
Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee OPEN MINUTES

Date: Thursday 20 June 2019
Time: 6.10pm
Venue: Environment Canterbury,
200 Tuam Street

Present

Members

Kevin Brown - Community Representative
Annabelle Hasselman - Community Representative
Gareth Oddy - Community Representative
Helen Caley - Community Representative
Councillor Pauline Cotter - Christchurch City Council
Councillor Debra Hasson - Selwyn District Council
Herewini Banks - Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke/Rapaki

In Attendance: Jan Burney; Pauline McGuigan; ECan – Shelley Washington, Ruth Sarson, Lauren Hamilton, Jen Watters; DOC – John Benn;

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Kevin Brown opened the meeting with a Karakia/Timatanga.

The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

1. Apologies

Committee Resolved CWZC/2019/00008

That the apologies for absence from Arapata Reuben, Carly Sluys, Les Wanhalla and Councillor Tom Lambie, for lateness from Councillor Pauline Cotter, and for early departure from Councillor Debra Hasson, be accepted.

Herewini Banks/Annabelle Hasselman

Carried

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Committee Resolved CWZC/2019/00009

That the minutes of the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee meeting held on Thursday, 23 May 2019 be confirmed.

Annabelle Hasselman/Gareth Oddy

Carried

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

In response to a query about the Milnes drain eels left on the riverbanks, Ruth Sarson advised that this was a compliance matter under the Resource Management Act. Councillor Hasson referred to an area where clearing of vegetation was only from the top of the banks and queried whether this could be achieved in the Halswell and Christchurch City catchments. Staff will check these matters and provide the Committee with information when it becomes available.

4. Deputations by Appointment

There were no deputations by appointment.

5. Identification of Urgent Items

Nil.

6. Identification of General Public Contributions

Nil.

6a. Presentation - Recent Heathcote River Sediment Assessment Work

A presentation was given by Zone Committee member, Gareth Oddy, about the recent Heathcote River Sediment Assessment work. This included information on sediments in the river, what it contains and how it can be dealt with. Members requested a future briefing on whether there was benefit for further work to remove sediment/contaminants, and when that should occur. It is understood that there will be further sediment removal above Radley Road bridge as part of CCC's Land Drainage Recovery Programme.

Councillor Cotter arrived at 6.19pm.
Councillor Hasson departed at 6.55pm.

8. Invitation for Councillors to Attend Christchurch Water Management Field Trip

Committee Comment

1. Lesley reported on the invitation for Christchurch City Council and Environment Councillors to attend the Christchurch Water Management field trip early 2020, similar to the “What’s Happening Under Our Feet” field trip undertaken during March/April 2019.
2. Other catchments could be considered such as the Heathcote, depending on enthusiasm of Committee members to help lead trips.

Committee Resolved CWZC/2019/00010

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Note the invitations for Christchurch City Council and Environment Canterbury Councillors to attend a Christchurch Water Management Field Trip.

Kevin Brown/Pauline Cotter

Carried

7. Correspondence - Minister of Health

Committee Comment

1. Discussion was held about the response received from the Ministry of Health’s Population Health and Prevention Unit, and members noted that the Ministry did not consider it appropriate to change the maximum acceptable value for nitrates in drinking water on the basis of one Danish study.
2. The Committee agreed to seek the support of the Canterbury Medical Officer of Health and the University of Otago Christchurch Department of Medicine, to jointly write a letter to the Minister of Health recommending that research be undertaken to investigate any correlation between nitrate levels in drinking water and the incidence of colorectal cancer.

Committee Resolved CWZC/2019/00011

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Note the correspondence received from the Ministry of Health on the link between nitrate levels in drinking water and increased risk of bowel cancer.
2. Seek the support of the Canterbury Medical Officer of Health, and the University of Otago Christchurch Department of Medicine, to jointly write a letter to the Minister of Health recommending that research be undertaken in the Canterbury region, to investigate any correlation between nitrate levels in drinking water and the incidence of colorectal cancer.

Herewini Banks/Pauline Cotter

Carried

9. Briefing on the Christchurch City Council Stormwater Consent Decision Committee Comment

1. Christchurch City Council staff were unavailable to attend the meeting, therefore the item was deferred to the next Zone Committee meeting.

10. Addington Brook 'Living' Catchment Management Plan Committee Resolved CWZC/2019/00012

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Receive the Addington Brook 'Living' Catchment Management Plan

Kevin Brown/Pauline Cotter

Carried

11. Facilitator's Update - 20 June 2019 Committee Resolved CWZC/2019/00013

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Note the upcoming events and updates.

Kevin Brown/Herewini Banks

Carried

Kevin Brown closed the meeting with a Karakia/Whakamutunga.

Meeting concluded at 7.45pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 25TH DAY OF JULY 2019

**KEVIN BROWN
DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON**