
Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee OPEN MINUTES

Date: Thursday 25 July 2019
Time: 6pm
Venue: Environment Canterbury,
200 Tuam Street

Present

Chairperson

Members

Arapata Reuben - Tūāhuriri Rūnanga
Kevin Brown - Community Representative
Helen Caley - Community Representative
Annabelle Hasselman - Community Representative
Gareth Oddy - Community Representative
Carly Sluys - Community Representative
Abbie Wilson - 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

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Arapata Reuben opened the meeting with a Karakia/Timatanga.

The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

1. Apologies

Committee Resolved CWZC/2019/00014

That the apology for lateness from Helen Caley be accepted.

Arapata Reuben/Kevin Brown

Carried

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Committee Resolved CWZC/2019/00015

That the minutes of the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee meeting held on Thursday, 20 June 2019 be confirmed, subject to the following amendment:

- Page 8, Item 7 – add to seek support from the Otago University School of Medicine about the investigation of any correlation between nitrate levels in drinking water and the incidence of colorectal cancer.

Kevin Brown/Herewini Banks

Carried

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Les Wanhalla queried whether the Heathcote River Sediment Assessment work had included fish recovery.

4. Deputations by Appointment

A deputation was given by Nichola Wilkie about her concerns for the state of the Ōpāwaho/Heathcote Awa (River). Eels are prehistoric, a Tipuna, and the modern long-fin eels are a barometer and indicator of water quality. Issues of concern noted by Nichola included that there is asbestos in the Awa entering from contaminated properties, eels are being fed bread and cat food, the herbicide Roundup is being used near wai ways (watercress), fluke worms have been found in wai ways, as well as unswimmable waterways. Nichola suggested signage applicable to the awa could be carried out through artistry and images as a learning tool.

Arapata thanked Nichola for her presentation. He explained that education and highlighting actions for mitigation were key areas of focus for the Zone Committee.

5. Identification of Urgent Items

Nil.

6. Identification of General Public Contributions

Nil.

Helen Caley arrived at 6.25pm.

7. Correspondence - Minister of Health

Committee Comment

1. Tami advised that to date no response had been received to the Zone Committee's letters sent to the Ministry of Health and University of Otago Christchurch, on research on nitrate in drinking water and colorectal cancer risk.

Committee Resolved CWZC/2019/00016

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Note the correspondence from the Committee to the Deputy Director, Population Health and Prevention, Ministry of Health, and to Professor Gillian Abel, Head of Department of Population Health, University of Otago, on research on nitrate in drinking water and colorectal cancer risk.

Arapata Reuben/Kevin Brown

Carried

8. Facilitator's Update - 25 July 2019

Committee Comment

1. Tami spoke to her report.
2. Discussion was held about the Christchurch City Council Stormwater Consent and further detail was sought on steps and actions relating to Pūharakekenui/Styx River and sediment.
3. In relation to the remit from the City Council on nitrate in drinking water research, that was presented at the Local Government AGM on 7 July, the Committee sought further information about the journey of the remit following that meeting, and the process of advocacy.
4. Tami referred to the invitation that members had been sent from the Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee to attend its meeting on 6 August 2019 at West Melton, where discussion will be held about urban issues. Suggestions for highlighting at that meeting included; the danger of using zinc and copper on roofs, and how to distribute information about this matter to the relevant businesses, such as architects; as well as the inability for long fin eels to travel up piped waterways.

Committee Resolved CWZC/2019/00017

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Note the upcoming events and updates.

Arapata Reuben/Helen Caley

Carried

Arapata Reuben closed the meeting with a Karakia/Whakamutunga.

Meeting concluded at 6.40pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 22ND DAY OF AUGUST 2019

ARAPATA REUBEN
CHAIRPERSON