

**MINUTES OF THE 81st MEETING OF THE SELWYN WAIHORA ZONE COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE BAYLISS LOUNGS, LINCOLN EVENT CENTRE, LINCOLN, ON TUESDAY
3 APRIL 2018 COMMENCING AT 2:00 PM**

AGENDA SUMMARY

Item	Time	Description	Pages	Presenter
	2.00pm	Meeting commences with karakia and formal order of business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apologies • Identification of Urgent General Business • Confirmation of minutes 6 March 2018 • Matters Arising & actions from last meeting • Report to and from Regional Committee Meeting (Karaitiana Taiuru) • Update from Zone Committee members on activities and meetings attended that relate to the Committee's outcomes for the zone 		
	2.20pm	General Public Contribution		
1.	2.25pm	Terms of Reference for "Plan for Selwyn River" Working Group		Paul Hodgson
	3.10pm	Break		
2.	3.30pm	"Building Trust" Sustainable Farming Fund project		<i>Andrew Curtis, Irrigation New Zealand</i>
3.	3.55pm	Environment Canterbury's monitoring industrial compliance		<i>Katie Nagy, Selwyn Waihora Zone Team</i>
4.	4.15pm	Sustainable Hill Farming Tool (SHIFT) project		<i>Anna Veltman, Environment Canterbury</i>
5.	4.25pm	Zone Facilitator's Report including: "submission" relating to future of SDC stock water races; Revised Zone Committee work programme		<i>Ian Whitehouse, Environment Canterbury</i>
	5.15pm	Approximate finish time		

The meeting was opened with a welcome and karakia by Councillor Iaeen Cranwell.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PRESENT

Allen Lim (Chair), Councillor Murray Lemon (Selwyn District Council), Councillor Iaeen Cranwell (Canterbury Regional Council), Karaitiana Taiuru (Te Rūnanga o Koukourāata), George Tikao (Te Rūnanga o Ōnuku), Riki Nicholas (Wairewa Rūnanga), Megan Hands (Community Member), Maree Goldring (Community Member), Paul Hodgson (Community Member), Ron Pellow (Community Member).

IN ATTENDANCE

Johannes Welsch, Mananui Ramsden, Dr Stefanie Rixecker, Anna Veltman, Katie Nagy and Ian Whitehouse (Canterbury Regional Council); Andrew Curtis (Irrigation New Zealand) and Therese Davel (Selwyn District Council);

Jane Hodgson (Member of the public)

APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Victor Mthamo, Councillor Anne Galloway, Les Wanhalla and Matiu Payne.

Moved: Cr Iaeen Cranwell/**Seconded:** Maree Goldring
That the Committee accept apologies for absence as noted.

CARRIED

IDENTIFICATION OF URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS

A late item was tabled related to Selwyn River / Waikirikiri Near River Recharge project. There was a brief discussion in which Ian Whitehouse explained the proposed schedule for future reports on this project to the Committee.

Moved (as amended): Councillor Murray Lemon / **Seconded:** Ron Pellow

That the Zone Committee receive verbal project updates at their May 2018, July 2018, October 2018 and February 2019 meetings;

That the Zone Committee electronically receive written project reports by the end of the second week of the months of July 2018, October 2018 and January 2019 and the audit report by the end of the second week of October;

That the Zone Committee have one week to request changes back to the author, and delegate the Zone Committee Chair to sign off project reports within one week of receipt.

A further urgent business item was addressed i.e. progress on the drop-in sessions related to wet pasture / wetlands. Johannes Welsch and Mananui Ramsden provided a brief update noting there was a good turn out. Around half of the landowners around the lake were represented.

The Committee will receive an in-depth update at its next meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the 80th Meeting of the Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee (Water Management) held on Tuesday 6 March 2018.

(Refer pages 5 - 10)

In relation to the discussion on Selwyn District Council Water Race Network, Councillor Lemon clarified that the public good contribution of \$20 is not the **current** situation, rather it is a **proposal** in the Long Term Plan. Also, the increase in future will not be **by** \$50 - \$60 per ratepayer, rather it may increase in future **to** an amount of between \$50 and \$60 per ratepayer.

Moved: Cr Murray Lemon / **Seconded:** Ron Pellow

That the minutes of the 80th meeting of the Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee (Water Management) held on Tuesday 6 March 2018, as amended, be confirmed,

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None.

REPORT TO AND FROM REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

A summary will be forwarded to the Committee for the next meeting.

UPDATE FROM ZONE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ON ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS ATTENDED THAT RELATE TO THE COMMITTEE'S OUTCOMES FOR THE ZONE

Zone committee members reported on meetings attended that relate to the work of the zone committee including:

Cr Murray Lemon – Field trip with Fish and Game; Biodiversity workshop; visit to several high country stations to observe how biodiversity is managed on farm.

Paul Hodgson – Fish and Game field trip

Ron Pellow – Ballance Farm Awards presentation; Kim Hill debate on soil.

Allen Lim – Field trip Fish and Game

GENERAL PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION

None.

1. TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR “PLAN FOR SELWYN RIVER” WORKING GROUP

(Paul Hodgson)

(Refer pages 11 – 22)

The Committee agreed by consensus, after a lengthy discussion, to defer the item to the next meeting in order that the Terms of Reference be redrafted.

To assist in this, Paul Hodgen, Les Wanhalla, Iaeen Cranwell, Ron Pellow and Ian Whitehouse will meet to discuss the comments made by members around the table.

During the discussion the following comments were made for consideration of the Working Group:

- It was important that Paul asked Taumutu Rūnanga for a representative;
- Some proposed members of the working group will not be full members, rather points of contact;
- Selwyn District Council as the TA for the area should be involved;
- Refer to upper and lower catchment community members or it will be too open and attract too many people;
- Be aware to keep the group small to avoid fragmentation;
- Due to the work proposed it suggests a significant budget – will it be part of a future Annual Plan because ratepayers will pay for it;
- Ongoing science work may mean the science team will have to drop an existing project to provide for this work;
- Should there be a historical timeframe of the 50's – 60's or should there rather be an objective target;
- Consider narrowing the scope of what the Working Group is covering;
- Consider whether the state of the river will also include the state of the district economy and community wellbeing;
- Consider the status of the plan – it will have to form part of the funding stream to go forward.

Tea break 3.10pm – 3.30pm

2. ”BUILDING TRUST” SUSTAINABLE FARMING FUND PROJECT

(Andrew Curtis, Irrigation New Zealand)

Andrew Curtis, CEO Irrigation New Zealand provided a brief update to the Committee on a project using students to do bucket tests on irrigation systems in Selwyn District over the 2017/18 summer. He noted 120 were tested of which around 70% were performing well. He said those systems that were not working well were probably older, e.g. between 10 – 20 years.

Regarding the Sustainable Farming Fund Project Andrew said the focus of the project was open and honest information providing an opportunity for communities and others, to learn about the state of their environment. Some of the issues and opportunities of the project include the growing amount of data being collected but which was not easily visible; the fact it will take some time for improvements to become visible in the environment; the need for a 'source of truth' due to mis-information; identifying who should own or be responsible for the information – in particular because many farmers still lack trust in the regulator; and targeting support and resources where it's needed e.g. how best to use funds such as levies, fees, memberships and rates.

In response to a question, Andrew noted that in most cases where irrigators were not working properly it was because the machines were not set up correctly. There were ongoing issues with companies selling 'steel' rather than service. Megan Hands agreed that audits show that some companies deliver and others do not. This was getting out and will ensure companies start delivering improved service.

Andrew also informed the Committee of training IrrigationNZ provides with more than 800 people undergoing training of which more than 90% were farmers. He expects an e-learning platform to go live from September 2018.

3. ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY'S INDUSTRIAL COMPLIANCE MONITORING

(Katie Nagy, Selwyn Waihora Zone Team)

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Katie Nagy shared with the Zone Committee around the role of a Resource Management Officer, in particular the Selwyn Waihora Monitoring Team. Referring to the Act she provided background as to why compliance monitoring was necessary e.g. monitoring efficiency and effectiveness of policies, rules and other methods as well as the exercise of resource consents that have effect in the district.

Katie showed the Committee the Consent Process and explained that monitoring compliance involved doing thorough background research. Each site is rated according to a risk matrix which informs what monitoring officers will look for when doing a site visit. Katie cited examples of a new subdivision, gravel takes and a site where trade waste is processed. Each site is investigated according to a Source-Pathway-Receptor Model, meaning that it starts with a source (substance) with the potential to cause harm; follows a route or means by which a receptor is exposed to the contaminant; and ends up in a receptor such as a waterway or other area of the environment which could be harmed by the source.

The available enforcement options to monitoring officers include formal warning, abatement notice, infringement notice, enforcement orders and in severe cases, prosecution.

The idea was to get anyone in a non-compliant situation to fully compliant. Staff encourage businesses and individuals to move beyond full compliance to best practice and eventually to a place of innovation where possible.

4. SUSTAINABLE HILL FARMING TOOL (SHIFT) PROJECT

(Anna Veltman, Environment Canterbury)

(Refer pages 27 – 30)

Anna Veltman briefly informed the Committee about the Sustainable Hill Farming Tool Project (SHiFT). The tool was created to aid farmers where they consider development of hill country blocks.

As background context Anna noted an issue was sediment loss off hills which contributed to reduced water quality in waterways. This was particularly in relation to certain types of winter feed crops such as fodder beet and kale. There were a number of possible solutions available which is what the project aimed to make known. Anna noted there was a steering group made up of Environment Canterbury, Federated Farmers and Beef and Lamb New Zealand. Ministry for the Environment have provided funds for the project for 18 months.

Environment Canterbury is leading the project and soon farmer surveys will be underway. Around 150 farmers will be chosen randomly to participate. The idea is to integrate the tool into the GMP basket.

5. ZONE FACILITATOR'S REPORT

(Ian Whitehouse, Environment Canterbury)

(Refer page 31)

Taken as read with the following additions:

Zone Committee submission to the Selwyn District Council Long Term Plan:

Megan Hands noted the Selwyn District Council presentation of the issue in the Selwyn District Long Term Plan is disappointing as it does not clearly indicate the plan to close water races. She also noted where the threshold is set, was inappropriate and inconsistent with zone committee views in protecting the values within the zone with regionally-significant biodiversity values needing protection as well as nationally-significant values.

Regarding a submission from the Zone Committee on water race closures, as part of the Canterbury Regional Council's formal submission to Selwyn District Council, the Committee agreed by consensus on the following proposal:

The Zone Committee supports that water races with significant ecological importance should be maintained and the funding should be provided from general rates.

As an additional note it should be acknowledged that Council's message may be misinterpreted as it intends closing significant water races.

Watershed Workshop 9 April 2018

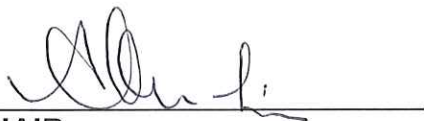
Ian Whitehouse provided a brief update on the upcoming workshop.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Councillor Iaeon Cranwell ended the meeting with karakia.

The meeting closed at 5.10 pm.

DATED this 3 day of July 2018



CHAIR

ACTIONS FROM MEETING

Name	Action
Living Water	Update at a future meeting regarding their work
ECan / Fish and Game	List of potential Fish and Game sites to visit and staff to present to the Committee
ECan	Marae visit and potential overnight stay for the Committee
ECan	Provide progress report against ZIP Addendum (and Selwyn Te Waihora Plan) outcomes / targets
ECan	Lake margin wetlands and wet pasture – update at next meeting related to drop in sessions
Working Group Selwyn / Waikirikiri River Plan	Amended Terms of Reference presented to the next meeting.