

Environmental Reference Group Minutes

Monday, 01 February 2016 | 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Wellington City Council, 1010 Wakefield St, Committee Room 2

Chairperson: Mark Fenwick

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

Councillors: Helene Ritchie, Iona Pannett

Staff: James Mather, Crispian Franklin, Mark Mendonca

Agenda Item	Business Item
1.	Introduction
2.	Conflicts of Interest
3.	Apologies Graeme Sawyer Kate Mitcalfe Cr Helene Ritchie Sophie Mormede Yvonne Legarth
4.	Trevor Himona Presentation of the Draft letters to Mana Whenua Iwi <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Prepared two letters, formally inviting mana whenua to become part of ERG.- Discussion on the content, terms and aims of the letters.- Recommendation that the terms of reference are amended to incorporate the letter- Issues of payment – the terms of reference clearly invite them as members, and that members be remunerated- Group gives approval of the content of the letter and how it is set out

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Both entities are aware of being invited to the ERG - Iwi to be present as members to discuss on all matters, not just from an Iwi perspective - Wellington Tennis Trust have written to the CEO petitioning for membership to ERG - Trevor to coordinate between governance, ERG and the Iwi – also to send to the chair to sign off.
5.	<p>Minutes of last meeting Minutes are carried</p>
6.	<p>Annual Plan – Consultation and Engagement</p> <p>Neil McInnes & Savaia Stevenson to present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation was delivered, available to members on dropbox. - Mayor is operational lead of the Annual Plan Process - Convention centre and Film museum were in the plan, but have been bought forward in schedule. Large change requires an amendment in the LTP - Special interest half day forums proposed - Topics could include: sustainability, green growth and climate change - Feedback: - Forum must happen within 29th March – 29th April - Purpose/audience of the forum is a broader range of persons than are normally involved in local govt planning. Beginning of a dialogue - Submissions are still key and necessary to an oral submission. These forums are part of the engagement and consultation aspect. Councillors at the table - There is a forum for each advisory group, as well as Maori/arts/technology... - Sharing overlap of topics where possible would assist in greater participation and engagement -
7.	<p>Matters Arising</p>
8.	<p>Mike Mendonca Chief resilience officer</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion of the 100 resilient cities project - Presentation covered is available to members on dropbox - Strategy for resilience must be developed, ERG are invited to be involved - Rockefeller to assist with tools/funding - Existing cities are keen to share knowledge - Earthquakes are also being looked at - General Principals of how to view issues; existing thought is quite narrow. - Currently issues with multi-benefit projects and conceptions, doesn't fit existing discussion frameworks - Resilience lessons from ChCh not necessarily applied in Wellington - Wellingtons plan will link into the LTP
<p>9.</p>	<p>Trade Waste Bylaw discussion Kristin Aitken and Gordon George to present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation is available on dropbox for members - Trade waste currently requires resource consent - Submissions on the bylaw close on the 26th February - Consents are held by the party who discharges the waste (commonly the occupier) - Transfer of consents are possible if the activity status doesn't change - Existing bylaw was produced before best practice was established. - Key changes to bylaw; purpose and scope expanded to capture promotion of cleaner production; risk based approach – compliance payback as a principal; tweaking the classes of trade waste; provide option of trade waste agreements; - Bylaw to be brought into line with the 2004 Model Bylaw - Improved environmental outcomes - Hearings will be held if necessary on the bylaw proposed amendments/changes - Permitted trade waste: looking at determining this by volume threshold (max 100L per day). Hairdressers would be considered for this category. Discharge also needs to fit acceptable characteristics. - Nobody meets the 600 ratio currently used. 1000 is seen as norm, much higher chance of compliance - Mercury is being increased from 5mg to 50. The Australian limit is higher. Better way to treat is to

	<p>hold to an ISO standard – sticking to this results in compliance. The mass that arrives at the treatment plant is the issue.</p>
10.	<p>Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Crispian tables the work programmes - Gives history on letter of joint agreement, how this determines work programme for the year - Programme is indicative and based on the policy work programme, themes/topics/parallels can be drawn and discussed at ERG - Need to strategise as to how agenda should be managed - Co-chairs and Cr Pannett to meet to discuss the work programme - James to add members to Loomio
11.	<p>Councillor Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Annual plan, councillors items due by the 12th Feb - Waste, upcoming discussion with council officers - Water/stormwater are upcoming issues – money to spend on stormwater so we don't see more flooding. - Earthquake prone buildings are being looked at, aiming for as much resilience as possible - Basin Reserve is ticking along - Medium density housing update requested (James to email councillor Foster) - James to organise an "updates list" - waste management plan to be circulated when possible
12.	<p>Portfolio Group Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - These to be written and sent to James to table - Clarification of who is in what group to be sought

Meeting adjourned at 7.55pm