

Confirmed Public minutes of the 2021-31 Long Term Plan Hearing Committee meeting on 18 May, 19 May and 20 May 2021

Tuesday, 18 May 2021

Taumata Kōrero – Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council
100 Cuba Street, Te Aro, Wellington, at 9.32am.

Members Present

Councillor Ponter (Chair)
Councillor Blakeley
Councillor Brash
Councillor Connelly
Councillor Gaylor
Councillor Hughes
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand
Councillor Laban
Councillor Lamason
Councillor Lee (until 2.21pm, and from 3.31pm)
Councillor Nash
Councillor Staples
Councillor van Lier (from 9.34am)

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved: Cr Nash / Cr Hughes

That the Committee accepts the apology for lateness from Councillor van Lier.

The motion was carried.

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

3 Process for considering submissions and feedback on the draft 2021-31 Long Term Plan and proposed amendments to the Resource Management Charging Policy – Report 21.136

Moved: Cr Blakeley / Cr Staples

That the Committee:

- 1 Agrees to the hearing process as set out in this report.
- 2 Accepts the late submissions received on the draft 2021-31 Long Term Plan and proposed amendments to the Resource Management Charging Policy.

The motion was carried.

4 Hearing of oral submissions

A timetable of oral submissions was circulated.

Submitters were heard in the following order:

Hearing order	Submission number	Name and organisation
1	293	Sonya Rimene, Rangitāne Tu Mai Ra Trust, via Teams
2	314	Daphne Luke, Te Matarau a Maui

Councillor van Lier arrived at the meeting at 9.34am, during the speaking time of the first speaker.

The hearing adjourned at 9.57am and resumed at 10.11am.

Hearing order	Submission number	Name and organisation
3	261	Stephen Pattinson (tabled a presentation and speaking notes)
4	115	Dan Riddiford, Te Awaiti Station
5	268	Stephen Pattinson, Save Our Hills (Upper Hutt) Incorporated (tabled a presentation)
6	331	Paul Cutfield, Homeburn Station
7	295	David Hayes and Elizabeth McGruddy, Federated Farmers

Hearing order	Submission number	Name and organisation
8	303	Paul Blaschke, and Sharlene Maoate-Davis (via Teams, Mauri Tūhono ki Te Upoko o Te Ika (tabled a presentation)
9	309	Chris Horne, Wellington Botanical Society (tabled Wellington Botanical Society newsletter)
10	317	James Willcocks and Denise Church, Predator Free Wellington Ltd., (tabled a presentation)

The hearing adjourned at 12.11pm and resumed at 12.48pm.

Hearing order	Submission number	Name and organisation
11	156	Mark Neeson and Lindsay Gow, Porirua Harbour Trust
12	129	Teresa Christianson
13	300	Demetrius Christoforou, Trams-Action (tabled a presentation)
14	255	Demetrius Christoforou
15	271	William Guest
16	305	Ellen Blake, Wellington Living Streets
17	315	Philip Moore, Neste, (tabled a presentation, via Teams)
18	256	Tony Randle, Johnsonville Community Association (via Teams)
19	257	Tony Randle (via Teams)

Councillor Lee left the meeting at 2.21pm between speakers 17 and 18.

The hearing adjourned at 2.35pm and resumed at 3.00pm.

Hearing order	Submission number	Name and organisation
20	316	Ron Beernink, Great Harbour Way Trust (tabled a presentation)
21	63	Tony De Barr, Wellington Jet Sport Club (tabled a presentation)
22	299	Chris McCarthy, Paremata Boating Club
23	302	Joannes Boele van Hensbroek
24	312	Russell Morrison (tabled speaking notes)
25	160	Jillian Warren, Mana Kayak Racing Club
26	166	Phil Teal, Wellington Fish and Game (via Teams)
27	64	Dame Fran Wilde, Wellington Lifelines Group (tabled a presentation)

Councillor Lee returned to the meeting at 3.11pm, during questions of speaker 20.

The Chair advised that the hearing would adjourn and reconvene at 9.30am on Wednesday 19 May 2021. The hearing adjourned at 4.13pm.

Wednesday, 19 May 2021

Taumata Kōrero – Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council
100 Cuba Street, Te Aro, Wellington at 9.37am.

Members Present

Councillor Ponter (Chair)
Councillor Blakeley
Councillor Brash
Councillor Connelly
Councillor Gaylor
Councillor Hughes
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand
Councillor Laban
Councillor Lamason (from 11.55am to 4.12pm)
Councillor Lee (until 3.37pm)
Councillor Nash
Councillor Staples
Councillor van Lier

Public Business

5 Apologies

Moved: Cr Staples / Cr Connelly

That the Committee accepts the apology for lateness from Councillor Lamason and early departure from Councillor Lee.

The motion was carried.

6 Hearing of oral submissions

An updated timetable of oral submissions was circulated.

Submitters were heard in the following order:

Hearing order	Submission number	Name and organisation
28	260	Susan Kefali Pattinson (via Teams, tabled speaking notes)
29	292	Marlin Elkington (via Teams)

Hearing order	Submission number	Name and organisation
30	RMCP1	Dave Hopman and Bill Evans, Masterton District Council (via Teams)
31	142	James Barber
32	125	Paula Warren (tabled supporting information)
33	239	Paula Warren, Friends of Baring Head

The hearing adjourned at 10.49am and resumed at 11.00am.

Hearing order	Submission number	Name and organisation
34	319	Shane Harmon and John Shewan, Wellington Regional Stadium Trust
35	225	Marlon Drake and Priya Neupane, Living Wage Aotearoa New Zealand
36	238	Brent Efford, Light Rail Transit Association (tabled a presentation)
37	308	Jackson Lacy and Robyn Parkinson, Tawa Community Board
38	206	Andrew Cutler

Councillor Lamason arrived at the meeting at 11.55am, during questions of speaker 36.

The hearing adjourned at 12.24pm and resumed at 12.49pm.

Hearing order	Submission number	Name and organisation
39	60	James Ryan, New Zealand Farm Environment Trust (NZFET) (via Teams)
40	147	Max Stevens, Joe Howell, Robert Burgess and Clive Paton
41	311	Katherine Blow and James Daly, Victoria University of Wellington Students Association

Hearing order	Submission number	Name and organisation
42	195	Neil McInnes, Water Safety New Zealand
43	258	Dr Barbara Ann McKenzie
44	266	Gina Dao-McLay and Sophie Honey, Greens at Vic
45	277	Marie Russell and Christine Richardson (tabled a presentation)
46	288	Liz Springford, remotely via Teams

The hearing adjourned at 2.04pm and resumed at 2.47pm.

Hearing order	Submission number	Name and organisation
47	62	Michele Warwick, River to Rail (via Teams)
48	157	Leigh Ramsey, Energise Ōtaki (via Teams)
49	61	Michele Warwick, Kāpiti Equestrian Advocacy Group (KEAG), (tabled a presentation, via Teams)
50	158	Ruth Halliday (via Teams)
51	198	Jacqui Lane and Beth Reille, Wellington Equestrian Advocacy Group (tabled a presentation and supporting information)
52	328	Bernard O'Shauhnessy
53	86	Thomas Kay (tabled presentation and supporting information)
54	330	Cr Gwynn Compton, Kāpiti Coast District Council, (via Teams)

Councillor Lee left the meeting at 3.37pm, between speakers 51 and 52, and did not return.

Councillor Lamason left the meeting at 4.12pm, during questions of speaker 54, and did not return.

The Chair advised that the hearing would adjourn and reconvene at 9.30am on 20 May 2021. The hearing adjourned at 4.22pm.

Thursday, 20 May 2021

Taumata Kōrero – Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council
100 Cuba Street, Te Aro, Wellington at 9.33am.

Members Present

Councillor Ponter (Chair)
Councillor Brash
Councillor Connelly
Councillor Gaylor
Councillor Hughes
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand (until 11.45am)
Councillor Laban
Councillor Lamason
Councillor Lee (until 11.53am)
Councillor Nash
Councillor Staples
Councillor van Lier

Public Business

7 Apologies

Moved: Cr Gaylor / Cr Nash

That the Committee accepts the apology for absence from Councillor Blakeley.

The motion was **carried**.

8 Hearing of oral submissions

Hearing order	Submission number	Name and organisation
55	RMCP2	Geoff Copps and Hamish Hammond, Wairarapa Water Users Society (via Teams)

9 Analysis of submissions and feedback on the proposed amendments to the Resource Management Charging Policy – Report 21.185

Al Cross and Stephen Thawley, spoke to the report.

The Committee completed its deliberations.

Moved: Cr Nash / Cr Staples

That the Committee:

- 1 Considers the submissions on the proposed changes to the Resource Management Charging Policy, together with officer comments in determining its findings and recommendations to the 2021-31 Long Term Plan Hearing Committee.
- 2 Recommends that Council agrees to adopt the proposed changes to the Resource Management Charging Policy, subject to the following additional changes being included in the finalised Resource Management Charging Policy:
 - a a phased approach to the increases on the State of the Environment and customer service fees being specified in the Resource Management Charging Policy
 - b the application of a ten percent discount / rebate for telemetered takes.
- 3 Requests officers to work with the Wellington Region's territorial authorities on streamlining State of the Environment charges based on duplication of effort.

The motion was **carried**.

The hearing adjourned at 10.24am and resumed at 10.41am.

10 Analysis of submissions on the 2021-31 Long Term Plan – Report 21.170

Ali Trustrum-Rainey, Chief Financial Officer and Luke Troy, General Manager Strategy spoke to the report.

The Committee completed its deliberations.

Councillor Kirk-Burnnand left the hearing at 11.45am during deliberations and did not return.

Councillor Lee left the meeting at 11.53am during deliberations and did not return.

The hearing adjourned at 12.29pm and resumed at 12.52pm.

Moved: Cr Nash / Cr Connelly

That the Committee:

- 1 Considers the submissions on the 2021-31 Long Term Plan together with the proposed key responses to submissions (Attachment 2)
- 2 Recommends that Council agrees to adopt, without change, the preferred options in the consultation document for inclusion in the finalised 2021-31 Long Term Plan:
 - a Electric all the way
 - b Sow the seeds now
 - c Serious support

- 3 Recommends that Council agrees to adopt the 2021-31 Long Term Plan, subject to the following changes being included in the finalised 2021-31 Long Term Plan:
 - a Additional funding of \$250,000 per annum from 2023/24 until 2027/28 for Predator Free Wellington, subject to additional conditions regarding assisting and sharing best practice learnings across regional Predator Free groups.
 - b Additional funding of \$100,000 for 2021/22, increasing to \$300,000 per annum from 2022/23 for the Mauri Tūhono ki Te Upoko o Te Ika (Regional Biodiversity Framework).
 - c That the Long Term Plan signal a commitment to fund Wellington Regional Stadium Trust for earthquake resilience works, totalling \$2.33 million in 2023/24 as a one-third contribution, subject to confirmation of Wellington City Council support.
 - d Funding of \$150,000 per annum from 2021/22 to 2023/24 for additional Greater Wellington park ranger capacity.
 - e That the Long Term Plan signal continued support for the feasibility work on the Wainuiomata Fenced Sanctuary, subject to the Department of Conservation being lead agency.
 - f Additional funding of \$400,000 per annum from 2021/22 onwards, for the whitua implementation programmes.
 - g Funding the commitment to the living wage for bus drivers (as per 8 April 2021 Council Report 21.92) through reserves for 2021/22.
- 4 That officers report to the Council meeting on 10 June 2022 on whether funding the living wage for bus drivers in 2022/23 and following years can be included in the 2021-31 Long Term Plan or should be the subject of a separate consultation process.

The motion was carried.

Noted: The Committee requested that officers prepare reports to the Environment Committee on:

- Further analysis of potential actions regarding the Te Awarua o Porirua Harbour (including dredging).
- Solving access issues at the Hiwinui block.
- Analysis of the Otaki River to Rail 'Regional Park' opportunity.
- Report back on paper road access through Belmont Regional Park – Hill to Belmont Roads.

Noted: The Committee requested that officers prepare reports to the Transport Committee on:

- The feasibility of using renewable bio-fuel for buses as an interim measure prior to electrification.
- The fare structure review giving consideration to concessions for part time students.

Noted: The Committee proposed that a letter be sent from the Council Chair to the Minister of Transport regarding compatibility between future Light Rail and heavy rail networks.

Noted: The Revenue and Finance Policy will be formally reviewed, including a public consultation, in the 2021/22 financial year.

On behalf of the Committee, the Chair thanked officers for their input into the development of the Long Term Plan and for their support to the hearing process.

The public hearing closed at 1.27pm.



Councillor D Ponter

Chair

Date:

10/6/21