



Climate Change and Environment Committee Minutes from 23 August 2023

Present:	Councillor Rebecca Gray (Chair), Councillors Kaye McAulay, Pip Maynard (until 10:35am), Colin Olds, Martin Bosley, and Māori Standing Committee representative Violet Edwards-Hina (from 9:38am).
Apologies:	Mayor Martin Connelly.
In Attendance:	Deputy Mayor Melissa Sadler-Futter.
Also in Attendance	Paul Gardner (Interim Chief Executive Officer), Amanda Bradley (General Manager Policy and Governance), Russell O’Leary (Group Manager Planning and Environment), Sky Halford (Climate Change Advisor), Mandy De Ritter (Environmental Sustainability Advisor), Nigel Carter (Health, Safety and Emergency Advisor) and Amy Andersen (Committee Advisor). Debbie O’Byrne (BECA) Will Hansen and Judy Harris (Earth Starch)
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 9:30am to 11:49am.

Open Section

A1. Karakia Timatanga - Opening

Cr Gray opened the meeting.

A2. Apologies

CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE RESOLVED (CCE2023/06)
to accept apologies from Mayor Connelly.

(Moved Cr Maynard/Seconded Cr McAulay)

Carried

A3. Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

A4. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

A5. Actions from public participation

There was no public participation.

A6. Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

A7. Confirmation of minutes

CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE RESOLVED (CCE2023/07) to accept That the minutes of the Climate Changes and Environment Committee meeting held on 1 March 2023 and the forum held on 23 May 2023 are a true and correct record.

(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Cr Gray)

Carried

A8. Matters arising from previous minutes

Noted by Mr Gardner that Item B3 from the meeting held on 1 March 2023 is being addressed in item B1 of this meeting.

B Information Reports from Chief Executive and Staff

B1. Cyclone Gabrielle – Recovery and Building Resiliency

Ms Edwards-Hina joined the meeting at 9:38am.

Mr Gardner, supported by Mr Carter spoke to matters included in the report, and responded to queries from members regarding: rural community support and how this is funded, what role the Rural Support Trust play, funding being oversubscribed, land categorisation, housing support, planning for coastal communities - storm surge/sea level rise, resilience workshops and public awareness campaigns, support for the disabled community, generators for Council business continuity, the involvement of Council Officers in the WREMO debrief, use of community amenities and alternative power sources e.g. solar energy to support communities in civil defence emergencies.

Noted that the community board's resilience and management plans must be updated for critical response to emergency events.

Noted that Ms Byrne stated via Zoom chat function: "At the council I worked for in Australia, we put solar on our carpark shades and installed bi-directional chargers so the EVs could be a source of power for business continuity in an emergency."

CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE RESOLVED (CCE2023/08)
to receive the Cyclone Gabrielle – Recovery and Building Resiliency Report.
(Moved Cr Bosley/Seconded Cr Maynard) Carried

B2. Updates From Previous Committee Forum

Ms Bradley spoke to matters included in the report.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE RESOLVED (CCE2023/09)
to receive the Updates From Previous Committee Forum Report.
(Moved Cr Bosley/Seconded Cr Olds) Carried

B3. Action Items

Noted that action 86 is to remain open.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE RESOLVED (CCE2023/10)
to receive the Action Items Report.
(Moved Cr Maynard/Seconded Cr McAulay) Carried

Cr Maynard left the meeting at 10:35am.

C Forum Presentations

CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE RESOLVED (CCE2023/11) to agree that Standing Orders are suspended for item C to allow for presentations as listed in the agenda.

(Moved Cr Maynard/Seconded Cr McAulay) Carried

Debbie O’Byrne – BECA, Circular Economies presentation (via Zoom)

Ms O’Byrne responded to queries regarding work underway with other councils.

Will Hansen and Judy Harris – Earth Starch presentation

Mr Hansen and Ms Harris responded to queries regarding: patents, applications to rural communities and discussions with other councils and businesses.

Members discussed potential use in the local area.

Both presentations will be made available on our website:

<https://swdc.govt.nz/meeting/climate-change-environment-committee-23-august-2023/>

D Karakia Whakamutunga – Closing

Cr Gray closed the meeting.

The meeting closed at 11:49am.

Confirmed as a true and correct record

.....(Chair)

.....(Interim Chief Executive)

.....(Date)