

# Environmental Reference Group Meeting Minutes

23 November 2009, Te Mahanga - Committee Room 1, Wellington City Council

## **Present:**

Hamish Allardice (Co-chair)  
Sea Rotmann (Co-chair)  
Councillor Wade-Brown  
Nigel Smith (Youth Council)  
Melissa Cutler  
Mike Ennis

## **WCC Officers:**

Chris Cameron (Climate Change)

## **Apologies**

### ***Members***

Councillor Pannett  
Peter Gilbert  
Bev Abbott  
Tushara Kodikara  
Nick Potter  
Kathryn Maxwell  
Philip Mladenov  
Ian Shearer  
Ralph Chapman

## **GWRC Officers:**

Tami Woods

## **Mana Whenua**

### **Representatives:**

Graeme Hastilow

## **Welcome**

Attendees were welcomed and apologies recorded.

- Draft minutes from the 3 August 2009 and 22 September meetings were confirmed
- The Group noted the low turn-out at the meeting.

## **ERG 2009 Report back**

Chris Cameron circulated the draft of the annual ERG report to committee on its activity and the ERG's member submission.

Some of the feedback included:

- Including the briefing of the incoming Council and environmental performance measures as key priorities for 2010
- For the members submission, stressing that it was not always clear how the ERG's input was incorporated into policy
- Other minor wording improvements.

## **General**

Hamish requested if the policy forward programme could be distributed to the ERG.

Noted that the forward programme for 2010 needed to be finalised and a draft would be circulated and confirmed in December.

Noted that recruitment for three ERG members will be initiated in December.

The meeting closed at 7:25 pm