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

That the Environment, Climate Change and Natural Heritage Committee:

- a) receive the Species Prioritisation Framework report.
- b) request officers to further investigate additional actions and associated costs to expand the existing management of priority species and to report back with an investment proposal.
- c) support existing initiatives to work alongside Local Boards, Department of Conservation, and community groups including iwi and mana whenua to support the management of locally important species.
- d) request officers to keep the committee informed of progress with ecosystem prioritisation and associated implementation requirements.

CARRIED

Cr Walker vacated the chair and left the meeting and, with the agreement of the meeting, Councillor John Watson assumed the chair at 12.54pm.

17 Otara Lake and Waterways - reconnecting: The possibilities and the challenges

Resolution number ENV/2014/26

MOVED by Member PA Hulse, seconded by Member Ngamane:

That the Environment, Climate Change and Natural Heritage Committee:

- a) receive the report.

CARRIED

18 Consideration of Extraordinary Items

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

1.00 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:.....