

Report 16.510

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Public minutes of the Civil Defence and Emergency Management Group (Joint Committee) meeting held in the Council Chamber, Upper Hutt City Council, 838 Fergusson Drive, Upper Hutt, on Friday, 25 November 2016 at 9.05am

Present

Mayor Guppy	(Upper Hutt City Council)
Mayor Gurunathan	(Kapiti Coast District Council)
Councillor Laidlaw	(Greater Wellington Regional Council)
Mayor Lester	(Wellington City Council)
Mayor Napier	(South Wairarapa District Council)
Mayor Patterson	(Masterton District Council)
Mayor Wallace	(Hutt City Council)
Mayor Tana (from 9.41am)	(Porirua City Council)

Also present

The group also noted the presence of Carterton District Council Deputy Mayor, Russell Keys.

Francis Ryan, Manager, Democratic Services, took the Chair at the start of the meeting agenda items. He explained that, under the Local Government Act 2002, he was required to act as Chairperson until the CDEM Group elected its Chairperson and Deputy.

1 Apologies

Moved

(Mayor Guppy/Mayor Wallace)

That the CDEM Group accepts the apology for absence from Mayor Booth and the apology for lateness from Mayor Tana.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

2 Election of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group

Moved

(Mayor Wallace/ Mayor Patterson)

That the CDEM Group:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content of the report.*
- 3. Chooses Voting system A (election by the majority of members) for the election of the Council Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of the CDEM Group.*
- 4. Elects Mayor Ray Wallace as Chairperson of the CDEM Group.*
- 5. Elects Mayor Lyn Patterson as Deputy Chairperson of the CDEM Group.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Mayor Wallace took the Chair and thanked the group for their confidence in him. Mayor Wallace also thanked Bruce Pepperell and his team, and the Chief Executives and Council staff, for their hard work following the earthquake on 14 November and the weather events and flooding following this.

3 Confirmation of the minutes 26 August 2016

Moved

(Mayor Guppy/ Cr Laidlaw)

That the CDEM Group confirms the minutes of the meeting of 26 August 2016, Report 16.415.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

4 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

5 Confirmation of CEG Chair and Deputy Chair

The CDEM Group noted the appointment of Patrick Dougherty as Chair and Greg Campbell as Deputy Chair of CEG.

6 WREMO – ahead and astern

The Group received a presentation from Bruce Pepperell, Regional Manager, CDEM, about WREMO, the catalyst for its creation, and achievements to date.

He added that since mid-2012, there has been a 50% increase in capability across the Group and a big investment in technology in the Emergency Operation Centres (EOCs) of the region. There has also been a standardisation of procedures across

EOCs, allowing staff from one, to support or work as part of another, EOC. Costs have been reduced by a cumulative \$1 million.

7 **Wellington Region emergency events - November 2016**

The Group received a presentation from Bruce Pepperell, Regional Manager, CDEM; Dan Neely, Manager Community Resilience; Mike Mendonça, Chief Resilience Officer, Wellington City Council; and Dr Laurie Johnson, Disaster Research Consultant, on the recent Wellington Region Emergency Events.

Mayor Tana arrived at the meeting during the consideration of this item.

Bruce Pepperell discussed the emergency events experienced in the Wellington Region following the earthquake on 14 November. These included thousands of aftershocks, a tsunami, high winds, torrential rain, flooding, and slips. EOCs were activated to deal with these emergencies in Hutt City, Upper Hutt, Wellington, Kapiti and Porirua. The regional transport response team also did an excellent job getting transport networks back in operation as soon as possible after the flooding and slip events. Tsunami warnings were discussed, and Mr Pepperell reiterated that the best warning system is the “long and strong, be gone” approach. Once again, throughout the various emergencies, WREMO social media was a major factor in getting the most up to date messaging to the public. This of course was supplemented by more traditional media. On the day of the 14 November earthquake, the WREMO Facebook page had 10,500 new likes, 127,000 engaged users and posts reached 831,511 people. One Facebook post on the day reached over 280,000 people but the single biggest recent post was on 17 November where one post had 535,061 impressions <https://www.facebook.com/WREMONz/posts/1432562763439685>. The Facebook page now has about 67,500 likes. The <http://www.getprepared.org.nz/> website has also experienced a lot of hits (from most countries in the world apart from Greenland, Cuba, and parts of central Africa). Following the earthquake, 200 litre rainwater tanks are selling out throughout the region, with some councils now operating waiting lists for new stock when it arrives. An after action review of the Group’s response to the emergency events is already underway.

Dan Neely explained that planning for recovery began immediately following the earthquake on 14 November, using a draft framework that has just been completed. He explained that the events presented an opportunity to engage and deploy the new draft Strategic Recovery Plan across the region.

Mike Mendonça discussed the fact that 107,000 people travel in to the Wellington CBD every day, and that it is critical that there is confidence for those people in living, working and spending leisure time in the urban areas most affected by the earthquakes. This translates into three recovery themes of the built environment, the economic environment and the social environment. People also need to be safe, warm and dry in their homes and simple things can be done to help greater resilience to future events, such as securing sub-floor structures and chimneys.

Dr Johnson stated that an integrated recovery is important, with people around the region working together, sharing resources and speaking with one voice.

The Group requested region-wide training for elected members in emergency management.

8 CDEM Group Appointments

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Moved

(Mayor Wallace/ Mayor Napier)

That the CDEM Group:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Approves the following appointments:*
 - a. *David Hopman, Local Controller, Wairarapa*
 - b. *Brian Anderson, Alternate Local Controller, Porirua City*
 - c. *James Jefferson, Alternate Local Controller, Porirua City, subject to the satisfactory completion of the WREMO Controller Course*
 - d. *Anita Dixon, Alternate Local Controller, Kapiti Coast District, subject to the satisfactory completion of the WREMO Controller Course*
 - e. *David Chick, Alternate Local Controller, Wellington City, subject to the satisfactory completion of the WREMO Controller Course*
 - f. *Kane Patena, Alternate Local Controller, Wellington City, subject to the satisfactory completion of the WREMO Controller Course*
 - g. *Nicola Brown, Alternate Local Controller, Wellington City, subject to the satisfactory completion of the WREMO Controller Course*
 - h. *Sarah Stevenson, Recovery Manager, Kapiti Coast District.*
 - i. *Tania Madden, Recovery Manager, Masterton*
 - j. *Tamsin Evans, Recovery Manager, Porirua*
4. *Removes the following names from the previously approved list of Recovery Managers:*
 - a. *David Hopman, Recovery Manager, Masterton*
 - b. *Stuart Parkinson, Recovery Manager, Porirua*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

9 WREMO Quarterly Report (1 July – 30 September 2016)

Report: 16.506

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Moved

(Mayor Wallace/ Mayor Patterson)

That the CDEM Group:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

10 **Next meeting: 31 March 2016**

The meeting closed at 10.53am.

Chair, Wellington Civil Defence Emergency Management Group.

Date: