

TBCG 9th of August 2023

Present:

Leanne Leelo, John Pettigrew, Abbe Holmes, Dave Brett, Brenna Tume

Councillors: Geoff Hayward, Mike Duncan, Kathleen Fillo

Pass the last meeting minutes: Leanne and John

Apologies:

Kylie Wihapi

Council update:

RATE bills going out now.... 9.71 per cent average increase for the financial year 2023/24.

Main driver for the larger increase was Wellington Water call for extra \$5.7m to maintain levels of service. Even with Govt's Affordable Water funding Council was still facing a \$3.6m funding gap .

Without the extra funding, Wellington Water advised more leaks would not be responded to, and minor, low-flow leaks would likely not be attended from July 2023 to June 2024.

UNCERTAINTIES AND AFFORDABLE WATER REFORM

The Annual Plan was tricky in light of the environment Council has to make decisions at the moment. And our Long Term planning for next year will be even more difficult.

There is a great deal of uncertainty for local government, namely, the timing of Affordable Water Reform – which will significantly impact council's overall financial position - the Council is working under the assumption that water debt will be handed over to Entity G on the agreed go live date;

Then there's the changes to the RMA and we have an upcoming general election.

WWTP CONSENT

Wastewater Treatment Plant conditions of consent went live following the end of appeals period on 12 July.

The data required for the consent is included in the quarterly report, which is regularly uploaded to the Wellington Water website at

<https://www.wellingtonwater.co.nz/resources/topic/wastewater/wastewater-treatment-plants/porirua-wastewater-treatment-plant/>

Other improvements required by the consent will be added to the webpage when the information is available.

A good analogy of what we're dealing with from Wellington Water CEO Tonia Haskell.

“One of the things we are asked about a lot, especially by mana whenua, are the number of wastewater overflows that occur in the region. These overflows are a huge challenge. They are a good example of how society’s changing tolerances raise expectations beyond what the existing networks were designed to deliver. Connections between waste and storm water pipes, and limited capacity are a couple of examples - it feels a bit like asking for today’s safety, fuel and emissions performance standards from a car designed and built in the 60s.”

WELLINGTON REGION WASTE MANAGEMENT AND MINIMISATION PLAN 2023-2029

Consultation opened last week for the regional Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2023–2029 (WMMP). This plan aims to shift thinking from ‘take, make, waste’ model to encouraging people buy less, reduce food waste, prioritise reusable items over disposable. All 8 councils in the Wellington region – Masterton, Carterton, South Wairarapa, Upper Hutt, Hutt City, Wellington, Porirua and Kāpiti Coast, came together to draft this plan, to be updated every 6 years. And for the first time, the councils collaborated on a joint communications and engagement plan, with the tagline ‘Less Waste, Greater Place’.

The consultation is open until 1 September.

Councils have developed a Local Action Plan to manage and reduce.

Porirua City Council’s Local Action Plan contains 31 actions to help the city shift away from just managing waste and instead focus more on reducing, reusing, and recycling.

To read the documents and make a submission go to www.lesswastegreaterplace.co.nz.

E-SCOOTER TRIAL

We are nearly 3 months into the 2 year trial of e-scooters in our city. The uptake has been higher than (Beam and Flamingo) predicted, with more than 17,000 trips, at an average of 203 trips a day.

Two key areas of concern raised prior to implementation were safety and ensuring e-scooters didn't go in the waterways. There have been no reported injuries or damage to date. Only 4 e-scooters have ended up in the stream, which were quickly removed and technology applied to make it harder for future e-scooters to be so dumped.

TITAHI BAY BEACH GATE

Things are on track at the north end with the gate works. Civil works are 85% complete.

Council is now waiting on Gateman to complete the manufacture process and book a day for installation. Most likely mid-August at this stage.

TITAHI BAY COMMEMORATIVE PARK REMEMBERING THE MARINES HALL

The layout of the park is emerging. Levin engineering firm Ducare erected the three main portals towards the end of last week. Smaller vertical elements are on site and will be installed by Higgins crew.

Last week the concrete placers extended the footpath past the toilet block, and doglegged to connect with the existing path towards the beach.

Street furniture supplier Tilley Group have sent through images of the lantern seats – designed by landscape architects Boffa Miskell, with input from Ngāti Toa’s Wiremu Grace.

Soil has been imported to part fill these beds and a replacement kowhai specimen selected at

nursery for the car park garden – these gardens will go on after construction is complete.
Completion of the project is expected at the end of September.

LTP - Long term plan

How can the community best engage in this process?

What do we want to keep? What new things do we want?

Village plan will be included in this

General Business:

1. Tiriti Hall

This hall will be shared up until 24 of December 2024 outside of the hours the daycare service is using it.

Work is being done to upgrade and then will be open for bookings.

Booking costs will be inline with other council halls.

2. Live streaming - This was okayed by Councilors.

3. Brenna will set up scheduled emails and reminders to be sent around next meetings etc.

4. Abbe has reached out and is meeting with:

Aratai I project - Donna Wilson

Tiriti Hall - Kylie Morrell

5. General election and agm (ideally October) to discuss next meeting

6. Kirsten has invoiced us to the full \$160 and will be paid.

7. Incorporated society update and email - Brenna to follow up.
register, Need a common seal.

Need to re

8. Dave will not be available in person from November 2023 til March 2024

Next Meeting: 13th of September 2023 630pm on line

Invite councilors to the next one.