

Please note these minutes remain unconfirmed until the Climate Committee meeting on 7 September 2023.

Report 23.104

Public minutes of the Climate Committee meeting on Thursday 16 March 2023

Taumata Kōrero – Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council
100 Cuba Street, Te Aro, Wellington at 9.34am.

Members Present

Councillor Gaylor (Chair)
Councillor Saw (Deputy Chair, remotely via Teams)
Councillor Bassett (remotely, via Teams)
Councillor Connelly (in person until 11.27am; remotely, via Teams from 1.29pm until 1.55pm)
Councillor Duthie
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand
Councillor Laban
Councillor Lee
Councillor Nash
Councillor Ponter (from 9.37am until 10.57, from 11.03am)
Councillor Woolf (remotely, via Teams)

Karakia timatanga

The Committee Chair opened the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved: Cr Connelly / Cr Nash

That the Committee accepts the apology for absence from Councillor Staples and apology for lateness from Councillor Ponter.

The motion was **carried**.

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

The Committee Chair advised the Committee that Public Participation would be deferred until after Agenda Item 4 – Sea Level Rise in the Wellington Region (Report 23.96).

3 Sea Level Rise in the Wellington Region – Report 23.96 [For Information]

Dr Iain Dawe, Senior Policy Advisor spoke to the report and introduced two guest speakers – Professor Tim Naish, Te Herenga Waka - Victoria University of Wellington, and Professor Richard Levy, GNS Science and Te Herenga Waka – Victoria University of Wellington. Professors Naish and Levy tabled a presentation.

Councillor Ponter left the meeting at 10.57am, at the conclusion of the above item.

4 Public Participation

Patrick Geddes, 350 Aotearoa, spoke on the Homegrown Energy Campaign and the energy industry as a whole.

Molly Melhuish spoke on flooding impact created by climate change.

Councillor Ponter returned to the meeting at 11.03am, during public participation.

The meeting adjourned at 11.07am and resumed at 11.14am. Councillor Laban returned to the meeting at 11.17am, during questions of the below item.

5 Low Carbon Acceleration Fund Round Two 2022-23 Applications – Report 23.75

Luke Troy, General Manager Strategy, introduced the report. Lisa Early, Team Leader, Climate Change, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Nash / Cr Duthie

That the Committee:

- 1 Recommends that Council approves the allocation of a \$266,651 grant to Metlink for the 'Solar power generation – Stations roofs' project.
- 2 Recommends that Council approves the allocation of a \$750,000 grant to Sky Stadium for the 'Energy efficient lighting opportunity' project.
- 3 Recommends that Council defers allocation of a \$150,000 grant to the Strategy Group for the 'Solar prospecting study' until it can consider a similar approach with respect to wind generation and projects that may come from CentrePort Limited.
- 4 Recommends that Council approves in principle the 'Diesel bus conversion to electric project #2' from Metlink. A final recommendation on funding amount will be made at a later Climate Committee meeting based on the result from the first trial currently underway.

- 5 Recommends that the Council extends the Low Carbon Acceleration Fund eligibility to CentrePort Limited.

The motion was taken in parts. Part 1 was put and was **carried**. Part 2 was put and was **carried**. Part 3 was put and was **carried**. Part 4 was put and was **carried**. Part 5 was put and was **carried**.

The meeting adjourned at 11.27am during questions on the above item. The meeting resumed at 1.29pm. Councillor Connolly rejoined the meeting at 1.29pm, remotely, via MS Teams.

Councillor Connolly left the meeting at 1.55pm, at the conclusion of the above item, and did not return.

6 Climate Change Programme Update – Report 23.77 [For Information]

Lisa Early, Team Leader, Climate Change, spoke to the report.

Karakia whakamutunga

The Committee Chair invited Councillor Saw to close the meeting with a karakia whakamutunga.

The meeting closed at 2.02pm.

Councillor P Gaylor

Chair

Date: