

Joint Climate Change Adaptation Committee Minutes

Meeting held in the Northland Regional Council
Council Chamber
36 Water Street, Whangārei
on Friday 4 August 2023, commencing at 1.00pm

Tuhinga/Present:

Deputy Chairperson, Councillor Amy Macdonald
WDC Councillor Scott McKenzie
FNDC Councillor Kelly Stratford (*alternate, online*)
KDC Mayor Criag Jepson

I Tae Mai/In Attendance:

Full Meeting

NRC CE, Jonathan Gibbard
NRC Chair, Councillor Tui Stratford (*online*)
NRC Councillor Jack Craw
NRC Group Manager Community Resilience, Louisa Gritt
NRC Manager Climate Action, Tom Fitzgerald
NRC Climate Resilience Advisor, Kim wall (*online*)
NRC Zero Carbon Transition Advisor, Natalie Child
NRC Secretariat, Erica Wade
WDC CE, Simon Weston (*online*)
WDC Councillor Nicholas Connop (*alternate*)
WDC Programme Manager, Kylie Pederson
KDC Climate Change Manager, Katy Simon
KDC Michael Day
FNDC Manager Climate action and Community Resilience, Esther Powell
FNDC Climate Change, Katie Stephens
George Riley (*online*)
Patricia Green

The Chair declared the meeting open at 1.00pm.

Karakia Whakamutunga

Councillor Amy Macdonald

Ngā Mahi Whakapai/Housekeeping (Item 1.0)

Ngā whakapahā/Apologies (Item 2.0)

Moved: McKenzie / Connop

That the apologies from chairperson Fiona Kemp, Iwi Representative Snow Tane, GM Infrastructure Roger Ackers, WDC Cr. Phoenix Ruka, WDC Cr. Deb Harding and FNDC Cr. Tāmati Rākena - for non-attendance be received.

Carried

Confirmation of Minutes - 3 April 2023 (Item 4.1)

Report from Erica Wade, Personal Assistant - General Manager Community Resilience

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

Moved: Stratford / Connop

That the minutes of the Joint Climate Change Adaptation Committee meeting held on 3 April 2023, be confirmed as a true and correct record and that these be duly authenticated with the Chair's electronic signature.

Carried

Receipt of Action Sheet (Item 5.1)

Report from Erica Wade, Personal Assistant - General Manager Community Resilience

Nga mahi tutohutia / Recommendation

Moved: McKenzie / Stratford

That the action sheet be received.

Carried

Policy updates (Item 6.1)

Report from Tom FitzGerald, Manager Climate Action

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

Moved: McKenzie / Stratford

1. That the report 'Policy updates' by Tom FitzGerald, climate Change Manager and dated 10 July 2023, be received.

Secretarial note: Report taken as read.

A Selection of government reform links were supplied for reference, if members would like further information please get in touch with Tom FitzGerald, NRC's Manager Climate Action.

Discussion around housing categories in Northland and the fact Northland may not have many Cat. 2 houses however, their properties would qualify. FNDC Councillor will make further enquiries with the Civil Defence Emergency Management team.

There is no current proposed timeline for the Climate Change Adaptation Bill at this stage however, it is progressing as we speak with the hope it will survive a change of government.

Emission trading scheme is not specifically under the Terms of Reference for this group however NRC are trying to keep abreast of this and using networks to keep up to date.

Carried

Update from Aotearoa Climate Adaptation Network (ACAN) (Item 6.2)

Report from Tom FitzGerald, Climate Change Manager

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

Moved: Connop / McKenzie

That the report 'Update from Aotearoa Climate Adaptation Network (ACAN)' by Tom FitzGerald, Climate Change Manager and dated 10 July 2023, be received.

Secretarial note: ACAN Commenced in July 2021 where local government staff are collaboratively organising capability and capacity in this new space. With support from LGNZ and Taituara ACAN have there third annual hui in Christchurch later this year.

Support is also given by Ministry of Environment and discussions are ongoing with Department of Internal affairs, Waka Kotahi and other agencies across the spectrum both through government departments and private sectors.

Council staff sit on this group as individuals, not as council staff and bring this report to the attention of JCCAC members for information sharing purposes.

Carried

Delivering our Te Taitokerau Climate Adaptation Programme (Item 6.3)

Report from Tom FitzGerald, Climate Change Manager

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

Moved: Stratford/ McKenzie

1. That the report 'Delivering our Te Taitokerau Climate Adaptation Programme' by Tom FitzGerald, Climate Action and Natural Hazards Manager and dated 10 July 2023, be received;
2. That the Committee advocates for and advances our shared approach to climate action in their respective councils/entities and **notes** the draft findings and direction of the Climate Programme Consolidation, Logic and Reporting project that links implementation with longer-term climate adaptation outcomes and goals;
3. That the Committee **endorses** a shared climate adaptation programme be integrated into each council's 2024-27 LTP;
4. That the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Committee write to the Mayors and Chair of each Council endorsing a shared climate adaptation programme be integrated into each council's 2024-27 LTP;

Secretarial note: In future, the secretariat is to bookmark titles on the agenda for ease of reference.

Discussion around the wording on recommendation 2 and Mātauranga to be included in the Te Tai Tokerau Climate Programme: Implementation Plan on page 37 of the agenda.

Staff were asked how they were feeling on securing funding on the long term plan. Additional resourcing is required which is the biggest challenge, if there is none, the current resources will not cover the programme.

NRC are actively supporting ways to get additional data storage, immediately and through the flood adaptation strategy.

Actions:

- Te Tai Tokerau Climate Programme: Implementation Plan to be distributed to JCCAC members in A3 as its current state is illegible.
- Staff are to present to their individual councils and advocate the Climate Adaptation Programme through workshops so there is a real visibility of this work.
- CE sponsor is to be added to the Governance and delivery table as there is no current visibility, (page 45 on the agenda).
- Bullet point two under Decision-making bodies on page 45 of the agenda is to be adjusted to suggest one iwi/hapu representative for each council rohe not one representative from each hapu/iwi.

Carried

Community Adaptation Planning update (Item 6.4)

Report from Kylie Pederson, WDC Programme Manager, Climate Change Adaptation; Katy Simon, KDC - Climate Change Manager and Esther Powell, FNDC, Manager Climate Action and Community Resilience

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

Moved: Stratford / McKenzie

That the report 'Community Adaptation Planning update' by Kylie Pederson, WDC Programme Manager, Climate Change Adaptation; Katy Simon, KDC - Climate Change Manager and Esther Powell, FNDC, Manager Climate Action and Community Resilience and dated 10 July 2023, be received.

Secretarial note: Report taken as read

Discussion around should we approach each community individually or as a whole. The risk of going big is we would lose community engagement which is why we currently go community to community. There are also a huge amount of hapu along the coastline who we do not want to lose.

The Committee would like to acknowledge the mahi staff have made, especially Kaipara District Council.

Carried

Flood Adaptation Strategy (Item 6.5)

Report from Tom FitzGerald, Climate Change Manager; Matt De Boer, Climate Change Resilience Coordinator; Victoria Rowe, River Management Engineer and Joseph Camuso, Rivers & Natural Hazards Manager

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

Moved: Stratford / Macdonald

That the report 'Flood Adaptation Strategy' by Tom FitzGerald, Climate Change Manager; Matt De Boer, Climate Change Resilience Coordinator; Victoria Rowe, River Management Engineer and Joseph Camuso, Rivers & Natural Hazards Manager and dated 10 July 2023, be received.

Secretarial note: Report taken as read

NRC are initiating a joint project with the Rivers and Climate team, looking at a new approach to flood risk management.

KDC Mayor delighted to say the flood risk management, flood level mapping update was accurate however, queries the accuracy with the flood predicting tools.

Action:

- NRC Climate Change Manager to investigate the accuracy with the flood predicting tools used. Findings will be distributed to the committee.

Carried

Other Business (Item 6.6)

Report from Erica Wade, Personal Assistant - General Manager Community Resilience

Moved: Macdonald / McKenzie

1. In order to provide more time between meetings, the scheduled September 1 meeting and the scheduled November 13 meetings will be cancelled and replaced with one in late October.

Action:

- Secretariat will work with committee members and their EA's to provide a suitable date for all members.

Carried

Karakia Whakamutunga

George Riley

Whakamutunga (Conclusion)

The meeting concluded at 2.21pm.