



WATER RACE SUBCOMMITTEE Minutes from 28 June 2021

- Present:** Colin Olds (Chair), Paul Harvey, Cr Rebecca Fox, Dennis Hodder, and Mayor Alex Beijen.
- In Attendance:** Euan Stitt (Partnerships and Operations Manager) and Suzanne Clark (Committee Advisor).
Wellington Water: Gen Drake (via audio-visual link).
- Conduct of Business:** The meeting was held in the Supper Room, Waihinga Centre, Martinborough and was conducted in public between 6:30pm and 7:26pm.
- Also in Attendance:** Jim Hedley and Paulene Hedley.
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Open Section

A1. Apologies

WATER RACE SUBCOMMITTEE RESOLVED (WR2021/15) to accept apologies from Justine Thorpe.

(Moved Mayor Beijen/Seconded Cr Fox)

Carried

A2. Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

A3. Public Participation

Mr Hedley tabled survey data and results from the survey he had put together and discussed the results. Mr Hedley was disappointed in the turnout to Council's engagement sessions and that the final Council survey did not get submitted to the Subcommittee for approval. Mr Hedley believed the Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) Proposed Natural Resources Plan was the elephant in the room.

Mrs Hedley supported by Mr Hedley did not think that conclusions could be drawn on the importance or essentialness of the water race as it depended on whether stock would be excluded from the water race in the future and how much land was serviced by the water race. Mr Hedley had defined properties up to 10 acres as lifestyle properties.

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A4. Actions from Public Participation

Mr Olds noted the tabled survey and that the Subcommittee would need time to consider the results.

A5. Minutes for Confirmation

WATER RACE SUBCOMMITTEE RESOLVED (WR2021/16) that the minutes of the meeting held 2 September 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

(Moved Cr Fox/Seconded Mr Harvey)

Carried

A6. Extraordinary Business

Mr Olds advised that he wanted to discuss the future framework of the Water Race Subcommittee.

Mr Olds highlighted the constraints of being a formal committee of Council and proposed that the Water Race Subcommittee become an advisory group with members elected from water race users.

WATER RACE SUBCOMMITTEE NOTED:

1. Action 266: Liaise with GWRC to see if there were limitations on the Subcommittee becoming an Advisory Group from a consenting perspective; E Stitt

B Decision Reports from Chief Executive and Staff

B1. Water Race Survey Report

Mr Stitt noted that the survey was conducted using a structured process and had achieved a 40% response rate which provided Council with good steer for moving forward.

Ms Drake advised that the survey was targeted to property owners that paid a rate and discussed questions and responses with members.

The Subcommittee requested that maps were enhanced to show more detail, and that original narrative was provided, particularly for question 9 and question 13.

Mr Stitt undertook to provide the Subcommittee with a plan for moving forward.

WATER RACE SUBCOMMITTEE RESOLVED (WRS2021/17):

1. To receive the Water Race Survey Report.
(Moved Mr Olds/Seconded Mayor Beijen) Carried
2. To present the key findings and recommendations to the Assets and Services Committee for consideration.
(Moved Mr Harvey/Seconded Mr Hodder) Carried
2. Action 267: Prepare a water race next steps plan for moving forward following the survey results; E Stitt
3. Action 268: Refresh the water race survey maps so that they show more detail; E Stitt

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B2. Water Race Subcommittee Report

Mr Stitt noted that the update was since January 2021 not June 2020 as shown in the report and discussed the resource consenting process delay with GWRC due to resourcing and complexity of issues.

Members discussed the operational management changeover to Wellington Water noting that after an initial learning period they were now providing a great service. Regarding the proposed water reforms, Mr Stitt had raised South Wairarapa water race configuration and management with the Department of Internal Affairs and was awaiting a response.

WATER RACE SUBCOMMITTEE RESOLVED (WRS2021/18) to receive the Water Race Subcommittee Report.

(Moved Cr Fox/Seconded Mr Olds)

Carried

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.....(Chair)

.....(Date)

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