

# MINUTES OF THE KAIKŌURA WATER ZONE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 2.20PM ON WEDNESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2016 AT MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKŌURA.

**PRESENT:** T Howard (Chair), Commissioner D Bedford, Mayor Gray, T Blunt, M Hoggard, J Murray, T Sonal.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** M Griffin (Zone Facilitator), K Heays, J Hill, C Armour, B Taylor (Committee Secretary).

**APOLOGIES:** N McArthur, A Boyd, J Harnett, G Solomon.  
***Moved by Commissioner Bedford, seconded by J Murray and resolved that apologies be accepted.***

## **1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES 31/08/2016**

It was noted that in general business of the last minutes the funding application for toilets at Ohau Point should be referred to Ohau Stream.

***Moved by Commissioner Bedford, seconded by J Murray and resolved that the minutes of the Kaikōura Water Zone Committee meeting held on 31 August 2016 be confirmed a true and accurate record.***

## **2. COMMITTEE UPDATES**

### **Love the Lyell**

There had been a Lyell Creek clean-up day 14 September 2016 which 40 – 50 people participated in. There was also a community planting day which had been attended by 70 children and adults with 550 plants planted. M Griffin advised that for some children it was their third planting day and they were very engaged. Trees for Travellers had supplied the trees and the grasses had been purchased with Immediate Steps Funding. Whale Watch provided a sausage sizzle, and Fonterra supplied hi-visibility vests and chocolate milk. It was agreed it was a very successful day.

### **Nutrient Management and Water Efficiency Working Group**

An irrigation efficiency field day would be held in Kaikōura on 17 October. All farmers who were irrigating would be invited. An article would be run in the Kaikōura Star leading up to the event. The Working Group notes had been sent out to the Committee members.

### **Regional Committee Meeting**

There had not been a Regional Committee meeting to report on with the next meeting scheduled for 11 October.

### **Clarence/Waiiau Toa – Integrated Weed and Predator Management Plan**

An updated draft would be presented following further survey flights and monitoring which was in progress. Commissioner Bedford noted Environment Canterbury was reviewing its Regional Pest Management Strategy and suggested it would be good to look at how this regional strategy aligned with the proposed weed and predator management plan for the Clarence/Waiiau Toa.

### **Register of Interests**

The Register of Interests was seen as a way of dealing with conflicts of interest. M Griffin would email this out to the Committee members the following day.

### **Action Points from previous meetings**

- M Griffin advised the letter to NZTA had been prepared.
- J Harnett was not in attendance to report on his progress of gather information about septic tanks.
- M Griffin would send out the 'Kaikōura Story Map' link to provide the Committee with an opportunity to provide feedback.
- Mayor Gray noted a 'Kaikōura story' was being developed to assist with economic development. He suggested the areas of focus and contribution of the Water Zone Committee should be reflected in that story.
- Four signs had been prepared which would be placed at key points to highlight the areas where braided river birds were nesting in the mouth of the Clarence/Waiau Toa.
- There was a BRAID initiative (Braided River Aid) of moving around a 'flock' of artificial birds to raise awareness of the river birds nesting.
- The draft of the Clarence/Waiau Toa Integrated Weed and Predator Management Plan had been sent to the Rūnanga office for review.
- It was suggested information could be provided in the next Water Zone newsletter on how people can get their private water bores tested.
- Weekly inspections of old septic tanks were ongoing.

### **3. IMMEDIATE STEPS UPDATE**

There was still \$40,001 to be allocated. From July 2016 a further \$500,000 of Immediate Steps funding was available for the next five years. \$50,000 per annum would be an ongoing contribution toward the Clarence/Waiau toa projects.

There was one new application for riparian planting along Swan Creek and one request for additional funding for a project which had been granted funding in October 2015. M Hoggard declared a conflict of interest as he and his neighbour were applicants for project funding being tabled with the committee. He offered to leave the meeting while this was being discussed. The Committee confirmed it was comfortable with M Hoggard staying in the meeting for this discussion, which he agreed to, but noted he would not participate in the committee deliberation on these projects.

The new application was for \$10,255 for a total project cost of \$17,954 which would see 700 native plants planted, combi-guards and stock proof fencing. The additional funding request was for \$950 would support the extension of the project with 300 more plants to be established upstream where stock proof fencing had been installed.

***It was moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by J Murray and resolved that Immediate Steps funding in the amounts of \$10,255 and \$950 be granted for the new application and the additional funding request respectively.***

***It was moved by T Sonal, seconded by J Murray and resolved that unallocated funds which remained from the 2010/11 – 2015/2016 financial years be allocated before the funds from the 2016/2017 – 2020/2021 allocation were used.***

#### **4. COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE**

T Howard and M Griffin would collaborate about the direction of future meetings and would bring a plan to the next meeting. Typically the focus of the meetings would be on a 3-4 month cycle. Water storage was noted as an issue that had been identified by the Committee as an emerging issue for the community. It would consequently be a focus of a workshop briefing at the October meeting to look at climate trends and storage options. As another example discussed, the ZIP recommendations would be reviewed by the committee over the next four months.

#### **5. GENERAL BUSINESS**

T Howard thanked Commissioner Bedford for all that he had contributed to the Zone Committee over the years as this could be the last meeting which he attended in his current role.

***There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.36pm.***