

Environmental Reference Group Minutes

Monday, 5th September 2016 | 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Wellington City Council, 101 Wakefield St, Committee Room 2

Chairperson: Sophie Mormede

Members: Sophie Mormede, Paula Warren, Mark Fenwick, Martin Payne, Mark Higham, Hamish McGillivray, Chris Watson, Lynn Cadenhead, Shenagh Gleisner, Stu Farrant, Daniela Biaggio, Graeme Sawyer

Councillors: Iona Pannett, Helene Ritchie

Staff: James Mather, Moana Mackey

ELT member: David Chick

1.	Welcome & Apologies Mark Fenwick Apologies received: Martin Payne Mark Fenwick Cr Helene Ritchie Apologies for leaving early: Cr Iona Pannett Hamish McGillivray Graeme Sawyer	5.30pm
2.	Conflicts of Interest All Graham declared that he is running for Council in the Northern Ward	5.35pm
3.	Previous Minutes Confirmation All Lynn moved that the minutes be carried, Chris seconded the motion	5.37pm
4.	Moana's Updates 1. Moana to provide work stream updates	5.40pm

2. ERG invited to question

Update distributed to the ERG in paper copy at the meeting, Moana to pass on an updated version that James will place on Dropbox.

ERG commended Moana's initiative to coordinate those with "skin in the game" in the sustainability space

Smart Energy Challenge

Q – How do you carry things on once the Smart Energy Challenge ends?

A – We don't want to let it go. We will probably let people use whatever energy meter they want to use, rather than a prescribed one. Its up to the building managers for them to pull out data, but we will be going back to Switch to ask them to assist with this. Building managers will be given a range of where they sit on the spectrum, which we think will help with a push toward the end of the year.

Low Carbon Challenge

3 teams have come through who are eligible for the funding from Council. 2 of these teams are already crowd funding, and are doing well. 1 team is launching their crowdfunding in October, and have some investment already.

Teams are:

Common Unity Project

Misfit Company

Co-Buy (unsure on spelling)

Another Clim-a-thon later in the year that will include an adaptation aspect

Tom advised that EV chargers are being looked at in the city

There would likely be 5 or so in the central city, with a total number of 25.

EV chargers to be in prominent places

On street charging needs to be looked into, for those who don't have off-street parking.

Q – where do the emissions come from?

A – commercial building is 40%, transport is

Q – what is being done to reduce these?

A – EV, aviation emissions are being looked at, building challenge, Warm Up Wellington and we are also looking at supporting renewable energy initiatives such as solar.

Q – MOA with Vic, what's happening there?

A – Biodiversity team has a lot to do with them. We are looking at extending the relationship. Vic has a new Vice-Chancellor of sustainability. We are looking at ideas to be discussed, please email me if you have any ideas to pass on.

Q – Adaptive re-use. The amount of waste that goes into redevelopment is staggering.

Q – What’s the scope of the MoU for projects?

A – Wide open, the vice-chancellor wants to give her students a lot of experience, so there is a lot of potential here.

Q – I think there is an issue with governance and waste, often two projects being done when one would suffice.

Q – What are the areas of speciality?

A – Architecture school, Biological sciences, Governance, Geography, Climate change Researchers, Social Anthropology, Antarctic Group... the list goes on!

James to get Mary-Anne (Vice-Chancellor) in to speak to ERG

In the low-carbon capital plan we are looking at what area we could expand the area in which there is no minimum parking requirement.

Adding these is hard, and these are political decisions

Most of the growth will be in the CBD, and it does depend on developers obviously, but Te Aro is growing hugely.

Q – My understanding is that growth numbers would be in the suburbs?

A – Yes it does depend on some factors, but all the indications are that people want to live in the CBD; especially if they can afford it.

ERG noted they are still interested in updates on the sludge

A – We are in the process of talking and coordinating this, Low Carbon options are going to be looked at, at least as a comparator. Everyone understands the pressures and challenges on all parties involved. We are pushing for a Low Carbon solution

Q – Is there any progress on stopping the building of roads?

A – Slightly above my paygrade. We are taking a first principles approach.

Q – WCC was absent from Transmission Gully. WCC needs to be working with NZTA on solutions; mitigation is going to be required.

Q – I met with NZTA on the Petone cycleway. NZTA would only be looking at managing a cycleway attached to a motorway. NZTA needs to be a multi-

	<p>modal agency. A – I think you need to push that up to Central Government.</p> <p>WCC is committed to the Cycleway network, cycleways are difficult to establish in many cities all across the world when they're not part of the culture.</p> <p>The most difficult challenge coming up is climate change adaptation, even if everyone does their part we will still be looking at houses under water by the end of the century.</p> <p>WCC is wary of making sure solutions are fit for the community. Access and infrastructure are also at risk, most of these major points are on the coast (incl underground).</p> <p>Resilience Strategy Draft is going to Council in September.</p> <p>Q – What's your sea level rise prediction that you are working to? A – Central is asking us to working on 0.8-1.3m by end of century.</p> <p>Moana & Tom to give draft paper to James for ERG to feedback on as soon as possible.</p>	
5.	<p>Open Space Presentation Feedback Lynn Cadenhead</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lynn to provide update 2. Discussion of next steps <p>Presented Open Space to Council</p> <p>ERG to provide feedback on the document used by WCC for this, clarity and ease of access to be sought</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Needs policies for the community to work with them, otherwise Guerrilla works get undertaken Data issues 2. Vagueness on walking only areas 3. Bike only tracks exist, but weren't acknowledged by Council 4. Shared paths should allow for pedestrians and cyclists to "step aside" for safety reasons 5. Councils standards for tracks 6. Council 7. Better criteria are needed for how & why things are being undertaken 	6.00pm

	<p>8. Report is only now up to standard for consultation</p> <p>ERG to focus on the implementation plan, and how the criteria will be operationalised</p> <p>ERG to review document submission versus finalised document</p> <p>Lynn to look at implementation</p>	
6.	<p>Year ahead planning All</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. James to go over possible 2017 items 2. ERG to advise on items of interest 3. ERG to advise on reporting structure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opportunity for areas of study that aren't being addressed could be alleviated through the Vic Programme (governance, open-space...) - Summer internships are good for pilot studies, as they are quite short - Embedded energy in Frank Kitts Park (how to achieve at low or zero carbon) - 	6.20pm
7.	<p>Council Silos All</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Paula to table letter 2. ERG to discuss proactive ways they can work with council to alleviate silos <p>Paula's paper to be tabled for ERG on Dropbox, paper copy distributed in meeting</p> <p>Feasibility of Paula's suggestions to be discussed</p> <p>ERG would like to have a discussion around the issues raised with senior staff</p> <p>Shenagh to work on developing a letter to the CE/Mayor on silo-ism</p> <p>Daniela to also develop some work in this space</p> <p>Cr Pannett advised that a fundamental issue is 'the disconnect' between the "economic" and "environmental" spheres.</p> <p>1 meeting on Silos, 1 meeting on decision making</p>	6.50pm

8.	Matters Arising All - James to invite Dr Kevin Lavery along (CE)	7.20pm
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Action Points:

James to get Mary-Anne (Vice-Chancellor) in to speak to ERG

Moana & Tom to give draft paper to James for ERG to feedback on as soon as possible.
(james to get off Mike Mendonca)

Joel and Mike to be invited back to discuss the Open Space Action plan

ERG to develop submission for the Frank Kitts Development

ERG to look at developing a framework for future principles for City Shaper and similar agencies to develop low/zero carbon procedures

Shenagh to work on developing a letter to the CE/Mayor on silo-ism

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Portfolio groups

Working group	ERG lead	Council officer
Transport	Paula Warren	Jane Black (LGWM) Pete Whiting, Transport Engagement
Climate Change	Chris	Moana Mackey, Programme Manager Sustainability
Waste	Martin Payne	Adrian Mitchell, Waste Operations Manager
Urban Growth/Open Space	Graeme Sawyer	Trudy Whitlow, Urban Design & Heritage Manager
Water	Paula Warren	Yon Cheong Manager, Regional Strategy and Policy Wgtn Water
Resilience	Lynn Cadenhead	Mike Mendonca, Chief Resilience Officer
Urban Design Agency	Shenagh Gleisner & Mark McKenzie	Baz Kaufman, Manager Strategy And Research
Manawhenua iwi & Treaty Relations	Mark Fenwick	Trevor Himona, Senior Advisor, Treaty Relations
Biodiversity	Stu Farrant	Myfanwy Emeny, Team Leader Biodiversity & Urban Ecology