

# **Environmental Reference Group Meeting Minutes**

**9 February 2009, Te Mahanga - Committee Room 1, Wellington City Council**

## **Present:**

Hamish Allardice (Co-chair)  
Sea Rotmann (Co-chair)  
Councillor Wade-Brown  
Mike Ennis  
Nigel Smith (Youth Council)  
Philip Mladenov  
Peter Gilberd  
Nick Potter  
Mel Cutler  
Bev Abbott  
Kathryn Maxwell  
Ian Shearer

## **Apologies**

### **Members**

Councillor Pannett  
Tushara Kodikara  
Liz Hibbs  
Ralph Chapman

## **WCC Officers:**

Ken Bowater (Policy)  
Genevieve Drake (Policy)  
Donna Sherlock (CitiOps)  
Kevin Robertson (Capacity)  
Georgia McRae (Citizen Eng)  
Mike Mendonca (CitiOps)

**GWRC Officers:** Tami Woods (GWRC)

**Mana Whenua Representatives:**

**Guests/Speakers:** none

## **New Members Induction**

Peter Gilberd, Mel Cutler, Philip Mladenov, Nick Potter and Bev Abbott were welcomed and received the ERG induction pack consisting of:

- ERG structure and ToR
- ERG culture and processes
- Committee structure and processes
- LTCCP and Strategies
- Commitments and expectations

## **Welcome**

Attendees were welcomed and apologies recorded.

Draft minutes from the 1/12/08 meeting were moved for confirmation by Kathryn Maxwell and seconded by Nigel Smith – carried.

## Updates

Choices – Sea Rotmann welcomed input and spoke of the interesting aspects of a behavioural economics paper.

LTCCP consultation – Councillor Wade-Brown gave a presentation on the 2009-19 LTCCP process. Member comments included concern over Council reducing services as this move may exacerbate social decline/malaise.

Group discussion around either a media release or an article in Branch Out regarding the new ERG members – Administrator to organise.

## Reports Discussed

World Water Day (Sunday 22 March '09). This year the theme is “Water Crossing Boundaries”. Member discussion included how healthy water messages may be conveyed; further discussion next meeting.

Waste - Sewage and storm water mixing – inflow and infiltration – problems and progress discussed.

Recycling – Discussion on changing behaviour regarding reducing waste  
Sludge process – No discussion

Kerbside recycling – Discussion around world markets for recycled products and possible negative changes in recycling behaviour if rate payer recycling costs increase.

Waste Operator Licensing Bylaw - Discussion around the true costs of a wasteful system and how Council may have to respond through global recession.

## Additions to Forward Programme

Greater Wellington – Proposed Regional Policy Statement (March '09)  
Department of Conservation – Wellington Draft Conservation Strategy  
Wellington Regional Strategy Indicators

## ERG Draft Forward Programme for 2009

Date	Theme / Key Items
2 February	1. Final recruitment selection
9 February	1. LTCCP - engagement 2. Sewage and storm water mixing - inflow & infiltration 3. Sludge process – how this operates 4. Waste Operator Licensing Bylaw
2 March	1. Waste Minimisation Act 2008 – implications [ recycling, cradle-to-cradle, consumption, design 2 Waste] 2. Wellington Regional Strategy – genuine progress indicators

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Water Day – discussion</li> <li>4. Group Goals – discussion</li> </ul>
6 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. LTCCP – formal stage</li> <li>2. Wellington Regional Strategy Indicators - discussion</li> <li>3. Greater Wellington – Proposed Regional Policy Statement</li> </ul>
8 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Update from Climate Change team</li> <li>2. Transport and joint Road Safety/ERG Reference Groups meeting (Celia and Ian)</li> <li>3. DOC – Wellington Draft Conservation Strategy</li> </ul>
3 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ERG impacts 2009 – December SPC report planning</li> </ul>
5 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.</li> </ul>
7 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.</li> </ul>

### **SPC Forward Programme**

The full programme is usually reviewed by SPC on the first Thursday of each month and is available at

[http://www.wellington.govt.nz/haveyoursay/meetings/committee/Strategy\\_and\\_Policy/schedule.html](http://www.wellington.govt.nz/haveyoursay/meetings/committee/Strategy_and_Policy/schedule.html). Officers present reports and may be questioned by Councillors at the Briefing Meetings, generally on Tuesdays, and the councillors debate any issues and vote on recommendations at the Strategy and Policy Committee meetings on Thursdays. All these meetings are generally open to the public. They usually commence at 9.15 am and start with any petitions from the public (these should be notified to Democratic Services in advance). Should you wish to attend a particular meeting as part of the public, you can contact Gen for the latest on any date or timing changes.

The meeting closed at 7:40 pm