

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

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

Friday 20 September 2024 commencing at 9:30 am

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

APOLOGIES: Mayor W Guppy, UHCC and Cr H Newell, UHCC

IN ATTENDANCE: A Geddes, Director of Environment and Sustainability, HCC
G Roberts, Waste and Resource Recovery Manager, HCC
B Hodgins, Strategic Advisor, HCC (part meeting)
B Latimer, Parks and Reserves Manager, UHCC
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 Stallinger/Cr Griffiths)

Minute No. HVSC 24401

"That the apologies received from Mayor Guppy and Cr Newell be accepted and leave of absence be granted."

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

4. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

5. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: (Cr Stallinger/Cr Griffiths)

Minute No. HVSC 24402

“That the minutes of the meeting of the Hutt Valley Services Committee held on Friday, 3 May 2024, be confirmed as a true and correct record.”

Deputy Mayor Swales abstained from voting on the matter.

6. WASTEWATER JOINT VENTURE UPDATE 1 APRIL 2024 TO 31 AUGUST 2024

Report No. HVSC2024/4/268 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) and James Mabin from Stantec were in attendance for the item.

The Chief Advisor Wastewater, WWL shared two presentations available here:

Presentation 1 - Days Bay Incident – August 2024:

https://hccpublicdocs.azurewebsites.net/api/download/2657e0a4b3614301b65dd99406a07ad2/_mtgmngmnt/b03b42f66935934f42b81e1ddd445bd7c1

Presentation 2 – Western Hills Main Sewer: Urgent rehabilitation project :

https://hccpublicdocs.azurewebsites.net/api/download/2657e0a4b3614301b65dd99406a07ad2/_mtgmngmnt/d048c1ce683a474e50a00d37092b9f345c

In response to questions from members, the Chief Advisor Wastewater advised that:

- daily monitoring and sampling for microbiological indicators were conducted in the Days Bay incident area. WWL monitored the Waiwhetū Stream and the Hutt River mouth, and those samples were still being analysed.
- concrete-lined steel pipes typically had a life expectancy of 60-80 years, and the pipe that was replaced in Days Bay was 52 years old. The coastal saline environment contributed to its shortened lifespan. Records were inconsistent, showing that this section had been replaced in 1997 with a plastic pipe. WWL was reviewing the other two pump stations that were modified at the same time to ensure their records were accurate.
- the contents of the sucker trucks used during the Days Bay incident were initially sent to a site in Seaview. However, due to disruptions to the business, they were moved to the York Bay pump station after the first week.

In response to a question from a member, the Strategic Advisor, Hutt City Council (HCC) confirmed that the cost of the Days Bay work had yet to be finalised but would be reported back to both Councils.. He estimated the costs to be around \$2M.

In response to further questions from members, the Chief Advisor Wastewater advised that:

- wet weather was identified as a key risk for delaying work on the Western Hills main sewer rehabilitation project.
- the 589-metre pipe, marked as ‘in very poor condition’, was highlighted as the yellow pipe on page two of presentation 2.
- Taitā Rock was facing a river and bank erosion issue, which was the main concern. WWL was monitoring the situation as it posed a high consequence but lower probability risk.

- WWL had suggested to Greater Wellington Regional Council's (GWRC) flood team to investigate ways to slow down erosion at Taitā Rock. GWRC's policy was not to undertake work to protect third party assets, however they were willing to provide technical advice.
- the cure-in-place pipeliner had a design life of 50 years and was more cost-effective than a 100 year pipe. It would reduce the internal diameter of the pipe by 20 millimetres, while providing a smoother surface and maintaining effective flow.
- traffic management costs were included in the \$5.1M budget for the 589-metre pipe and associated manhole rehabilitation.
- the coloured lines on the second slide of presentation 2 represented the three water services: green lines for still water, blue lines for potable water and red lines for local sewer lines feeding into the Western Hills main sewer pipe.
- a diversion would be in place during the Western Hills main sewer rehabilitation project to ensure no disruption to the Lower Hutt area.

The Strategic Advisor, HCC elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members, the Strategic Advisor, HCC advised that:

- HCC, UHCC, WWL and Mana Whenua Iwi groups explored a solution for overflow that would be best for the network. The aim was to reduce the number of times overflow was used. It would be virtually impossible to avoid using the overflow at some point.
- the Seaview plant was nearing the end of its working life and a \$205M programme of works over the next 10 years was planned for renewal. long term planning was necessary for what would happen in 30-40 years when the plant reached the end of its life.
- investment has been made to ensure the buildings of the Seaview plant met seismic resilience standards.

Cr Carson requested a breakdown of each Council's Long Term Plan contributions to the joint venture projects for each financial year and the total estimated costs.

RESOLVED:(Cr Stallinger/Cr Shaw)

Minute No. HVSC 24403

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

7. **UPDATE ON SILVERSTREAM LANDFILL AND RESOURCE RECOVERY**

Report No. HVSC2024/4/93 by the Waste and Resource Recovery Manager, Hutt City Council

The Waste and Resource Recovery Manager, Hutt City Council elaborated on the report.

In response to a question from a member, the Waste and Resource Recovery Manager confirmed that the landfill was better positioned to handle capacity. He noted that this was partly due to turning away contaminated soil and charging high prices for its disposal. He advised that although the landfill could now accept contaminated land for disposal, it was important to carefully manage the revenue expectations of the landfill. He explained the need for a delicate balance in handling applications for the disposal of contaminated land. He confirmed that the landfill was still accepting asbestos.

Cr Dyer left the meeting at 10.16am

In response to questions from a member, the Waste and Resource Recovery Manager explained that the beech trees that had been removed had been logged and stacked on site. He said officers were exploring various options for their use, such as incorporating them into Council projects. He confirmed that the landfill was back to accepting sludge from the Seaview wastewater plant because the dryer was not operating at full capacity. He added that the landfill had the ability to accept or reject contaminated land applications to manage airspace and operations, with priority given to local infrastructure projects.

Cr Dyer rejoined the meeting at 10.17am

RESOLVED: (Cr Stallinger/Cr Carson)

Minute No. HVSC 24404

"That the Committee receives and notes the report."

8. AKATĀRAWA CEMETERY UPDATE

Report No. HVSC2024/4/94 by the Parks and Reserves Manager, Upper Hutt City Council

The Parks and Reserves Manager, Upper Hutt City Council (UHCC) elaborated on the report. Cr Carson advised that the shared services model remained a possibility and asked that officers complete the review of this model. He asked for a report on the pros and cons of the shared services model to be considered by the Committee at its next meeting, as well as to both Councils.

In response to questions from members, the Parks and Reserves Manager, UHCC advised that he was not aware of any plans to acquire land beyond the current development. He mentioned that the expected lifespan of the new development was 41-42 years. He acknowledged that HCC was having difficulty finding additional land. He noted that the Councils had not officially investigated Whiteman's Valley they believed it held potential for future cemetery opportunities.

Members asked officers to begin exploring options for acquiring land for burial purposes and to provide a report on this to the Committee every six months.

The Chair reiterated the expectations for officers and stated that if these were not met by the next Committee meeting, additional recommendations would be proposed.

RESOLVED: (Cr Stallinger/Cr Carson)

Minute No. HVSC 24405

"That the Committee receives the Akatārawa Cemetery update."

9. HUTT VALLEY SERVICES COMMITTEE FORWARD PROGRAMME 2024

Report No. HVSC2024/4/95 by the Democracy Advisor, Hutt City Council

RESOLVED: (Cr Stallinger/Cr Griffiths)

Minute No. HVSC 24406

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

10. QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

11. 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 runga	<i>Good and peaceful</i>
Kia wātea, kia wātea!	
Ae rā, kua wātea!	
Hau, pai mārire.	

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 10.36am.

Cr T Stallinger
CHAIR

CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 22nd day of November 2024