



WATER RACE SUBCOMMITTEE Minutes from 2 September 2020

Present:	Colin Olds (Chair), Paul Harvey, Jim Hedley, Cr Rebecca Fox, Justine Thorpe and Mayor Alex Beijen (from 7:17pm).
In Attendance:	Bill Sloan (Waters Project Officer), and Suzanne Clark (Committee Advisor). Wellington Water: Ian McSherry. Consultant: Russell Hooper.
Conduct of Business:	The meeting was held in Kiwi Hall, 62 Bell Street, Featherston and was conducted in public between 6:30pm and 7:50pm.

Open Section

A1. Apologies

Apologies were forwarded by Frank van Steensel before the meeting, but had omitted being presented to the meeting for acceptance.

WATER RACE SUBCOMMITTEE RESOLVED (WR2020/11) to accept apologies from Mayor Alex Beijen.

(Moved Cr Fox/Seconded Ms Thorpe)

Carried

A2. Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

A3. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

A4. Actions from Public Participation

There were no actions from public participation.

A5. Minutes for Confirmation

The need for Council officers to enforce the water race bylaws, and inconsistencies between the Moroa and Longwood Water Race bylaws was raised as discussed at the previous meeting.

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WATER RACE SUBCOMMITTEE RESOLVED (WR2020/12) that the minutes of the meeting held 30 June 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

(Moved Mr Olds/Seconded Cr Fox)

Carried

A6. Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

B Decision Reports from Chief Executive and Staff

B1. Water Race Realignment Report

Mr Sloan outlined the background to the realignment requests and discussed current water race placement, engineering and other requirements for water race realignment consideration, and Council processes for realignment consideration with members.

The Subcommittee noted that the Council process for considering realignments had been changed to ensure early notification and consideration by the Subcommittee.

Mr Hedley presented objections because the realignment requests were presented late and in retrospect to the Subcommittee.

WATER RACE SUBCOMMITTEE RESOLVED (WRS2020/13):

1. To receive the Water Race Realignment Report.

(Moved Mr Olds/Seconded Cr Fox)

Carried

Mr Hedley voted against the motion

2. To recommend to the Assets and Services Committee endorsement of the Fire and Emergency NZ application for Moroa Water Race to be realigned.

(Moved Mr Olds/Seconded Mr Harvey)

Carried

Mr Hedley voted against the motion

3. To note the Subcommittee's retrospective support and approval for a Moroa Water Race realignment at 78 Kuratawhiti Street, Greytown.

(Moved Cr Fox/Seconded Mr Harvey)

Carried

Mr Hedley voted against the motion

B2. Water Race Subcommittee Report

Mr Hooper discussed the Longwood Resource Consent application process, including water flow monitoring, the addition of a fish pass, and a recommendation for offline stock watering systems with members. Council compliance with legislation and plans, and inconsistencies in the hydrology report best practice with the Moroa Bylaw was also discussed.

Members discussed the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management and the proposed Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) Natural Resources Plan and requested a high level overview of compliance measures and Council's obligations for continued water race operation.

Mayor Beijen joined the meeting at 7:17pm.

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Members discussed other aspects of the operational report including:

- That a user survey was critical to understanding needs and setting direction.
- That the Assets and Services Committee accepted the Water Race Subcommittee recommendation regarding urban stormwater and funding.
- Water race financial balances and progress of the Opaki water race hearings.

Mr McSherry discussed the Wellington Water Transition Plan noting they were aiming for a soft transition utilising the existing contractor. Members agreed with the approach and discussed costs.

WATER RACE SUBCOMMITTEE RESOLVED (WRS2020/14) to receive the Water Race Subcommittee Report.

(Moved Mr Olds/Seconded Ms Thorpe)

Carried

Confirmed as a true and correct record

.....(Chair)

.....(Date)

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