



**SOUTH WAIRARAPA
DISTRICT COUNCIL**
Kia Reretahi Tātau

Climate Change and Environment Committee Minutes from 1 March 2023

- Present:** Councillor Rebecca Gray (Chair), Mayor Martin Connelly, Councillors Kaye McAulay, Pip Maynard, Colin Olds and Martin Bosley.
- In Attendance:** Harry Wilson (Chief Executive Officer), Amanda Bradley (General Manager Policy and Governance), Russell O’Leary (Group Manager Planning and Environment), Paul Gardner (General Manager HR and Corporate Services), Leanne Karauna (Principal Advisor Māori) James Witham (Planning Manager) Sky Halford (Climate Change Advisor), Mandy De Ritter (Sustainability Advisor) and Amy Andersen (Committee Advisor).
Hamish Wesney (Boffa Miskell)
- Public Forum:** Dr Louise Lee, Geoff Roberts and Paddy Geddes.
- Conduct of Business:** This meeting was held in the Supper Room, Waihinga Centre, 62 Texas Street, Martinborough and via audio-visual conference. This meeting was live-streamed is available to view on our YouTube channel. The meeting was held in public under the above provisions from 10:02am to 12:24pm except where expressly noted.
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Open Section

- A1. Mihi / Karakia Timatanga - Opening**
Cr Gray opened the meeting.
- A2. Apologies**
There were no apologies.
- A3. Conflicts of Interest**
There were no conflicts of interest.

A4. Public Participation

350 Aotearoa– Paddy Geddes

Mr Geddes presented to the Committee representing 350 Aotearoa, the organisation's goals and the role they believe local government has to play in energy generation and distribution.

Members discussed the current Council energy sources and agreed they would like to have more dialogue with Aotearoa 350 moving forward.

Waiwaste – Dr Louise Lee and Geoff Roberts

Dr Lee presented to the Committee representing Waiwaste, their purpose, goals, and explained how local authorities could support the organisation moving forward.

Dr Lee was supported by Geoff Roberts in answering questions from members, including: the types and use of surplus food being recovered, further collaboration with Council, community gardens, composting and food waste collection methods, funding support and sponsorship. Members thanked Waiwaste for their work and acknowledged their efforts and achievements in supporting the local community.

A5. Actions from public participation

There were no actions discussed.

A6. Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

B Information Reports from Chief Executive and Staff

B1. Ruamāhanga Strategy Overview and Update

Ms Halford spoke to matters in the report and responded to questions from members including targeted achievements for 2023, community engagement and climate change and environmental education. Members acknowledged the quality of the report.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE RESOLVED (CCE2023/01)
to receive the Ruamāhanga Strategy Overview and Update Report.

(Moved Cr McAulay/Seconded Cr Maynard)

Carried

B2. Wairarapa Combined District Plan Review and Featherston Masterplan Climate Change Considerations

Mr O'Leary spoke to matters in the report and responded to members questions including: flooding prevention, rain collection and water

tanks, codes and standards relating to driveways, urban development areas, river management and flood mitigation, and intensification.

Members acknowledged the quality of the report.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE RESOLVED (CCE2023/02)
to receive the Wairarapa Combined District Plan Review and Featherston Masterplan Climate Change Considerations Report.

(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Mayor Connelly)

Carried

B3. Community Preparedness and Resilience

Mr Gardner spoke to matters in the report and responded to questions from members including ways of maintaining open communication lines with affected rural and coastal communities during significant weather events.

Members acknowledged the work of Council Officers and the Communications Team to support communities affected by significant weather events including Cyclone Gabrielle.

Members also acknowledged Cr Olds for his commitment to Featherston community's civil defence response.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE RESOLVED (CCE2023/03)
to receive the Community Preparedness and Resilience Report.

(Moved Mayor Connelly/Seconded Cr Maynard)

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 11:41am

The meeting was reconvened at 11:52am

B4. Waste Management and Minimisation Plan Update

Ms De Ritter spoke to matters in the report and responded to questions from members including: green and organic waste collections, and the management and minimisation of electronic waste.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE RESOLVED (CCE2023/04)
to receive the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan Update Report.

(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Cr McAulay)

Carried

C Chairperson's Report

C1. Report from the Climate Change and Environment Committee Chair

Cr Gray spoke to matters in the report.

Members discussed the attendance of a Committee member/Cr Gray at the next Māori Standing Committee meeting, to support future appointment to the Climate Change and Environment Committee as per the Terms of Reference.

Action 86: To request the Communications Team develop a concept plan and options to initiate discussion and engagement with the community on a climate change database and information sharing, *S Priest*.

Mayor Connelly, seconded by Cr McAulay gave a vote of thanks for Cr Gray for accepting leadership of the Committee.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE RESOLVED (CCE2023/05)
to:

1. Receive the Chairperson’s Report.
(Moved Mayor Connelly /Seconded Cr Maynard) Carried
2. Nominate Cr Gray to draft a letter of invitation to Masterton and Carterton District Councils, with input from Greater Wellington Regional Council, to continue the collaborations on climate change and environmental protection matters on behalf of the Climate Change and Environment Committee.
(Moved Cr Olds/ Seconded Cr McAulay) Carried
3. Note the South Wairarapa District Council 2022 Resident’s Perceptions Survey report, specifically regarding waste management and feedback from our communities.
(Moved Cr Bosley/ Seconded Cr McAulay) Carried

D Karakia Whakamutunga – Closing

Cr Gray closed the meeting.

The meeting closed at 12:24pm

Confirmed as a true and correct record

.....(Chair)

.....(Date)