
Regulatory and Hearings Committee Komiti Whiriwhiri Kaupapa OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Regulatory and Hearings Committee held in Council Chamber and Audio-Visual Link, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton on Wednesday 4 December 2024 at 9:30 am.

PRESENT

Deputy Chairperson Cr Ewan Wilson
Heamana

Members Deputy Mayor Angela O’Leary
 Cr Maxine van Oosten
 Cr Louise Hutt
 Cr Anna Casey-Cox
 Cr Maria Huata
 Cr Andrew Bydder (via Audio visual link)
 Cr Tim Macindoe

1. Apologies – *Tono aroha*

Resolved: (Cr Wilson /Cr Hutt)

That the Regulatory and Hearings Committee accepts the apologies for absence from Mayor Southgate, Cr Donovan, Cr Tauariki and Cr Taylor, and for partial attendance from Cr Huata are accepted.

2. Confirmation of Agenda – *Whakatau raarangi take*

Resolved: (Cr Wilson /Cr van Oosten)

That the Regulatory and Hearings Committee confirms the agenda.

3. Declarations of Interest – *Tauaakii whaipaanga*

No members of the Committee declared a Conflict of Interest.

4. Confirmation of the Regulatory and Hearings Committee Open Minutes 21 March 2024

Resolved: (Cr Wilson /Cr Casey-Cox)

That the Regulatory and Hearings Committee confirm the Open Minutes of the Regulatory and Hearings Committee Meeting held on 21 March 2024 as a true and correct record.

5. Animal and Dog Control review programme - Hearings Report

The Strategy & Policy Advisor introduced the report and welcome the verbal submitters to the chamber. The following members of public spoke to their submissions.

[Max Verran](#) spoke to their submission in support of the proposed Animal Nuisance Bylaws, noted their history of dog ownership and suggested there was a need for better education and training of the public.

[Lindsay Wilson \(1\) and \(2\)](#) spoke to their submissions, noted their opposition of some sections of proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw changes, and requested more dogs parks.

[Gerard Rennie](#) spoke to their submission in opposition of the proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw changes specifically the addition of more dog parks in the city.

[Roger Drower \(Disability Assist Dogs Advocate NZ – Volunteer\)](#) spoke to their submission and highlighted experiences of some service animals in the city.

[Kelsey Harper \(Harper Hounds\)](#) spoke to their submission in opposition to the proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw, and their professional opinion that an increase of dogs parks would increase risks to dogs and the public.

[Tony Barrett](#) spoke to their submission in opposition to the proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw, they suggested conditions that should be included to reduce risks to people and other animals.

[Dr Alison Vaughan and Dr Christine Summer on behalf of Dr Anja Dale \(RNZSPCA\) \(1\) and \(2\)](#) spoke to the submission in support of the Animal Nuisance Bylaw and Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw changes and noted support for De-sexing of dogs and cats.

Members requested the following points be included in the deliberations report:

- i. Education;
- ii. Training;
- iii. Fee Charges;
- iv. Council Policy on Service Animals within Council buildings;
- v. Signage displayed at dog Parks;
- vi. Fencing at dog parks; and
- vii. Cat Management

Resolved: (Deputy Mayor O’Leary/Cr Hutt)

That the Hearings and Engagement Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) hears and considers public submissions arising from the public consultation undertaken from 18 September - 18 October 2024; and
- c) notes that a Deliberations and Adoption Report that includes feedback from the consultation and hearings will be brought to the 18 February 2025 Community and Natural Environment Committee.

The meeting was adjourned 10.15am to 10.25am during the discussion of the above item.

Cr Huata retired from the meeting (10.15am) during the above adjournment. She was not present when the matter was voted on.

The meeting was declared closed at 10.57 am.