



## **WATER RACE SUBCOMMITTEE Minutes from 12 December 2019**

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<b>Present:</b>	Colin Olds (Chair), Paul Harvey, Jim Hedley, Frank van Steensel, Mayor Alex Beijen and Cr Rebecca Fox.
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Bill Sloan (Waters Project Officer) and Suzanne Clark (Committee Advisor).
<b>Conduct of Business:</b>	The meeting was held in the Supper Room, Waihinga Centre, Martinborough and was conducted in public between 4:00pm and 5:25pm.

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### **Open Section**

#### **A1. Apologies**

*WATER RACE SUBCOMMITTEE RESOLVED (WR2019/01) to accept apologies from Justine Thorpe.*

*(Moved Mayor Beijen/Seconded Cr Fox)*

Carried

#### **A2. Conflicts of Interest**

Outside of this Subcommittee, Mr van Steensel gave advice on land use and could potentially have a conflict of interest.

#### **A3. Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

#### **A4. Actions from Public Participation**

There were no actions from public participation.

#### **A5. Extraordinary Business**

There was no extraordinary business.

### **B Decision Reports from Chief Executive and Staff**

#### **B1. Adoption of Water Race Subcommittee Terms of Committee**

Members noted that the Subcommittee had a Longwood Water Race member vacancy and discussed increasing representation for the Longwood Water Race to

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three members. Other suggested changes were that members should be elected by the water race users not appointed by Council and that there should not be a two term time limit preference for serving on the Subcommittee. A change in membership was not moved forward as it was acknowledged that the Moroa Water Race covers a larger land area.

*WATER RACE SUBCOMMITTEE RESOLVED (WRS2019/02):*

1. To receive the Adoption of Water Race Subcommittee Terms of Reference Report.  
*(Moved Olds/Seconded Cr Fox)* Carried
2. To adopt the Water Race Subcommittee Terms of Reference.  
*(Moved Cr Fox/Seconded Harvey)* Carried

Mr Hedley voted against the motion.

## **C Information and Verbal Reports from Chief Executive and Staff**

### **C1. Challenges Ahead**

Mr Sloan tabled a water race presentation and discussed the challenges with regards to obtaining a Longwood Water Race consent renewal from Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) by April 2020 (the consent for Moroa Water Race expired in 2025).

Council were aiming to lodge a status quo consent application with GWRC for Longwood Water Race by the end of the year with the expectation that consent conditions would start to be negotiated early 2020. It was anticipated that following a water race review, administration of the network would be taken over by Wellington Water. There was not expected to be an increase in cost associated with the change in administrators.

Mr Sloan answered members' questions on the high cost to service the Longwood Water Race, Wellington Water skill and experience with water races and availability of historical information on the water races.

Members agreed to undertake a field trip of the network in February 2020.

Members noted that water race maintenance costs were in addition to rates, that the water races provided aquifer recharge, that should the water races be shut down users would need time to provide other methods for stock watering, that there was a specific issue around the Greytown urban area with regards to the water race system being used as a stormwater system, and that water race flow rate information should be notified to users. Obtaining the names of all water race users was discussed.

*WATER RACE SUBCOMMITTEE NOTED:*

1. Action 279: Send out a regular water race newsletter to all water race ratepayers; H Wilson
2. Action 280: Send a link to the water race bylaws to Subcommittee members; H Wilson
3. Action 281: Update the Greytown Community Board at their next meeting on the status of the Moroa Water Race; H Wilson

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