

# Environmental Reference Group

## Meeting Minutes

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Wellington City Council

Me Heke Ki Pōneke

<b>Details:</b>	Date:	Monday, 14 September 2020
	Time:	5:06pm – 7:04pm
	Venue:	Ngake (16.09), Level 16, Tahiwī 113 The Terrace / Zoom
	Chair:	Clare Stringer

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<b>Members present:</b>	Steven Almond	George Hobson
	Mike Britton (by audiovisual link)	Martin Payne
	Lynn Cadenhead	Clare Stringer
	Arron Cox	Michelle Rush
	Isla Day	Chris Watson
	Sally Faisandier (by audiovisual link)	Eleanor West
<b>Councillors present:</b>	Cr Tamatha Paul	Cr Laurie Foon
<b>Staff:</b>	Hedi Mueller, Democracy Advisor	
	Emily Taylor-Hall, Waste Operations Manager	

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Topic	Description	Start time
1.	<b>Welcome &amp; Apologies</b> Apologies were received from Moana Mackey.  Moved Clare Stringer, seconded George Hobson  <b>CARRIED</b>	5.06pm
2.	<b>Conflicts of Interest</b> No conflicts of interest were declared	5.07pm
3.	<b>Update from Councillor Paul</b> Councillor Paul updated the group on recent happenings, including the first meeting of the Te Atakura Steering Group, discussions with staff about waste contamination, and councillors requesting that climate change factored into every report.  Councillor Foon discussed the three-year update for the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan, a Wastewater Sludge Disposal report coming to Council in October, and the organic waste trial in Miramar.  Members discussed <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The shift to recycling plastics 1, 2 and 5 only has not significantly decreased the</li></ul>	5:07pm

	<p>overall amount of waste being recycled, as plastics 3, 4 and 6 made up a small proportion of recyclable waste anyway.</p>	
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Waste Bylaw Discussion</b>  Emily Taylor-Hall presented on the proposed Solid Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw, including why it's needed, council's obligations, and current challenges.</p> <p>Members discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whether overseas data is useful in the New Zealand context</li> <li>• Nationalising recycling and the cost of transport</li> <li>• Any central government work on minimising production of waste, and the waste levy increasing</li> <li>• Whether there is data on how much WCC spends cleaning up after private waste companies in the central city</li> <li>• Whether the data collection proposed by the Waste Bylaw would be used regionally or only for each territorial authority</li> <li>• Whether private waste providers would be provided financial support to collect data that would be required by the proposed license</li> <li>• Target setting – none versus a very low target</li> <li>• Concrete – lack sand becoming critical in construction</li> <li>• Incentives for events like the Newtown Festival that use multiple bins, such as funding from Waste Minimisation Seed Funding</li> <li>• High density housing and the how Insinkerators impact on wastewater rather than landfills</li> <li>• Where the bylaw would sit within the District Plan</li> </ul>	<p><b>5:14pm</b></p>
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Portfolio Updates</b>  Members discussed:  Waste: New things from tonight's discussion to be factored into the waste bylaw submission, including feedback on the consultation process and urgency.  Climate Change: Following up with Deputy Mayor Free regarding past LGOIMA request, airport extension now on hold indefinitely.  Transport: The level of detail to be included in the LGWM submission; 30km/h speed limit in the central city and Karori approved; Parking Policy approved; Ngauranga to Petone cycleway consenting; congestion charging and the need for adequate public transport to support it; climate justice and existing inequities worsening with climate change.  Biodiversity: Illegal bike tracks in the Outer Green Belt; the Urban Development Act and that more green spaces are need as cities built upwards.  Resilience: More needed in the Spatial Plan.  Heritage: Historic Places Wellington have been contacted, but a meeting hasn't been</p>	

	<p>arranged.</p> <p><b>Actions:</b> Aaron to be ERG Lead of the Water portfolio. Hedi to schedule LGWM session for a future meeting.</p>	
6.	<p><b>General Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Participation By consensus the group decided that requests for public participation at ERG meetings would be declined, but portfolio leaders could contact the requestor and have a discussion with them outside of meeting times. Public Participation to be discussed during the report back of the Advisory Groups review as well.</li> <li>Planning for Growth Members discussed what to include in their spatial plan submission, including timeframes, measuring and targets for implementation, youth engagement and increased emphasis on biodiversity.</li> <li>Resigned members Members acknowledged Chris Paulin and Andrew Wilks and thanked them for their work. Hedi to send out card.</li> </ul>	
7.	<p><b>Previous Minutes Confirmation – 10 August 2020</b> The previous minutes were confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.</p> <p>Moved Clare Stringer, seconded Arron Cox</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>	
8.	<p><b>Next meeting</b> 12 October 2020 – agenda items due Friday 2 September 2020. George Hobson to chair the meeting.</p>	

**Actions:** The following tables the actions, responsibilities and deadlines from previous meetings

Action Points		Responsibility	Deadline
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General Business	
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<b>Portfolio Groups</b>	<b>ERG Lead</b>		<b>Council Officer</b>
Transport	Michelle Rush		Joe Hewitt, Team Lead Transport Strategy and Siobhan Procter, Manager Transport and Infrastructure
Climate Change	Chris Watson	Isla Day, Steven Almond	Tom Pettit, Sustainability Manager
Waste	Steven Almond	Clare Stringer	Emily Taylor-Hall, Waste Operations Manager
Water	Arron Cox		Derek Baxter, City Engineer
Resilience	Lynn Cadenhead		Mike Mendonca, Chief Resilience Officer
Urban Development Agency/Urban Growth	Eleanor West	Sally Faisandier	Vida Christeller, Manager City Design & Place Planning
Mana whenua iwi & Treaty Relations			Nicky Karu, Manager Tira Poutama-Iwi Partnership
Biodiversity/Open Space	Mike Britton	Clare Stringer	Daniela Biaggio, Urban Ecology Manager
Heritage	Lynn Cadenhead	Clare Stringer	Mark Lindsay, Heritage Manager