

Environmental Reference Group Meeting Minutes

1 December 2008, Korimako - Committee Room 2, Wellington City Council

Present:

Hamish Allardice (Co-chair) Sea Rotmann (Co-chair)
Councillor Wade-Brown Cr Iona Pannett
Tushara Kodikara Kathryn Maxwell
Debbie Firestone Ian Shearer
Liz Hibbs

WCC Officers:

Ken Bowater (Policy)
Zach Rissel (Strategy, Climate Change Office)
Mike Mendonca (CitiOps)

GWRC Officers: Tami Woods (GWRC)

Mana Whenua Representatives:

Guests/Speakers: none

Apologies

Members

Mike Ennis

Other

Nicky Karu (Treaty Relations)
Kevin Murphy (Strategy,
Climate Change Office)

Not present

Ralph Chapman
Maria Archer (Infrastructure
Planning)
Mark Farrar (City
Communities)
Liz Mellish, Graeme Hastilow

Welcome

Those present were welcomed and thanked for their attendance, and apologies recorded.

The resignation of Debbie Firestone was accepted and a vote of thanks taken for her contributions. Debbie is moving to Australia.

Tim Park is handing over to Tami Woods to represent Greater Wellington. Tami brings with her a great breadth of experience in planning in the Wellington area.

Matters arising:

- none

The 6 October minutes were confirmed: Moved/Seconded: Sea/ Tushara Carried

Attendance claim forms were distributed for completion and return to Ken.

Feedback on online discussion group trial

Agreed to continue trial. Ken and Councillor Wade-Brown to encourage more use of this tool.

Updates

Environmental Strategy Review and LTCCP – Councillor Wade-Brown explained progress to date and the proposed next steps (1 Engagement on strategies and outcomes, 2 Consideration of funding models and activities).

- Member comments included concern about retrenchment versus investment in infrastructure, suggestions for a loan scheme to help targeted businesses, moving to 7-day payment expectations for accounts

Reports circulated for input prior to meeting:

- Water Consents Process – no discussion
- Waste Management consultation report – no discussion
- Update report and members' submission for 11 Dec SPC. The current draft member's submission was circulated and suggestions made. Ken to redraft on behalf of Sea and Hamish for their consideration before circulation.

Recycling, and the Waste Minimisation Act 2008

Draft reports for these were discussed by members.

Environmental Education

Draft charts showing various activities for Council and others in environmental education were tabled and members asked to provide suggestions for further addition of existing activity to Cr Wade-Brown of the Climate Change Office for collation before a gap analysis is undertaken.

Recruitment

A process was agreed.

A selection subcommittee was formed: Moved/Seconded: Hamish/Kathryn Carried

2009 Meeting dates and topics

See draft programme below. This will evolve during the year.

A resilience forum planned for 8 March was outlined (date may change)

ERG draft Forward Programme for 2009

(Generally 5.30pm to 7.30pm on the first Monday of every second month.)

Please note that suggestions for future meetings are welcome, and that these can be raised with Ken or the Co-chairs.

Date TBC	Theme / Key Items
2 February	1 Final recruitment selection
9 February	1 LTCCP - engagement 2 Sewage and stormwater mixing - inflow & infiltration
2 March	1 LTCCP – formal stage 2 Grow Wellington – genuine progress indicators
6 April	1 Waste Minimisation Act 2008 - implications • Recycling, cradle-to-grave, consumption, design 2 Waste

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waste Operator Licensing Bylaw (review of Collection and Transportation of Waste Bylaw) • sludge process – how this operates
8 June	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Update from Climate Change team 2 Transport and joint Road Safety/ERG Reference Groups meeting (Celia and Ian)
3 August	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 2 ERG impacts 2009 – December SPC report planning
5 October	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 2
7 December	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 2

Other business

Frustration was expressed by some members with the Council's priorities and the rate at which it is taking action to achieve environmental change.

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. 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 Ken for the latest on any date or timing changes.