
Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee OPEN MINUTES

Date: Thursday 22 August 2019
Time: 6.37pm
Venue: Environment Canterbury,
200 Tuam Street

Present

Deputy Chairperson Kevin Brown - Community Representative
Members Helen Caley - Community Representative
Annabelle Hasselman - Community Representative
Gareth Oddy - Community Representative
Abbie Wilson - Community Representative
Councillor Tom Lambie - Environment Canterbury
Councillor Debra Hasson - Selwyn District Council
Les Wanhalla - Te Taumutu Rūnanga

22 August 2019

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Mananui Ramsden opened the meeting with a Karakia/Timatanga.

The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

1. Apologies

Committee Resolved CWZC/2019/00018

That apologies from Arapata Reuben, Herewini Banks, Carly Sluys and Pauline Cotter, be accepted.

Les Wanhalla/Annabelle Hasselman

Carried

Declarations of Interest

No declarations were recorded.

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Committee Resolved CWZC/2019/00019

That the minutes of the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee meeting held on Thursday, 25 July 2019 be confirmed.

Gareth Oddy/Abbie Wilson

Carried

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Nil.

Item 9 was dealt with at this time.

9. Nature Agents - 22 August 2019

Committee Comment

1. A presentation was given by Kirsty Brennan, EOS Ecology, and students of Ilam Primary School about Nature Agents of Change. Issues Nature Agents are dealing with relate to the lack of effective science programmes within primary schools. The approach Nature Agents is implementing relates to science, captivation, and collaboration to be end-user appropriate. The Nature Agents programme includes an equipment kit, printed and digital resources and field sessions with scientists.
2. The Ilam Primary School students reported on their activities, including learning to take water clarity measurements, holding a parent open night, and presenting their information to the School Board. The outcomes they are seeking are for children to be able to swim in the Avon River, and to be part of the solution of having clean rivers throughout New Zealand.
3. The students noted the following help that the Zone Committee could give to Nature Agents:
 - a. Come along to our 'Nature Agents' field visits and see what we do!

- b. Provide opportunities for schools to present their results/findings/ideas for action.
- c. Funding transport for schools to attend Botanic Gardens event for Operation River Quest.
- d. Funding 'Operation River Quest' Report Card providing evidence, set improvement benchmarks and raise community awareness.
- e. Funding St James School 'Nature Agents' transport to their site.

Committee Resolved CWZC/2019/00020

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Notes the Nature Agents programme;
2. Receives the learnings from Ilam School around the river and their goals for future guardianship of their river; and
3. Considers the student information and goals alongside other water quality monitoring information to be presented at the next zone committee meeting.
4. Provides Nature Agents with activities the Zone Committee is undertaking.

Kevin Brown/Gareth Oddy

Carried

4. Deputations by Appointment

4.1 Drinkable Rivers.NZ

Michael Mayell spoke on behalf of Drinkable Rivers.NZ about restoring New Zealand's greatest assets, its rivers, to natural beauty and reconnecting with the natural world. Christchurch has the opportunity to become the epicentre of change, provide transparent feedback from the rivers with a community led movement for education, resources and connections, and to work together to make waterways swimmable and drinkable. He advised that the focus for Drinkable Rivers.NZ was starting with 110 metres at the head of the Ōtakaro/Avon River.

Michael reported on the following:

1. The first real time data sensor currently being calibrated is the Oracle 1.
2. Options are being explored to extend the dataset and to use data for the most complete dataset.
3. Education is important to help share vital information and for practical resources.
4. Community engagement – need to support all New Zealand existing water champions, support planting events.
5. Note that 22 September is world rivers day that DrinkableRivers.NZ will be involved in.

Michael advised that DrinkableRivers.NZ was looking for a landscape architect to develop a planting plan for the reserve and all rivers. We need help from everyone.

5. Identification of Urgent Items

Nil.

6. Identification of General Public Contributions

Nil.

7. Correspondence - Frank Hill

Committee Comment

1. In an email to the Committee Mr Hill expressed his concern that the goal set of making Addington Brook “wadable” would not be achieved. Staff responded to Mr Hill advising that this matter has been revisited in relation to contaminant load modelling for the catchment including the use of existing MEDUSA modelling, to facilitate the development of contaminant load reduction targets.

Committee Resolved CWZC/2019/00021

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Note the correspondence received from Frank Hill.

Tom Lambie/Debra Hasson

Carried

8. Community Waterways Partnership Charter

Committee Comment

1. The Community Waterways Partnership Charter was included as Attachment A, page 15 of the agenda.
2. A presentation was given by Evan Smith for the Avon-Ōtakaro Network, supported by Clive Appleton, Natural Environment Team Leader, Christchurch City Council, about the power of collaboration and partnership for activities relating to our urban water and waterways. In this regard a Community Water Partnership Charter has been endorsed by key agencies. The role of the Zone Committee is leadership and mana, to present to Councils on behalf of the community.

Committee Resolved CWZC/2019/00022

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Agrees to be a signatory partner to the Community Waterways Partnership Charter.
2. Recommends that ECan and CCC endorse the Community Waterways Partnership Charter.

Les Wanhalla/Helen Caley

Carried

10. Christchurch City Council Comprehensive Stormwater Consent

Committee Comment

1. Tami Woods' report provided the Zone Committee with a summary of conditions in the Christchurch City Council Comprehensive Stormwater Consent. The scope is about what goes into the stormwater network, and the consent is currently under appeal. A question identified was how the Council will undertake the process in light that the Ōpāwaho Heathcote River Network's Action Plan is going to be developed.

Committee Resolved CWZC/2019/00023

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Notes the key element to the Christchurch City Council Comprehensive Stormwater consent and that the consent is currently under Appeal; and
2. Identifies any questions for Christchurch City Council staff around implementation, to be asked once the appeal has been resolved.

Abbie Wilson/Kevin Brown

Carried

11. Zone Team Update - 22 August 2019

Committee Comment

1. Lauren Hamilton provided the Zone Committee with an update on the programme summary:
 - 1.1 Completed the Erosion and Sediment Control Field Trail
 - 1.2 Supporting Immediate Steps funding and projects
 - 1.3 Engagement on numerous community group including Litta Trap Trail, Mobile resource, Styx living laboratory, community events
 - 1.4 Investigating the Ōtūkaikino stream
 - 1.5 Collaborating with Christchurch City Council on numerous projects
 - 1.6 Continued monitoring of high-risk consents
 - 1.7 Responding to incident responses in priority catchments
 - 1.8 On the spot infringement trial.

Committee Resolved CWZC/2019/00024

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Notes the end of year report from the Zone Delivery Team.

Gareth Oddy/Helen Caley

Carried

12. Facilitator's Update - 22 August 2019

Committee Comment

1. Tami Woods introduced Mananui Ramsden, Cultural Land Management Advisor (Pou Matai Ko) for central Canterbury (across Selwyn-Waihora, Banks Peninsula and Christchurch West

Melton zones) to assist with kaitiakitanga, Ngai Tahu and mahinga kai; and Oscar Bloom, part of the ECan Youth Ropu that is facilitated by Hannah Dunlop. Oscar's role is to provide a two-way relationship between ECan and youth.

2. Tami reported on other items noted in her report, including World Rivers Day on 22 September, an opportunity to have a Stormwater Superheroes presence at the Ōpāwaho Heathcote River Network Annual World Rivers Day event.
3. Tami reported on the work programme for the rest of 2019 that had been formed following a Zone Committee workshop, that would include water quality in September; Port Hills in October; and Industry Stormwater rewards in November.
4. Les Wanhalla thanked members of the Zone Committee for attending and being part of the recent Selwyn-Waihora Zone Committee meeting to discuss urban issues. He advised that the Selwyn-Waihora Committee would be giving more consideration to urban issues.
5. Tami noted that the quarterly report to Christchurch City Council from the Committee had been received earlier in the day. The Mayor had advised that the Committee's letter had been used by CCC as part of their advocacy to the Ministry of Health (MOH) and the Mayor noted that MOH had a Chief Scientist charged with looking into the issue, Ian Towns.
6. Gareth suggested a briefing for the Zone Committee on wastewater overflows and how frequently they occur, targets etc.

Committee Resolved CWZC/2019/00025

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Note the upcoming events and updates.

Debra Hasson/Abbie Wilson

Carried

Mananui Ramsden closed the meeting with a Karakia/Whakamutunga.

Meeting concluded at 8.31pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 28TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2019

**KEVIN BROWN
DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON**