



Climate Change and Environment Committee Minutes from 8 November 2023

Present:	Councillor Rebecca Gray (Chair), Mayor Martin Connelly, Councillors Kaye McAulay, Pip Maynard, Colin Olds, Martin Bosley, and Māori Standing Committee representative Violet Edwards-Hina.
In Attendance:	Deputy Mayor Melissa Sadler-Futter, Councillors Aidan Ellims and Alistair Plimmer.
Also in Attendance	Russell O’Leary (Interim Chief Executive/Group Manager Planning and Environment), Sky Halford (Climate Change Advisor) and Amy Andersen (Committee Advisor).
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 9:32am to 11:30am.

Open Section

- A1. Karakia Timatanga - Opening**
Cr Maynard opened the meeting.
- A2. Apologies**
There were no apologies.
- 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.

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A7. Confirmation of minutes

CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE RESOLVED (CCE2023/12) to accept that the minutes of the Climate Changes and Environment Committee meeting held on 23 August 2023 are a true and correct record.
(*Moved Cr Olds /Seconded Cr Bosley*) Carried

A8. Matters arising from previous minutes

There were no matters arising.

B Information Reports from Chief Executive and Staff

B1. Action Items

Noted that work on action 86 will occur when there is more capacity in the Democracy and Engagement Team.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE RESOLVED (CCE2023/13) to receive the Action Items Report.
(*Moved Cr Maynard/Seconded Cr McAulay*) Carried

C Chairperson's Report

C1. Report from Councillor Gray

Cr Gray spoke to matters included in the report and sought feedback from the members with regard to the progress and future of the Committee. Members discussed a range of issues including regional/district approach to climate change, long-term impact and management of extreme weather events, creating awareness in the community and involvement of key stakeholders (coastal and rural communities).

Mr O'Leary responded to queries relating to the Wairarapa Combined District Plan including the identification of areas at risk and advice provided to developers; and the age of the maps that are being used to provide advice for building and resource consents.

Action 406: Report requested from the Planning Team on the methodology for finding areas of risk relating to environmental hazards and what they may look like in future – due by the next Committee meeting, *R O'Leary*.

Action 407: For the Committee to look at options for a District Joint Committee on Climate Change, *Cr Gray*.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE RESOLVED (CCE2023/14) to receive the Chairperson's Report.
(*Moved Cr Olds / Seconded Cr Bosley*) Carried

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D Member's Reports

D1. Report from Councillor Bosley – Berm Planting and No-Mow Zones

Cr Bosley spoke to matters included in the report and responded to queries from members including types of plants that would potentially be used (native plants/grasses); and identification of areas for potential trials and development.

Action 409: Request further information from Council Officers relating to the development of a No-Mow Policy, including implications, for the South Wairarapa District Council by the next meeting of the Committee.

Members noted that Council Officers should include technical advice such as the identification of potential areas for trial/development of the policy, risk to traffic, as well as issues relating to fire safety and how it impact any contracts (e.g. Citycare) in their report back to the Committee.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE RESOLVED (CCE2023/15) to receive the Member's Report – Berm Planting and No Mow Zones.

(Moved Cr Maynard/Seconded Ms Edwards)

Carried

E Forum Presentations

CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE RESOLVED (CCE2023/16) to agree that Standing Orders are suspended for item E to allow for the Climate Change presentation as listed in the agenda.

(Moved Cr Bosley/Seconded Cr Maynard)

Carried

Mayor Connelly left the meeting at 10:34am.

Cr McAulay left the meeting at 10:36am.

Ms Halford delivered the Climate Change agenda presentation to the Committee.

Mayor Connelly returned to the meeting at 10:44am.

Cr McAulay returned to the meeting at 10:46am.

Members discussed embedding the Ruamāhanga Strategy into the Long Term Plan 2024-2034.

F Karakia Whakamutunga – Closing

Ms Edwards closed the meeting.

The meeting closed at 11:30am.

Confirmed as a true and correct record

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