

HURUNUI DISTRICT COUNCIL MINUTES



Meeting Hurunui-Waiiau Zone Committee

Date and Time 15 April 2019, 3.10pm

Venue Cheviot Community Hall, Cheviot Area School

Agenda <http://www.hurunui.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/15-April-2019-Hurunui-Waiiau-Zone-Committee-Agenda.pdf>

Members Present John Faulkner (Chair), Mayor Winton Dalley, Cr Vince Daly, Josh Dondertman, Michele Hawke, Julia McLean, John Preece, Cr Cynthia Roberts, and Nukuroa Tirikatene-Nash.

In Attendance ***Environment Canterbury (ECan)*** – Ian Whitehouse (Zone Facilitator), Stephen Bragg, Marco Cataloni, Andrew Arps, Angus McLeod, Andrew Parrish, and Nadeine Dommissie.
Hurunui District Landcare Group (HDLG) – Josh Brown
Hurunui District Council – Hamish Dobbie, Judith Batchelor
Department of Conservation – John Benn and Daniel Kimber
Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (TRONT) – Lisa Mackenzie
Rural Advocacy Network (RAN) – Jamie McFadden
Community – Jane Demeter
Committee Secretary – Michelle Stanley

Recording Device A recording device was in use for the accuracy of the minutes.

Karakia John Faulkner opened the meeting with a karakia.

Te Reo Māori – Place names in the zone

Gore Bay

Nukuroa Tirikatene-Nash spoke on the Māori name for Gore Bay. Gore Bay is made up from a lot of precipitous cliffs and coastline. Therefore, the name Pariroa was given to this particular area. Pari means a precipitous cliff like the type at Gore Bay, and roa means long.

When looking back at Pariroa from sea, the coastline looks like a series of white indicative and navigational points.

St Annes Lagoon

Matakōpae is the Māori name for St Annes Lagoon.

Mata is a surface or face. In this case it is from an aerial view looking down on the surface of the earth.

Kōpae has a number of potential meanings. Nukuroa Tirikatene-Nash's personal interpretation is that from an aerial view looking onto a body of water it looks like

an eye and the pupil in the middle is the island. Therefore, a Kōpae is like a circular eye on the mata/face of the earth.

Apologies

James McCone, Ken Hughey, and Makarini Rupene.

THAT THE APOLOGIES BE ACCEPTED.

Faulkner/McLean

CARRIED

David Croft and Andrew Barton also sent their apologies.

**Conflict of Interest
Declarations**

Nil.

Urgent Business

Nil.

Minutes

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE HURUNUI-WAIAU ZONE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18 MARCH 2019 ARE CONFIRMED, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS:

- Page 5, Te Reo Māori – Place names in the zone, first bullet point, second paragraph, fix spelling of name from Rokohui **to** Rokihouia.
- Page 5, Te Reo Māori – Place names in the zone, second paragraph, change to read “...because when **he was on a high area**, he looked down **at the** water hue, ...” “Therefore, Waikari was a reference given by Rākaihautū **noting** water evaporates ...”
- Page 8, Item 2, last bullet point, change to: “concern was raised **by Nukuroa Tirikatene-Nash** over the health ... Observations of the Hurunui Hapua are that it **had run** at less ...”.
- Page 9, Item 4, third bullet point, fix spelling of Ashley.
- Page 9, Item 4, last bullet point, remove the word **the** to read “... and recognise Māori values...”

Faulkner/Roberts

CARRIED

Matters Arising:

Addressing concerns from Pyramid Valley Vineyard on the record of the 18 February 2019 Meeting

Lynda Murchison addressed, via the letter, comments made in the record of the 18 February 2019 meeting. She wished to clarify that the consents mentioned had not yet gone through the consenting process and still needed Rūnanga approval.

The reason for the original presentation was to highlight to the Zone Committee that it was not an impossible process but was an expensive one, which is counter to the goals of the Zone Committee to encourage low emitter land use.

The Zone Committee agreed that the consenting cost issue is a significant one and will need addressing in the future.

Proposed response to Freshwater Anglers on control of southern black-backed gull

The written response was taken as read.

The Zone Committee discussed it and requested that the Chairperson ask that it be edited to be written from the Hurunui-Waiau Zone Committee. The Zone Committee approved the body of the letter.

It was suggested, via John Benn, that mention of the availability of alphachlorolose over the counter, and that the gull controls are unchallenged in other zones, also be mentioned in the letter.

Matters arising – MKT report (Page 6)

An update on the report relating to implementing minimum flows by Mahaanui Kurataio Ltd (MKT) was provided by Andrew Parrish after his meeting with MKT representatives. He confirmed that there is a useful report that will need supplementary input, in the form of a position statement, from Rūnanga. Once this has been completed, it will be presented to the Zone Committee.

Item 4. Information on a review of water take consents (Page 9)

It was noted that the issue of managing HDC water takes under a possible review of consents would be a negative impact on the community, if the mitigation package had failed.

It was asked that it be noted that David Just, ECan, stated that the cost to the Hurunui District Council following a Water Supply Asset Management Strategy would be negligible.

Discussion between ECan and HDC on the Ashley River minimum flows for community water takes is ongoing.

Item 10. Zone Delivery Update (Page 11)

It was updated that the monitoring water quality data from the hapua of the Hurunui and Waiau River has not been published on the LAWA website. It was reported that there has been some ongoing issues with the data translation and some technical issues.

A member of the public enquired into Chlorophyll a monitoring and if this is taking place alongside other periphyton monitoring in the Waiau Uwha. This monitoring has commenced and will provide data relating to the periphyton bottom-line in the NPS for Freshwater Management.

Correspondence

Incoming – Letter from the Hurunui District Landcare Group (HDLG)

The letter was taken as read. Discussion was held and the following was noted:

- The Zone Committee expressed appreciation for the group staying involved with the process. The HDLG confirmed that it will stay engaged but not at the same level as in the past due to limited resources.
 - Josh Brown to check to see if the HDLG are happy to have members of the Zone Committee attend their meetings on occasion.
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- The issue of grandparenting is a recognised issue that is scheduled to be addressed in the 2023 plan review. It was requested that the Zone Committee put together a position paper as a starting point and to solidify its position.
 - It was agreed that a response be written to HDLG clarifying the Zone Committees position and commitment to helping with more on ground works. John Faulkner and Ian Whitehouse to action.
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1. Considering a review of the Zone Committee

Ian Whitehouse spoke to his report asking the Zone Committee to consider what the Terms of Reference for the proposed 'Review of the Hurunui-Waiiau Zone Committee' would consist of.

Discussion was held and the following was recorded:

- It was agreed that the following be added to the scope "How the Zone Committee could work better to deliver on the ground action through the use of the Immediate Steps biodiversity fund and other tools".
- A suggestion was made that a booklet be created that would outline the Zone Committees story, how and what resources are available to utilise, and what its options are under the Treaty of Waitangi, CWMS etc.
- It was suggested that an extra entry under Scope 2 be added, "How the Zone Committee engages with local communities".
- It was discussed that consideration should be given to the expertise of the reviewers. It was a preferred option of the Zone Committee to have a reviewer well experienced in the partnership and Treaty of Waitangi.

THAT THE ZONE COMMITTEE REQUESTS CANTERBURY REGIONAL COUNCIL AND HURUNUI DISTRICT COUNCIL TO COMMISSION AN INDEPENDENT REVIEW (OR REVIEWS) OF THE ZONE COMMITTEE AS DESCRIBED IN THE TERMS OF REFERENCE AGREED BY THE ZONE COMMITTEE.

Faulkner/Roberts

CARRIED

Break

The meeting adjourned for a break at 4.33pm and reconvened at 4.45pm.

2. Public Contribution

Nil.

3. Identifying and protecting wetlands in the zone.

John Preece

John Preece presented to the Zone Committee on progressing an improved information base for wetlands in Hurunui District. John asked that the Zone Committee consider recommending to ECan that an inventory and report of the Hurunui wetlands be undertaken which would include mapping of former areas of wetlands and setting up a network of monitored wetlands.

Discussion was held and the following was noted:

- Discussion was held around the concern by stakeholders and some zone committee members over what the gathered information would be used for. There is a concern that it would be used against landowners.
 - It was suggested by Jamie McFadden that ECan already has a database of wetlands that could be utilised. He has requested the information through a LIGOMA request.
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- It is thought that the official number of recorded wetlands is only 20% of the actual number.
 - It was noted that the Zone Committee have always been interested in wetland restoration but funding has been a key constraint. There are some landowners who are able and willing to do wetland projects but there are others who must consider the economic loss factor.
 - The post-quake farming project is also looking at wetlands. There is a fine line between restoration and supporting families.
 - It was suggested that this project idea be approached in educational way. There is a lot of opposition to mapping of wetlands and therefore the focus should move to providing education on the value of wetlands. There is a growing interest in the district in the value of wetlands.
 - It was noted by ECan officers that they wanted to hear the views of the committee without ECan input. ECan is very supportive of the non-statutory pathways and look for guidance from the Zone Committee on how to do this. ECan's biodiversity priority is wetlands but officers are only working with willing landowners.

The Zone Committee asked for a further report from ECan Officers on what data is available already on wetlands, examples of wetland protection and discuss options to facilitate conversations with the community on the proposal.

4. Zone Committee position on Braided River Management

John Faulkner and Ken Hughey.

John Faulkner spoke to the report on the Zone Committees position on Braided River Management.

The Zone Committee sees the termination of the BRIDGE project as an opportunity for multi stakeholder ownership for establishing a community driven Braided River Management Plan (BRMP) based first and foremost on consultation and engagement with adjacent river property owners. This new BRMP will be referred to as the Reach Program.

The Zone Committee discussed the report and the following was noted:

- This approach focuses on on-ground actions.
- It was requested that the Rūnanga be included in the ground up approach.
- It is envisaged that a case study on an area on the Waiau Uwha River will be undertaken to see if the BRMP is a viable option. This template could then be utilised to start projects on other reaches of the rivers.

The Hurunui-Waiiau Zone Committee were asked for indication of support for the position:

- Josh Dondertman – Supports.
 - Cr Cynthia Roberts – Supports.
 - Julia McLean – Supports
 - Nukuroa Tirikatene-Nash – Abstain due to the uncertainty of how Rūnanga would perceive the new approach.
 - Michele Hawke – Supports
 - Mayor Winton Dalley – Supports the approach.
 - Cr Vince Daly – Is supportive of the intent but is unsure how/if it would work.
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- John Preece – Supports.
 - John Faulkner – Supports.

That the Hurunui-Waiiau Zone Committee agrees that the position statement outlined in the report be adopted and further work with the Rūnanga on what it means.

5. Zone Committee's 2019 Work Programme
Ian Whitehouse,
ECan

Ian Whitehouse spoke to the proposed work programme. Discussion was held and the following suggestions were made:

- Due to the Zone Committees interest in visiting a number of different sites it was agreed that a full day of site visits be organised. Some suggested sites were the Hanmer wetlands, the Waitohi wetland, and mahinga kai access points on John Faulkner's farm.
- A suggestion was made to shift the briefing on the results of the Hurunui hapua monitoring to early 2020. The committee were undecided on this.
- The Zone Committee would like to include the noho marae visit if it can be scheduled in. It was suggested that it be tied in with a walk down the river to hear and see how Māori view resources.

Ian Whitehouse to consider all suggestions and bring a further report to the Zone Committee on the draft work programme for 2019.

6. Confirmation of the Hurunui-Waiiau Zone Committee's representative on the Regional Committee

The report was taken as read.

THE HURUNUI-WAIAU ZONE COMMITTEE AGREES TO APPOINT JOHN PREECE AS THE REPRESENTATIVE ON THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR 2019.

McLean/Roberts

CARRIED

7. Update on Regional Committee
Mayor Winton
Dalley and John
Preece

John Preece updated the Zone Committee on the recent meeting of the Regional Committee. The following was noted:

- The committee signed off the work program for the CWMS Fit for Future. There are a number of new programs being produced. Priorities for these programs will be discussed at the next meeting. A future discussion will be held on the ability to convert policies into actions on the ground.

The agenda can be found at: <https://www.ecan.govt.nz/get-involved/council-and-committee-meetings/> 9 April 2019 Regional Water Management Committee Agenda.

8. Update from Zone Committee members on other activities and meetings attended that relate to the Committee's outcomes for the Zone.

Nil.

9. Update from organisations wishing to speak

Nil.

10. Information paper: update on Omnibus Plan Change to the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan

Andrea Richardson,
ECan

The update on the Omnibus Plan Change to the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan (LWRP) was taken as read.

It was noted that the Chair will be called to present to the independent hearing panel for the proposed plan change to the HWRRP. This panel will include a Te Rūnanga o Ngai Tahu representative.

Urgent Business

Nil

Meeting concluded

The meeting concluded at 6.46pm with a whakamoemiti from Nukuroa Tirikatene-Nash.

Next meeting

Monday, 20 May 2019.
