
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, 26 November 2014 at 9.43am.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Cr Wayne Walker	
Deputy Chairperson	Cr Linda Cooper, JP	
Members	Cr Dr Cathy Casey	Until 12.35pm, item 12
	Cr Ross Clow	From 11.05am, item 5.3
	Cr Chris Darby	
	Deputy Mayor Penny Hulse (Ex-officio)	
	Cr Mike Lee	From 10.01am, item 5.2
	Member Liane Ngamane	
	Cr John Watson	
	Member Karen Wilson	

APOLOGIES

Cr Ross Clow	For lateness
Cr Hon Christine Fletcher, QSO	For absence

1 Apologies

Resolution number ENV/2014/43

MOVED by Chairperson WD Walker, seconded by Deputy Mayor PA Hulse:

That the Environment, Climate Change and Natural Heritage Committee:

- a) **accept the apologies from Cr R Clow and Cr M Lee for lateness and Cr C Fletcher for absence.**

CARRIED

2 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution number ENV/2014/44

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

That the Environment, Climate Change and Natural Heritage Committee:

- a) **confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Wednesday, 15 October 2014, as a true and correct record.**

CARRIED

4 Petitions

There were no petitions.

5 Public Input

Cr ME Lee entered the meeting at 10.01 pm.

5.1 Citizen Science Pilot Project - Andrew Sinclair

A PowerPoint presentation and a document were provided. Copies have been placed on the official minutes and are available on the Auckland Council website as minutes attachment.

Resolution number ENV/2014/45

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

That the Environment, Climate Change and Natural Heritage Committee:

- a) **thank Andrew Sinclair for his presentation regarding the Citizen Science Pilot project.**
- b) **note and commend the proposed Citizen Science Pilot project which is fully compatible with current Auckland Council initiatives to accelerate our work empowering communities to deliver environmental outcomes.**
- c) **request officers to respond directly to Whakaupoko Landcare with an evaluation of the proposed Citizen Science Pilot project – in line with the broader Auckland Council “empowering communities” initiative and provide a letter of support for this project.**

- d) **recognise the ongoing support provided by Auckland Council for Whakaupoko Landcare.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 26 November 2014 Environment Climate Change & Natural Heritage Committee
- item 5.1 - Citizens Science Pilot Project - Andrew Sinclair

Cr CM Casey left the meeting at 10.20 am.

Cr ME Lee left the meeting at 10.20 am.

Cr CM Casey returned to the meeting at 10.38 am.

Deputy Mayor PA Hulse left the meeting at 10.40 am.

5.2 Integrated Kaipara Harbour Management Group (IKHMG) first Business Plan, 2014-2017 - Willie Wright and Chris Pairama

A PowerPoint presentation and a document were provided. Copies have been placed on the official minutes and are available on the Auckland Council website as minutes attachment.

Resolution number ENV/2014/46

MOVED by Chairperson WD Walker, seconded by Member Ngamane:

That the Environment, Climate Change and Natural Heritage Committee:

- a) **thank Mr Willie Wright, Co-Chair and Chris Pairama of the Integrated Kaipara Harbour Management Group (IKHMG) for their presentation regarding the IKHMG first business plan for 2014-2017.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 26 November 2014 Environment Climate Change & Natural Heritage Committee
- item 5.2 - Integrated Kaipara Harbour Management Group Business Plan

Cr RI Clow entered the meeting at 11.05 am.

The meeting adjourned at 11.33am and reconvened at 11.45am.

Cr ME Lee returned to the meeting at 11.46 am.

5.3 Update on the Sandspit Marina sludge pollution issue - Mike Taplin

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

Resolution number ENV/2014/47

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

That the Environment, Climate Change and Natural Heritage Committee:

- a) **thank Mike Taplin for his attendance and verbal update on the Sandspit marina sludge pollution issue.**
- b) **recognise different views provided by the community and by Auckland Council consents team and request that they develop a joint collaborative approach to sediment loads in the harbour**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 26 November 2014 Environment Climate Change & Natural Heritage Committee
- item 5.3 - Update on the Sandspit Marina sludge - Mike Taplin

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.

Deputy Mayor PA Hulse returned to the meeting at 12.14 pm.

9 Update on Environmental Activity in the Kaipara Harbour catchment

Resolution number ENV/2014/48

MOVED by Chairperson WD Walker, seconded by Member L Ngamane:

That the Environment, Climate Change and Natural Heritage Committee:

- a) receive the update on Auckland Council activity in the Kaipara Harbour catchment
- b) refer the report to the Rodney Local Board and Integrated Kaipara Harbour Management Group (IKHMG) for their information.
- c) request a report on future resourcing of the IKHMG, through the Long-term Plan (LTP) process 2015-2025.

CARRIED

10 Extension of Regional Pest Management Plan Expiry Date

Resolution number ENV/2014/49

MOVED by Cr C Darby, seconded by Member Ngamane:

That the Environment, Climate Change and Natural Heritage Committee:

- a) recommend that the Regional Development and Operations Committee
 - i) extend the expiry date of the Auckland Regional Pest Management Plan by 12 months from 17 December 2014, to 17 December 2015.

CARRIED

11 Resolution of Appeals to Waikato Regional Pest Management Plan - Hunua Ranges

Resolution number ENV/2014/50

MOVED by Chairperson WD Walker, seconded by Cr C Darby:

That the Environment, Climate Change and Natural Heritage Committee:

- a) notes the attached consent orders resolving Council's appeal to the Waikato Regional Pest Management Plan.

CARRIED

Cr CM Casey left the meeting at 12.35 pm.

12 Auckland Council's State of the Environment report 2015

Resolution number ENV/2014/51

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

That the Environment, Climate Change and Natural Heritage Committee:

- a) receive the report.
- b) forward this report to the Local Boards and Independent Maori Statutory Board for their information.

CARRIED

13 Progress Report on action items arising from minutes of previous meetings

Resolution number ENV/2014/52

MOVED by Chairperson WD Walker, seconded by Member Wilson:

That the Environment, Climate Change and Natural Heritage Committee:

- a) receive the progress report on actions items arising from minutes of previous meetings.

CARRIED

14 Consideration of Extraordinary Items

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

12.42pm

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

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD
AT A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE
CHANGE AND NATURAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE
HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....