

HUTT CITY COUNCIL
KOMITI KAUPAPA TAIAO
CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held in the Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 30 Laings Road,
 Lower Hutt on

Tuesday 20 February 2024 commencing at 2:00 pm

PRESENT:

Cr J Briggs (Chair)	Mayor C Barry
Cr K Brown	Cr S Edwards
Deputy Mayor T Lewis	Cr A Mitchell
Cr C Parkin (Deputy Chair)	Cr N Shaw

APOLOGIES: There were no apologies.

IN ATTENDANCE:

A Geddes, Director Environment and Sustainability
 G Roberts, Manager Waste Minimisation
 A Saker, Senior Advisor Waste Minimisation (part meeting)
 M Randall, Senior Advisor Climate and Sustainability
 T Johnstone, Head of Planning (part meeting)
 D Donoghue, Ecology Advisor (part meeting)
 N Geard, Policy Planning Manager (part meeting)
 L Desrosiers, Head of Urban Development (part meeting)
 V Gilmour, Democracy Advisor

PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. OPENING FORMALITIES - KARAKIA TIMATANGA

Whakataka te hau ki te uru	<i>Cease the winds from the west</i>
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga	<i>Cease the winds from the south</i>
Kia mākinakina ki uta	<i>Let the breeze blow over the land</i>
Kia mātaratara ki tai	<i>Let the breeze blow over the ocean</i>
E hī ake ana te atakura	<i>Let the red-tipped dawn come with a sharpened air.</i>
He tio, he huka, he hau hū	<i>A touch of frost, a promise of a glorious day.</i>
Tihei mauri ora.	

2. APOLOGIES

RESOLVED: (Cr Briggs/Cr Parkin)

Minute No. CCASC 24101

"That the apology for lateness received from Mayor Barry be accepted."

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

5. UPDATE ON SOLID WASTE AND WASTE MINIMISATION MATTERS

Report No. CCASC2024/1/14 by the Senior Advisor Waste Minimisation

The Manager Waste Minimisation elaborated on the report. He advised that the contamination number for January 2024 was 14.9%.

In response to questions from a member, the Manager Waste Minimisation advised that the Civil Share app was an online platform for businesses in the construction and demolition industry. He said it allowed businesses to share unwanted materials with others, which helped minimise waste in landfills. He further advised that funding was available to support Hutt City Council's Solid Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw 2021 through the waste levy.

In response to a question from a member, the Senior Advisor Waste Minimisation advised that the average litter count was obtained from the litter and monitoring programme, Sustainable Coastlines. He explained that the programme had a national standard for calculating litter per area. He further advised that the litter may contain non-natural items, such as plastic granules and microplastics, although the latter was less likely.

In response to a question from a member, the Manager Waste Minimisation advised that there were no current plans for recycling other household items like batteries and bottle lids. He advised that businesses such as Mitre10, Bunnings and the Eastbourne Library provided recycling services for these items.

In response to questions from a member, the Manager Waste Minimisation advised that Council contractors were responsible for removing the waste that had been dumped on public land. The Senior Advisor Waste Minimisation advised that Council had a Resource and Environment Regulation business unit tasked with investigating illegal dumping and imposing infringement notices on individuals who were caught. The Manager of Waste Minimisation added that there was regular communication with Kāinga Ora regarding curbside collection and bins. However, the issue of dumping and cleanliness around their housing had not been specifically targeted.

In response to questions from a member, the Senior Advisor Waste Minimisation advised that contaminated recycling bins were removed up to three times for a minimum of six months. He emphasised that the resident was responsible for requesting the bins back.

The Manager Waste Minimisation stated that there were no current plans to support a cleanfill. He noted that some regional quarries had relaxed their requirements and accepted a wider range of materials.

RESOLVED: (Cr Briggs/Cr Mitchell)

Minute No. CCASC 24102

"That the Committee receives and notes the update on various solid waste management and minimisation matters."

6. **UPDATE ON COUNCIL'S CLIMATE CHANGE WORK**

Report No. CCASC2024/1/15 by the Head of Climate and Solid Waste

The Senior Advisor Climate and Sustainability elaborated on the report.

RESOLVED: (Cr Briggs/Deputy Mayor Lewis)

Minute No. CCASC 24103

"That the Committee:

- (1) notes the update on climate change work streams currently underway; and*
- (2) notes that some work streams are new or are not explicitly covered in Council's Carbon Reduction and Resilience Plan 2021-31 or the Lower Hutt Climate Action Pathway."*

7. **CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE FORWARD PROGRAMME 2024**

Report No. CCASC2024/1/16 by the Democracy Advisor

RESOLVED: (Cr Briggs/Cr Parkin)

Minute No. CCASC 24104

"That the Committee receives and notes the Forward Programme for 2024 attached as Appendix 1 to the report."

8. INFORMATION ITEM

Update on Hutt City Council approach to sponge cities

Memorandum dated 7 February 2024 by the Head of Planning

The Head of Planning elaborated on the memorandum.

In response to questions from a member, the Ecology Advisor advised that the irrigation at Fraser Park had continued because replacing the grass would be very expensive if it died. He explained that the astroturf had reservoirs underneath, which collected rainwater and used it to feed the sprinkler systems. He further advised the water used on the artificial turfs was also recycled for further use.

In response to further questions from a member, the Ecology Advisor advised that the benefit of riparian planting helped stop debris and clogging caused by floods. He confirmed that planting density could be adjusted to support water flow in different areas. He highlighted that the responsibility for this lay with Council's Parks and Reserves business unit and Wellington Water Limited.

RESOLVED: (Cr Briggs/Deputy Mayor Lewis)

Minute No. CCASC 24105

"That the memorandum be received and noted."

9. QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

10. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**RESOLVED:** (Cr Briggs/Cr Parkin)**Minute No. CCASC 24106**

“That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

11. *Panel members for the Low Carbon Acceleration Fund*

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

(A)	(B)	(C)
<i>General subject of the matter to be considered.</i>	<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter.</i>	<i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution.</i>
<i>Panel members for the Low Carbon Acceleration Fund.</i>	<i>The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons. (s7(2)(a)).</i>	<i>That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exist.</i>

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as specified in Column (B) above.”

The Chair declared the public part of the meeting closed at 2.38pm and the non-public part of the meeting closed at 2.44pm

J Briggs
CHAIR

**CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 27th day of March 2024**