



## **WATER RACE SUBCOMMITTEE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING Minutes from 8 August 2022**

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<b>Present:</b>	Colin Olds (Chair), Cr Rebecca Fox (via Zoom), Dennis Hodder, Justine Thorpe (via Zoom) and Mayor Alex Beijen.
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Councillor Garrick Emms (via Zoom). Stefan Corbett (Partnerships and Operations Manager), Robyn Wells (Principal Advisor Water Transition), Sheil Priest (General Manager Communications and Engagement) and Amy Andersen (Committee Advisor). Wellington Water (WWL): Steve Watt (via Zoom).
<b>Conduct of Business:</b>	This meeting was held in the Supper Room, Waihinga Centre, 62 Texas Street, Martinborough and via audio-visual conference, commencing at 10:00am. All members participating via audio-visual conference counted for the purpose of the meeting quorum in accordance with clause 25B of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002. This meeting was live-streamed is available to view on our YouTube channel. The meeting was held in public under the above provisions from 6:33pm and 7:48pm.
<b>Public Forum:</b>	Viv Barham

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### **Open Section**

**A1. Apologies**

There were no apologies.

**A2. Conflicts of Interest**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

**A3. Public Participation**

Ms Barham spoke in support of an application to Council to close off part of the water race network on her property and outlined issues and concerns relating to the new rules for water race management. Ms Barham queried why her application had not been raised as part of the meeting agenda.

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

Members noted that any consideration of water race closures would require an officer's report.

Members posed questions to Mr Watt regarding WWL's knowledge of the water race network and the schedule for reporting back to Council. Mr Corbett responded to members queries about governance, and possible arrangements with WWL to support this moving forward.

Action 394: Officers undertook to try and prepare a decision report, including any recommendations to Council, in relation to Viv Barham's water race closure application, in time for the next Assets and Services meeting – 24 August 2022. Officers noted that this timing would be contingent on a prompt inspection and environmental report being received from WWL, *S Corbett*

#### **A5. Minutes for Confirmation**

Members commented on the current committee structure and noted the irregularity of Water Race Subcommittee meetings.

Action 395: Seek feedback from Water Race Subcommittee members to inform the development of committee structure in the new triennium, *A Bradley/S Frischknecht*

*WATER RACE SUBCOMMITTEE RESOLVED (WR2022/01)* that the minutes of the meeting held 28 June 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

*(Moved Cr Fox/Seconded Mayor Beijen)*

*Carried*

#### **A6. Extraordinary Business**

*WATER RACE SUBCOMMITTEE RESOLVED (WR2022/02)* to add item C1 – Appendix 1, a presentation from Wellington Water on Water Races to the agenda as it cannot be delayed because this is the last meeting of the subcommittee for the triennium and a report was promised within this year from WWL.

*(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Mr Hodder)*

*Carried*

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

There were no decision reports.

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

#### **C1. Water Race Subcommittee Report**

Mr Watt provided updates in the form of a presentation from WWL. Members posed questions to Mr Watt on consents, communications, the responsibilities of WWL, the subcontractors who support the management and cleaning of water races.

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Members noted they would like to see more information on compliance in future reports from WWL and targeted communications to water race users (residents/new residents) designed to provide education and support.

Mr Corbett spoke to matters in the report relating to the Three Waters reforms and developments that may eventuate from impending changes to legislation. Mr Corbett informed members of potential outcomes and ways water races could be managed in future.

Mr Corbett spoke about regulatory changes relating to water race networks and noted Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) are yet to send out the published guidance and differences in rules relating to stock exclusion.

Members posed questions to Mr Corbett on the enforcement of the new regulations and engagement with iwi.

Action 398: To provide further information and costings on the options to manage the water race networks in future, *S Corbett/K Ashforth*

*WATER RACE SUBCOMMITTEE RESOLVED (WRS2022/02) to receive the Water Race Subcommittee Report.*

*(Moved Cr Fox/Seconded Ms Thorpe)*

Carried

The meeting was closed at 7:48pm

**Confirmed as a true and correct record**

.....(Chair)

.....(Date)

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