



**ADVISORY COMMITTEE
for the Waikato
REGIONAL ENVIRONMENT**

**Minutes of the
Advisory Committee for Regional Environment (ACRE)
held via MS Teams and at WRC 160 Ward Street, Hamilton on Wednesday April 24th, 2023, at 3:00-
5:00pm**

1. Attendees:

Anna Casey-Cox (chair)
Megan Thomas WRC minutes
Shepherd Isaac
Wiea Montemezzani
Neville William
John Badham
Kristel van Houte via teams
Craig Solomon
Rachel Thompson via teams

2. Apologies:

Rachel Thompson
Keri Thompson via teams
Elisapesi Havea
Malcom Green
Kelvin Mouritson

Neville opens with a karakia

Around the table introduction of members

An introduction of members to Craig

3. Conflicts of interest

No additional conflicts of interested.

March 27th minutes, John moves, Anna seconds, no matters arising.

Action: 2024 work plan to be circulated to Craig and Wiea



LTP points – deadline 2nd of May

Action: Anna to email Megan the points from LTP submission to include in the minutes

4. Deputations to Council

- 11 June = Material deadline Friday 31 May 2024
- 2 October = Material deadline Tuesday 24 September 2024.

This presentation is to Waikato Regional Council

Material due 31st of May.

Suggest to first establish what ACRE is about, roles, values, and projects. Identify critical issues to engage with that are being presented and relay the experience on the ground, how they can work together.

Critical issues identified.

- Shepherd. Fires being lit and people cutting trees within projects along with vandalism, camping and littering. Focus on building relationship with Tamariki, establish respect and look after the environment.
- John. Hold key knowledge on Hamilton gully restoration knowledge within this. Key issues similar to Shepherds along with pest plants and animals, under resourced
- Wiea. Restoration projects run by volunteers are not well funded, supported needed to help community groups to get the right certifications (health and safety) as it is very restrictive.
- Rachel – LTP submissions, funding is appreciated/helpful for learning and development. Issues of Pest Plants and there is limited funding.
- Krystal – Suggest slides to introduce ACRE members and present the scope of representation, involvement and experience amongst members.
- Craig – Pollution within the rivers, state highway 25s new bridge an example of this. Suggested to engage with Warren and include this example when opposing Fast track consenting proposal.
- Anna - Requested to extend invitation to Kerri's son to come in and talk with ACRE regarding he changes within farmers and farming.

Plan change 1 to come out in the next 12-18 months, includes fencing, setbacks, planting, stocking levels and numbers etc.

Action: ACRE Send through their collective thoughts on this meeting to bring these ideas together as a draft document



Action: Anna to engage with Dave Doggart regarding the agenda, information and securing speaking rights

1080 Discussion

- Double tap used as a 1080 alternative.
- Currently no antinode specifically for animals such as dogs
- Support landowners on their own predatory control, one that align with their values, and is supported by their communities, iwis and representatives.

Rachel's event is will take place on the 7th of June

Action: Anna to circulate ACREs current 1080 position paper to all member

Action: Megan email Wendy in comms to remove 1080 position paper on ACRE website while this is under review

5. ACRE field trip

- **Communicate with Kelvin regarding Muscle farm suggestion**
- **Visit Rachel – co-ordinate to align with future event.**

Shepherd closed meeting.