



Minutes of a meeting of the Environment Committee

**Held in the Council Chamber, Civic House, 110 Trafalgar Street,
Nelson**

On Thursday 23 July 2020, commencing at 10.39a.m.

Present: Councillor K Fulton (Chairperson), Her Worship the Mayor R Reese, B McGurk (Deputy Chairperson), Councillors Y Bowater, T Brand, M Courtney, J Edgar, M Lawrey, G Noonan, R O'Neill-Stevens, P Rainey, R Sanson, T Skinner and Ms G Paine

In Attendance: Group Manager Environmental Management (C Barton), Governance Adviser (E Stephenson) and Governance Support (K McLean)

Apologies : Nil

Karakia Timatanga

There was an opening karakia.

1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

2. Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

3. Interests

There were no updates to the Interests Register, and no interests with items on the agenda were declared.

4. Public Forum

There was no public forum.

The meeting was adjourned from 10.42a.m. until 11.00a.m., at which time Councillors Brand and Skinner were not present.

5. Confirmation of Minutes

5.1 28 May 2020

Document number M9897, agenda pages 5 - 28 refer.

Resolved EC/2020/024

That the Environment Committee

- 1. Confirms the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee, held on 28 May 2020, as a true and correct record.***

McGurk/Courtney

Carried

6. Chairperson's Report

Document number R18179

The Chairperson introduced her report (A2426049), which focused on the Maitai/Mahitahi Ecological Restoration plan.

Manager Science and Environment, Jo Martin, and Team Leader Parks, Peter Grundy, provided a PowerPoint presentation of plantings in the Maitai catchment (A2426387).

Attendance: Councillors Brand and Skinner returned to the meeting at 11.02a.m.

Ms Martin and Mr Grundy answered questions regarding the Ecological Restoration Plan.

Attendance: Her Worship the Mayor Reese left the meeting at 11.25a.m.

Attendance: Councillor Lawrey left the meeting from 11.27a.m. until 11.34a.m.

Attendance: Councillor Noonan left the meeting at 11.45a.m.

Attendance: Councillor Edgar left the meeting at 11.46a.m.

Resolved EC/2020/025

That the Environment Committee

- 1. Receives the report Chairperson's Report (R18179, A2426049).***

Sanson/Bowater

Carried

Attachments

- 1 A2426049 - Chairperson's report 23Jul2020
- 2 A2426387 - Planting in the Maitai Catchment PowerPoint presentation

7. Submission to National Environmental Standards for Air Quality Proposed Amendments

Document number R18066, agenda pages 29 - 73 refer.

Attendance: Her Worship the Mayor Reese returned to the meeting at 11.48a.m.

Environmental Programmes Advisers, Richard Frizzell, and Richard Popenhagen, presented the report. Mr Frizzell gave a brief overview of the submission, noting Council's engagement of an air quality scientist and the key elements of the proposed amendments.

Mr Frizzell and Mr Popenhagen answered questions about the rationale for the proposed amendments, compliance levels and exceedances, the impact of a 24 hour PM_{2.5} average rather than an annual average, monitoring, wood burner emissions, the approach of other Councils and Council's ability to comply with the proposed new standards.

Attendance: Councillors Edgar and Noonan returned to the meeting at 12.02p.m.

Concerns were expressed that the National Environmental Standards for Air Quality was an insufficient piece of work, with a lack of scientific evidence and that it was an expense that Council should not have had to meet to commission an expert for peer review. Discussion took place regarding air quality and it was noted that the Nelson Air Quality Plan is being reviewed as part of the Nelson Plan process.

Attendance: Councillor Noonan left the meeting at 12.19p.m.

The meeting was adjourned from 12.29p.m. until 12.32p.m., at which time Councillors Brand and Lawrey were not present.

Attendance: Councillor Lawrey returned to the meeting at 12.33p.m.

Attendance: Councillor Brand returned to the meeting at 12.34p.m.

Resolved EC/2020/026

That the Environment Committee

1. ***Receives the report Submission to National Environmental Standards for Air Quality Proposed Amendments (R18066) and its attachments (A2380092, A2379821 and A2379807); and***
2. ***Approves the attached Nelson City Council submission on proposed amendments to the National Environmental Standards for Air Quality (A2380092).***

Her Worship the Mayor/Paine

Carried

8. Exclusion of the Public

Resolved EC/2020/027

That the Environment Committee

1. ***Excludes the public from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.***
2. ***The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:***

Skinner/Bowater

Carried

Item	General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Particular interests protected (where applicable)
1	Environment Committee Meeting - Public Excluded Minutes - 28 May 2020	Section 48(1)(a) The public conduct of this matter would be likely to result in disclosure of information for which good reason exists under section 7.	The withholding of the information is necessary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 7(2)(i) To enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)

The meeting went into confidential session at 12.48p.m. and resumed in public session at 12.49p.m.

The only business transacted in confidential session was to confirm the minutes. In accordance with the Local Government Official Information Meetings Act, no reason for withholding this information from the public exists therefore this business has been recorded in the open minutes.

9. Confirmation of Minutes

9.1 28 May 2020

Document number M9899, agenda pages 4 - 6 refer.

Resolved EC/2020/028

That the Environment Committee

- 1. Confirms the minutes of part of the meeting of the Environment Committee, held with the public excluded on 28 May 2020, as a true and correct record.***

Skinner/McGurk

Carried

10. Re-admittance of the Public

Resolved EC/2020/029

That the Council

- 1. Re-admits the public to the meeting.***

McGurk/Edgar

Carried

Karakia Whakamutunga

There was a closing karakia.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 12.50p.m.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

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Chairperson

Date
