
Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee OPEN MINUTES

Date: Thursday 23 August 2018
Time: 6.05pm
Venue: Environment Canterbury,
200 Tuam Street

Present

Chairperson	Arapata Reuben - Tūāhuriri Rūnanga
Deputy Chairperson	Lance Kenyon - Community Representative
Members	Kevin Brown - Community Representative
	Helen Caley - Community Representative
	Gareth Oddy - Community Representative
	Carly Sluys - Community Representative
	Robert Wynn-Williams - Community Representative
	Suzanne Furkert - Community Representative
	Councillor Pauline Cotter - Christchurch City Council
	Councillor Tom Lambie - Environment Canterbury
	Councillor Debra Hasson - Selwyn District Council
	Herewini Banks - Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke/Rapaki
	Les Wanhalla - Te Taumutu Rūnanga

In Attendance: CCC - Liz Ryley; ECan – Steve Firth and Shelley Washington; DOC – John Benn; Cherry Red – Jackie Curtis; University of Canterbury – Rachel Skews; Ōpāwaho Heathcote River Network – Annabelle Hasselman

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Arapata Reuben opened the meeting with a Karakia/Timatanga. He acknowledged the recent passing of Rewi Anglem, Liz Maaka and Rikki Pitama.

The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

1. Apologies

An apology was recorded on behalf of the Principal Advisor, Diane Shelander.

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Committee Resolved CWZC/2018/00022

Committee Decision

That the minutes of the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee meeting held on Thursday, 26 July 2018 be confirmed.

Councillor Cotter/Member Furkert

Carried

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Nil.

4. Deputations by Appointment

There were no deputations by appointment.

5. Identification of Urgent Items

Nil.

6. Identification of General Public Contributions

Nil.

7. Correspondence

Committee Resolved CWZC/2018/00023

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Note the correspondence received from the Christchurch City Council regarding:
 - a. A single point of contact for the Avon Ōtākaro Network and Ōpāwaho Heathcote River Network Groups;
 - b. Inclusion of the maintenance of recreation access structures on the Ōpāwaho Heathcote River as part of the regular maintenance schedule for the river.

Chairperson Reuben/Councillor Cotter

Carried

8. Update on Approach to River Bank Management

Committee Comment

1. Tim Joyce, Operations Team Leader for the Christchurch City Council, provided a power point presentation to the Committee on a river bank cutting trial being undertaken by the Council. The trial is to:
 - Filter run-off
 - Reduce bank erosion
 - Improve riparian habitat
 - Increase inanga spawning
 - Reduce vegetation falling into rivers
 - Discourage waterfowl

The presentation outlined areas covered in the trial, and included trial results. Mr Joyce thanked the Zone Committee for its support in relation to the trial, and responded to queries.

2. Mr Joyce updated the Committee about litter booms, 40 tonne of mainly organic waste and tyres had been collected. The litter booms are beneficial to assist water quality.
3. Discussion was held about various watercourses and about the removal of raupo along Kerrs Reach. The cost to remove the raupo under the Council's consent conditions, which require the use of cofferdams to prevent sediment discharge, is outside any budget in the Council's current Long Term Plan.

Committee Resolved CWZC/2018/00024

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Receive the update on the approach to river bank management.

Chairperson Reuben/Councillor Cotter

Carried

9. 2017 Water Quality Monitoring Report

Committee Comment

1. Dr Margetts responded to questions of clarification, and discussion was held about the water quality results (e.g. increased nitrogen at Ōtukaikino at Omaka Scout Camp and the use of a new Water Quality Index). She advised that report cards for each catchment are also currently being developed that incorporate information on the water quality index and ecological data.

Committee Resolved CWZC/2018/00025

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Receive the information in the 2017 Surface Water Quality Monitoring report.

Chairperson Reuben/Deputy Chairperson Kenyon

Carried

10. Quarterly Report - Canterbury Water Management Strategy Zone Delivery Committee Comment

1. Steve Firth and Shelley Washington provided a power point presentation on the Quarterly Report for the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Zone Delivery.
2. This included information about a Mobile Stormwater education resource (built on a trailer) that would be available to community river care groups, schools and other organisations in Christchurch West Melton and Banks Peninsula to use throughout the year.
3. Annabelle Hasselman of the Ōpāwaho Heathcote River Network attended the meeting in relation to the Strengthening Ecosystems through Community Guardianship project.
4. Additional events were noted as:
 - Mt Vernon event – 25 August 2018
 - Cashmere Stream Planting Day – 8 September 2018
 - Styx Living Laboratory Trust AGM – 17 September 2018

Committee Resolved CWZC/2018/00026

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Receive the information in the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Zone Delivery report.

Chairperson Reuben/Member Wynn-Williams

Carried

11. Working Group Updates - 23 August 2018

Urban Contaminant

The report was taken as read.

Cashmere Catchment

The report was taken as read.

Groundwater and Drylands

The Working Group met with the Waimakariri Zone Committee, on 20 August 2018, about proposed nitrate targets and reductions for the groundwater that flows under the Waimakariri River into the Christchurch zone. Helen Caley updated the Committee on the meeting with the following information:

- There were four members of the Working Group at the joint meeting
- A presentation was given by farmer groups
- Discussion was held on whether the suggested nitrogen reductions could be met
- Feedback provided by the Working Group was; we agree with the suggested 25% nitrogen reductions above Good Management Practice, an agreed approach that would mean water quality in Christchurch, drinking water and spring fed streams, would be at 95% protection of species, and up to 99% over time. Based on our knowledge we think those nitrogen reductions are achievable. We also suggested that other emerging contaminants that might move under the Waimakariri River be investigated. We suggested that a drop-in workshop be held in Christchurch so residents can learn about the issues.

Further information on this matter will be available to the Zone Committee in due course.

Communication and Engagement

Jackie Curtis spoke to the report and advised that a package of material on stormwater would be available for the Meet in the Middle event on 7 October 2018, e.g. pull up banners, brochures and recyclable bags. The group meet monthly with CCC Communications staff regarding stormwater in the urban area.

Biodiversity and Immediate Steps

Lance Kenyon spoke to the report. The group will be meeting shortly with Helen Greenep, Biodiversity Officer.

Recreation

The report was taken as read.

Regional Committee

Les Wanhalla reported the following points:

- Hugh Logan has been appointed as the new Chair of the Regional Committee
- The Christchurch Regional Working Group has discussed three waters, clear drinking water, stormwater and sewage
- A group has been formed on the topic of stormwater
- Where to from here – consider if ZIPs are relevant, their purpose is met, and if any new ZIPs are required

Liaison with Community Groups

The report was taken as read.

Committee Resolved CWZC/2018/00027

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Receive the information in the Working Group Updates report.

Chairperson Reuben/Member Caley

Carried

12. Facilitator's Update - 23 August 2018

Committee Resolved CWZC/2018/00028

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Receive the information in the Facilitator's Update report.

Councillor Cotter/Chairperson Reuben

Carried

At the conclusion of the meeting Councillor Cotter reported that the Christchurch City Council had given its approval for the installation of a UV disinfection system on the central zone for wells. The reduction of water use was an important message to emphasise.

Arapata Reuben closed the meeting with a Karakia/Whakamutunga.

Meeting concluded at 7.55pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 27TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2018

ARAPATA REUBEN
CHAIRPERSON