

PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Committee Meeting Part I Public, held as an Audio-Visual Meeting on 30 March 2022, commencing at 9.00am

- Members Present:** Councillor Brent Barrett (in the Chair) and Councillors Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor and Aleisha Rutherford.
- Non Members:** Councillors Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta and Bruno Petrenas.
- Apologies:** The Mayor (Grant Smith) (late arrival), Councillor Lew Findlay (early departure and Mr Peter Te Rangi.

The Mayor (Grant Smith) entered the meeting at 9.32am during consideration of clause 2. He was not present for clause 1.

Councillor Rachel Bowen left the meeting at 10.00am during consideration of clause 3. She entered the meeting again at 11.05am during the consideration of clause 6. She was not present for clauses 3 to 5 inclusive.

Councillor Lew Findlay left the meeting at 10.26am during consideration of clause 6. He was not present for clauses 6 and 7.

Councillor Susan Baty left the meeting at 10.46am during consideration of clause 6. She was not present for clauses 6 and 7.

1-22 **Apologies**

Moved Brent Barrett, seconded Zulfiqar Butt.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the apologies.

Clause 1-22 above was carried.

2-22 **Presentation - Massey University**

Presentation, by Dr Allanah Ryan, Director of Sustainability at Massey University.

Dr Ryan spoke on Massey University's Climate Action Plan and the goal of being net zero carbon by 2030.

Massey has calculated its baseline figure for greenhouse gas emissions. Most emissions are generated from Transport 43% (of which air transport

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made up 38%) Farms 27%, and Energy 28%.

Based on the baseline information Massey's focus is on improving business intelligence (increasing monitoring/ analysis of energy use), reducing energy use, and switching from fossil fuels to renewable energy.

Actions include a commitment to building low carbon buildings, energy efficiency measures and changing energy suppliers to use only renewables sources.

Reducing the carbon footprint created by international air travel requires not only technological changes (meeting online) but also behavioural changes. Massey is looking for academic-led solutions and is working with their staff to determine the right level of travel.

To maintain international connections, Massey staff do need to travel abroad and it is a matter of finding the right balance between enabling successful academic collaboration and minimising the impact on the climate.

Dr Ryan saw opportunities for Council to collaborate with Massey on climate monitoring.

The Mayor (Grant Smith) entered the meeting at 9:32am.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Renee Dingwall.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Environmental Sustainability Committee receive the presentation for information.

Clause 2-22 above was carried.

Abstained:

The Mayor (Grant Smith).

3-22

Presentation - New Zealand Green Building Council (NZGBC)

Presentation, by Andrew Eagles, Chief Executive of the New Zealand Green Building Council.

Mr Eagles spoke on the Green Star standard which is a framework for lowering the carbon impact during the build, and constructing more energy efficient and healthier homes. He outlined several actions that Council could implement to encourage 'greener' homes to be built.

Mr Eagle said building a 'greener' home cost 1-2% more but reduced running costs significantly. This cost excludes the additional benefits of having a healthier home with lower running costs.

Councillor Rachel Bowen left the meeting at 10.00 am.

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Cr Johnson moved a motion for a report from the Chief Executive on the recommended changes to Council policies, suggested by Mr Andrew Eagles in his presentation.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Grant Smith.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Environmental Sustainability Committee receive the presentation for information.
2. That the Chief Executive report back to the Environmental Sustainability Committee on the options and implications of policy changes relating to the Green Building Council recommendations to councils.

Clause 3-22 above was carried.

4-22 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Brent Barrett, seconded Susan Baty.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting of 17 November 2021 Part I Public be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Clause 4-22 above was carried.

Abstained:

Councillor Orphée Mickalad.

5-22 Confirmation of Gross vs Net Organisational Emissions Reporting

Memorandum, presented by Adam Jarvis, Senior Climate Change Advisor.

Moved Brent Barrett, seconded Orphée Mickalad.

The **COMMITTEE RECOMMEND**

1. That the Eco City strategy target of a 30% reduction in citywide carbon emissions is confirmed to relate to 'net' emissions, inclusive of sequestered carbon.
2. That the Council's own organisational emission progress is confirmed to relate to 'net' emissions, inclusive of sequestered carbon.

Clause 5-22 above was carried.

6-22 Low Carbon Roadmap

Memorandum, presented by Adam Jarvis, Senior Climate Change

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Advisor.

Councillor Lew Findlay QSM left the meeting at 10:26am.

The meeting adjourned 10.46am.
The meeting resumed 11.05am.

Councillor Rachel Bowen was present when the meeting resumed.

The Chair moved an additional motion seeking a report that outlined potential actions to achieve the 30% reduction in city-wide emission reduction, to get an idea of what tangible changes would be needed.

Moved Brent Barrett, seconded Zulfiqar Butt.

The **COMMITTEE RECOMMEND**

1. That the Council endorse the flowchart detailed in the Low Carbon Roadmap attached to the memorandum titled 'Low Carbon Roadmap' presented to the 30 March 2022 Environmental Sustainability Committee.
2. That the Council endorse the three approaches (listed in 2.14):
 - Internal Asset Value Optimisation
 - Carbon Neutral Programme Development
 - Citywide Reduction Projects that complement National Direction
3. That the Chief Executive continues to develop the Low Carbon Roadmap and report to Council in 2023 with specific options and actions to achieve the city-wide goal of 30% reduction in emissions by 2031, and that the proposed scope and methodology for that report be presented to the Environmental Sustainability Committee in September 2022.

Clause 6-22 above was carried.

7-22 Committee Work Schedule - March 2022

Moved Brent Barrett, seconded Lorna Johnson.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Environmental Sustainability Committee receive its Work Schedule dated March 2022.

Clause 7-22 above was carried.

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The meeting finished at 11.43am

Confirmed 18 May 2022

Chairperson