

**Confirmed Minutes of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee meeting held in the Council Chamber, Upper Hutt City Council, 838 Fergusson Drive Upper Hutt, on Friday, 30 August 2013 at 9.07am**

**Present**

Mayor Rowan (Chair)	(Kapiti Coast District Council)
Mayor Daniell	(Masterton District Council)
Mayor Guppy	(Upper Hutt City Council)
Mayor Leggett	(Porirua City Council)
Mayor Staples	(South Wairarapa District Council)
Mayor Wade-Brown	(Wellington City Council)
Councillor Wilde	(Chair, Greater Wellington Regional Council)

**Public Business**

1 **Apologies**

*Moved* (Mayor Rowan/ Mayor Guppy)

*That the CDEM Group accepts the apologies for absence from Mayors Mark and Wallace.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

2 **Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

3 **Confirmation of Minutes**

*Moved* (Mayor Guppy/ Mayor Daniell)

*That the CDEM Group confirms the minutes of the meeting of 28 June 2013, Report 13.702.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

4 **WREMO Annual Report (2012/2013)**

The launch of WREMO was not just an amalgamation of emergency management offices in the region; it was an opportunity to re-think the way business is done. WREMO has the tools and philosophy to continue to build community resilience and has now been operational for over a year. The Annual Report provides the achievements and results of the Community Resilience, Operational Readiness and Business and Development teams.

**Report 13.782**

File: Z/01/04/19

*Moved*

*(Mayor Rowan/ Mayor Wade-Brown)*

*That the CDEM Group:*

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the contents of the report.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

**5 Wellington Earthquakes (21 July and 16 August 2013)**

Bruce Pepperell discussed the recent earthquakes with the Group and noted that most of the issues which had arisen during the storm event in June 2013 had already been incorporated in WREMO plans. WREMO is in discussion with transport agencies regarding the evacuation of people out of the CBD during an emergency event. With respect to messaging for office workers working in the CBD, discussions with MCDEM and the Fire Service were planned to better cater for non-fire related emergencies. The Group noted it was difficult to have a consistent message that spanned all emergency situations and messages needed to identify the different risks, options and safe-places in order to increase community preparedness.

**6 Welfare Readiness Brief**

Louise Waaka, Regional Commissioner, Ministry of Social Development gave a presentation to the Group on welfare readiness in the Wellington Region. The main focus of the organisation is to support the delivery of co-ordinated local welfare arrangements and to provide income support. The Group discussed the issue of emergency accommodation and it was noted under certain circumstances that the Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management has the ability to contribute to these costs.

**7 Buildings and Seismicity**

Ken Gledhill from GNS Science spoke to the Group about the recent earthquakes. GNS Scientists are examining several scenarios of what may occur following the Seddon events, however, it was noted that the most likely scenario is for a normal sequence of aftershocks with no further triggering taking place in the next few months.

Dave Brunsdon from the Kestrel Group discussed the impact of the recent earthquakes on buildings in the Wellington Region and noted that while some buildings received structural damage owing to the nature of the shaking, the majority of buildings were no worse off than before. Where damage has been observed, it is the responsibility of owners to have specific engineering investigations undertaken. The Group noted that many building owners don't know enough about the seismic vulnerabilities of their buildings and they should be actively encouraged to have appropriate investigations undertaken, and act on the findings.

The meeting closed at 10.23am.

Mayor Jenny Rowan  
(Chair)

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