

HUTT CITY COUNCILKOMITI RATONGA O TE AWA KAIRANGI
HUTT VALLEY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held in the Council Chambers,
Level 2, Upper Hutt City Council, 383-342 Fergusson Drive, Upper Hutt on
Friday 3 May 2024 commencing at 9:30 am

PRESENT: Cr T Stallinger, HCC (Chair) Cr B Griffiths, UHCC (Deputy Chair)
Cr B Dyer, HCC Mayor W Guppy, UHCC
Cr C Parkin, HCC (via audio-visual link) Cr C Carson, UHCC
Cr N Shaw, HCC Cr H Newell, UHCC

APOLOGIES: There were no apologies.

IN ATTENDANCE: B Hodgins, Strategic Advisor, HCC
G Roberts, Waste and Resource Recovery Manager, UHCC
B Latimer, Parks and Reserves Manager, UHCC (part meeting)
G Wild, Acting Director Asset Management and Operations, UHCC (part meeting)
K Glanville, Senior Democracy Advisor, HCC
H Clegg, Minute Taker,
F Murphy, Governance Advisor, UHCC

PUBLIC BUSINESS1. OPENING FORMALITIES - KARAKIA TIMATANGA

Whakataka te hau ki te uru
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga
Kia mākinakina ki uta
Kia mātaratara ki tai
E hī ake ana te atakura
He tio, he huka, he hau hū
Tihei mauri ora.

*Cease the winds from the west
Cease the winds from the south
Let the breeze blow over the land
Let the breeze blow over the ocean
Let the red-tipped dawn come with a sharpened air.
A touch of frost, a promise of a glorious day.*

2. **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Comments are recorded under the item to which they relate.

4. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

5. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: (Cr Stallinger/Cr Carson)

Minute No. HVSC 24201

“That the minutes of the meeting of the Hutt Valley Services Committee held on Friday, 8 March 2024, be confirmed as a true and correct record.”

PRECEDENCE OF BUSINESS

Pursuant to Standing Order 10.4, the Chair accorded precedence to item 8: Akatārawa Cemetery Update. The item is recorded in the order as it appeared on the agenda.

6. **WASTEWATER JOINT VENTURE UPDATE 1 FEBRUARY 2024 TO 31 MARCH 2024**

Report No. HVSC2024/2/101 by the Strategic Advisor, Hutt City Council

Steve Hutchison, Chief Advisor Wastewater, Blair Johnson, Head of Waste Contract and Jeremy McKibbin, Group Manager, Network Management Group, from Wellington Water Limited (WWL) were in attendance for the item.

The Strategic Advisor, Hutt City Council elaborated on the report, stating that the table in paragraph 14 of the report covered the first three months of the calendar year. He said that WWL had assessed the pipe under State Highway 2 (SH2) in Melling and advised that there were no cracks in the pipe and the likelihood of imminent failure was low. He added that WWL and Waka Kotahi worked together to develop a contingency plan should a failure occur. He stated that WWL were developing a repair plan. He further advised that a report to Hutt City Council and Upper Hutt City Council, including costs, would be presented in due course. He noted that each council's Long Term Plan would have ramifications, as the work had not been funded.

The Group Manager, Network Management Group, informed members that a communications plan for the Wastewater Joint Venture project had been presented to the officers. He said the plan included quarterly meetings with the community, updated information on the WWL website, and monthly newsletters sent to all registered parties. He noted that Committee members have been added to the list of registered parties.

In response to questions from members, the Chief Advisor of Wastewater stated that the pipe under SH2 was experiencing internal corrosion, which was affecting its structural strength. He confirmed that the pipe was located within the northern part of the Riverlink project area and that officers were currently assessing timelines for the project. He assured members that repairing the pipe would not require shutting SH2. He mentioned that a timetable for the construction work was not yet available, but it could be completed within a year. This would allow time for a full assessment, detailed design, planning and construction works. He further advised that a road slump would occur if the pipe failed. He noted a contingency plan focusing on providing an alternative, safe route for the effluent.

In response to questions from a member, the Head of Waste Contract confirmed that no formal compliance notices regarding odour had been received since the report was written. He also acknowledged that there had been ongoing issues with the power supply since 2022 and that budget limitations prevented the problem from being fixed. He mentioned that power outages occurred for short periods.

In response to questions from members, the Head of Waste Contract explained that the UV treatment plant's performance decreased, and the replacement of the lamps did not improve the wastewater treatment plant's functioning. He mentioned that once the replacement parts were received and installed, compliance improvements should follow. WWL officers acknowledged the importance of keeping members updated on compliance issues related to the wastewater treatment plant.

In response to a request from a member, the Strategic Advisor confirmed that a schedule of all public meetings regarding the wastewater treatment plant would be provided to all

members. He stated that the community newsletter would be sent to all members before being released to the community. He informed members that a condition rating exercise of 150km of the main Hutt Valley wastewater pipes had concluded that all pipes were in poor condition and would require replacement at some stage, with urgent sections being prioritised.

The Chief Advisor Wastewater added that pipes typically had an 80-year lifespan. However, the SH2 pipe was only 60 years old. He confirmed this could be problematic for future planning if pipes failed at 60 years rather than the projected 80-year lifespan.

RESOLVED: (Cr Stallinger/Cr Carson) **Minute No. HVSC 24202**

"That the Committee receives and notes the information in the report."

7. UPDATE ON SILVERSTREAM LANDFILL AND RESOURCE RECOVERY

Report No. HVSC2024/2/52 by the Manager Waste Minimisation, Hutt City Council

The Waste and Resource Recovery Manager elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members, the Waste and Resource Recovery Manager stated that an analysis of the adoption and effectiveness of the new voucher system would be considered at the next meeting. He confirmed that Silverstream Landfill staff were engaging with clients, offering loading disposal options, and requesting that loads be separated into categories.

In response to further questions from members, the Waste and Resource Recovery Manager confirmed that future reports to the Committee could include historical data to show how the Silverstream Landfill was utilising its airspace. He mentioned that the construction of Slope 12, and possibly Slope 13, was proposed to be advanced instead of the asbestos cell. He explained that the existing asbestos cell would continue to operate, and its proposed update and expansion were in the procurement stage. He noted that due to the current economic climate, the amount of asbestos being received shortly might decrease. He confirmed that the Silverstream Landfill asbestos cell served as a regional facility.

RESOLVED: (Cr Stallinger/Cr Griffiths) **Minute No. HVSC 24203**

"That the Committee receives and notes the report."

8. AKATĀRAWA CEMETERY UPDATE

Report No. HVSC2024/2/57 by the Parks and Reserves Manager, Upper Hutt City Council

Speaking under public comment, **Heather Blisset** shared her family's experience with natural burial in Marlborough. She urged the inclusion of an area for natural burials in the Akatārawa Cemetery extension.

In response to questions from members, Heather Blissett stated that she was unsure about the cost of a natural burial. She confirmed that a similar-sized plot was required for interment burials. She advised that natural burials were currently offered in the Wellington region but only in Makara and Otaki.

The Parks and Reserves Manager, Upper Hutt City Council, advised that officers were investigating the possibility of creating space for natural burials and accommodating other denominational requirements as part of the review for the Akatārawa Cemetery expansion.

In response to questions from members, the Parks and Reserves Manager, Upper Hutt City Council, stated that any future operational and capital costs related to the cemetery would need approval from both councils. He mentioned that a review would be conducted to examine the allocation of costs, which would be considered by councils for consideration. He informed members that a new project manager had been appointed and a project timetable would be regarded at the upcoming committee meeting. He also mentioned that the additional surveying required was nearly finished and that a detailed design was expected to be ready by August 2024. He explained that there was already a service model in place and that the review would evaluate this model to determine if it was still suitable. He confirmed that Downers currently managed burials at Taitā Cemetery. He mentioned that discussions were taking place about the potential for both Hutt Valley cemeteries to be handled by the same manager.

In response to questions from a member about climate change implications, the Parks and Reserves Manager, Upper Hutt City Council, it was stated that they would investigate carbon neutrality. He also confirmed that the detailed designs would address climate change issues.

Members raised concerns that the review of the management of the Akatārawa and Taitā cemeteries may not occur. Cr Carson asked for a report scheduled for the November 2024 meeting to be moved to the September 2024 meeting, as officers expected to complete the full review of the terms of reference for the agreement by July 2024.

RESOLVED: (Cr Carson/Cr Stallinger)

Minute No. HVSC 24204

"That the Committee requests that officers of the Hutt City and Upper Hutt City Councils report back to the Committee meeting on 20 September 2024 regarding the full review, including options with pros and cons for a shared service model for the management of the Hutt Valley cemeteries."

RESOLVED: (Cr Stallinger/Cr Griffiths)

Minute No. HVSC 24205

"That the Committee receives the Akatārawa Cemetery Update report."

9. HUTT VALLEY SERVICES COMMITTEE FORWARD PROGRAMME 2024

Report No. HVSC2024/2/54 by the Senior Democracy Advisor

Cr Dyer requested an update to the forward programme to include the Akatārawa Cemetery review report for the September 2024 meeting.

RESOLVED: (Cr Stallinger/Mayor Guppy)

Minute No. HVSC 24206

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

10. CLOSING FORMALITIES - KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA

Unuhia!	<i>Release us from the supreme sacredness of our tasks</i>
Unuhia!	<i>To be clear and free</i>
Unuhia i te uru-tapu-nui	<i>in heart, body and soul in our continuing journey</i>
Kia wātea, kia māmā	<i>Oh Rongo, raise these words up high</i>
Te ngākau, te tinana, te wairua i te ara	<i>so that we be cleansed and be free,</i>
takatū	<i>Yes indeed, we are free!</i>
Koia rā e Rongo whakairihia ake ki	<i>Good and peaceful</i>
runga	
Kia wātea, kia wātea!	
Ae rā, kua wātea!	
Hau, pai mārire.	

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 10.31am.

Cr T Stallinger
CHAIR

CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 20th day of September 2024