

# MINUTES OF THE KAIKŌURA ZONE WATER COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 12.30PM ON FRIDAY 28th AUGUST 2020 AT KAIKŌURA COUNCIL BUILDING – COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

**PRESENT:** T Howard (Chair), Cr G Edge, A Boyd, R Roche (Deputy Chair), C McConchie,  
T Sonal, N McArthur,

**IN ATTENDANCE:** K Whitwell (minutes), M Griffin, S Bragg

**APOLOGIES:** J Murray, G Solomon, K Heays  
Moved R Roche Seconded by A Boyd

THAT the CWMS Kaikōura Zone Committee:  
(a) accept all apologies.

**CARRIED**

Meeting opened 12.38pm

*KARAKIA led by A Boyd*

## **1. NCTIR Briefing on the Transport Corridor**

Ross Glubb and Gareth Taylor (with Will Doughty in attendance), presented an update on the ecological and environmental management for the North Canterbury Transport Infrastructure Recovery (NCTIR) project.

This topic aligns with the committee's Zone Implementation Plan (ZIP) recommendation and priority outcomes and follows a previous update from the NCTIR team in 2019.

- Update provided on:
  - overview of project numbers – people, seals, fish, birds, work hours, inductions, ecology number of studies etc. Noted NCTIR have just surpassed 6 million person hours of work for the project
  - Ecology – rivers; culvert crossings and bridges, the interaction with the wildlife and the management database this produces (providing species types and numbers for waterways under NCTIR's programme of works)
    - noted with riverbed uplift, fish passage has been impacted, with migratory fish no longer able to complete their journey in these waterways
    - for some work areas, temporary fish passage creation has been completed so that NCTIR work does not impact migratory fish that are present
    - range of lizard/gecko/skink species caught and released into Department of Conservation reserves. NCTIR have been looking at how specific species during planting can help habitat creation and protection
  - Flora – Ōhau rock daisies bought in by helicopter to be planted in hilly areas
    - seed suppliers have been sourced for NCTIR programme as locally as possible
  - Erosion and sediment – important to control in freshwater so that macroinvertebrates and fish have space to refuge in the gravel – sediment fills

these gaps and reduces space these species can refuge, combine pollutants, reduces ecological diversity and health of waterways

- management tools to control this has varied between sites, slowing velocity of water is key component of reducing sediment and erosion getting into waterways
  - erosion and sediment control plans developed with sub engineers and organisations to ensure everyone working in those locations are aware of what measures need to be taken to ensure environmental protection
  - highlighted importance of the knowledge that staff 'on-the-ground' have; plans developed in collaboration with the sub-contractors, and changes made if suggestions for better methods are raised
  - resource consent requirements including freshwater ecologists must oversee any work being implemented in rivers and waterways
  - staff working on erosion and sediment control have been able to undertake certification for this work – uncommon certification in NZ.
- Monitoring and reporting – environmental monitoring and reporting gets done daily if possible, more so after rainfalls, to see if remediation is needed.

Questions from the committee were around predictions for planting, sediment filtration, and stormwater designs. NCTIR noted designs are all to industry standards so meets those specified within the industry standards. Noted different disciplines check designs so that modern standards for multiple aspects are met.

The presentation concluded with a final discussion between NCTIR and committee regarding aspects of the presentation. ***Please refer to a summary of the presentation provided as agenda item 8-2.***

Committee thanked staff from NCTIR for presentation.

## **2. Committee check-in & order of business**

- Apologies and introductions: apologies from J Murray, G Solomon, K Heays
- Announced urgent business: nil
- Confirmation of the committee's Register of Interests:
  - A Boyd asked that it is recorded her involvement as a member on the Kaikōura Community Advisory Board for the CDHB
  - T Howard asked that it is recorded as an independent candidate for the NZ 2020 Election
  - N McArthur provided several organisations to update in this register to M Griffin
- Committee check in: round table update from committee members in attendance

## **3. CWMS Zone Committee Review – workshop**

M Griffin led a discussion on feedback on the current review of CWMS Zone Committee's as they enter their second decade.

Discussion around changes proposed. Noted more development for the changes and priorities are needed.

Committee discussed:

- The changes and challenges still ongoing in the community following the earthquakes and COVID-19
- Strategic content from central government will change things, so day-to-day implementation needs to wait for those changes before the committee makes their own plans/changes

- The lower number of official meetings per year, question asked if the committee can still get together at other times. It was noted yes, committees can meet more often and have informal workshops or other events as they like
- Noted the committee's need for an opportunity to give feedback on local and regional plans/strategies
- Noted that the committee still have long and short-term views and strategic direction for the work carried out under the zone implementation plan (ZIP).

Committee questions/concerns/comments regarding proposed changes:

1. Level of responsibility – committee are traditionally a facilitative role, not bound by decisions. Proposed wording needs to clarify this
2. Level of responsibility for action plans if the committee are an advisory group. Proposed wording needs to clarify this
3. What the scope of powers is for the committee. Proposed wording needs to clarify this
4. Concern that the ZIP and ZIPA must remain a priority – noted that these documents remain as guidance to the new formation of the action plans. Proposed wording needs more clarity about how the ZIP and ZIPA relate to the committee's work
5. The word 'bounded' should be replaced with 'informed by' or 'guided'
6. Committee needs more clarity around their role, resourcing, time, financial allowance/responsibility and what is meant by "securing additional resources"
7. Noted the reference to 'independent Chair' selection - who chooses this person? Committee questions the relevance for this action within KWZC based on previous years and membership
8. Noted treaty could be highlighted more
9. Importance of Rūnanga representation needs to be highlighted in the changes. KWZC notes that two Rūnanga reps works well and they would like to keep this for their committee
10. Reviewing and self-reviewing. Committee noted what's the committee's role in reviewing progress with reference to the CWMS target areas
11. What's the roles and responsibilities of the committee; in regard to work programmes etc.
12. Question raised if 'recreational amenity' should not be specified as 'freshwater based' – still needs to be relatively broad, but still focused on water? Perhaps add biodiversity? Consideration of 'ki uta ki tai catchment resource' as new wording
13. Discussion on "who are the key players and their roles?" Committee noted they should not be referred to as the 'implementor' as this implies their roles and responsibilities extend beyond that of a facilitator/advisory group.

#### **4. Draft ECan LTP 2021-2021 – workshop**

Not carried out. Agreed to defer this session to the 18 September meeting.

#### **5. Committee updates**

M Griffin presented the committee with draft letterhead and PowerPoint templates, with the new vision statement "*Clean Water, Healthy Life. Waiora, Hauora, Mauri Ora*". Templates accepted by committee.

#### **6. General business**

Discussion around the Kaikōura District Council (KDC) works and services reports. Committee noted they would like an operational team member from KDC attend some meetings and speak to the report. R Roche to follow this up with KDC.

Discussion around action list. M Griffin to provide the committee with an updated action list at the next committee meeting.

M Griffin noted the Immediate Steps Biodiversity (IMS) funding project recommendation that was supported via email prior to the meeting, during the period of Covid-19 lockdown and prior to the end of the 2019/20 financial year. He advised the committee formally move the recommendation, so it was formally recorded in a committee meeting.

Moved R Roche Seconded by A Boyd

THAT the CWMS Kaikōura Zone Committee:

- (a) Support the recommendation to allocate \$7,000 of Immediate Steps Biodiversity funding by Environment Canterbury for Kōmanawa o te Waikōau – Spring of the Lyell Restoration project.

**CARRIED**

Minutes confirmation for previous meeting: noted that 'G Eagle' is to be replaced by 'G Edge' on page 31 of the agenda, attendance list for the committee's previous meeting.

***Moved by R Roche, seconded by A Boyd and resolved that the minutes of the Kaikōura Water Zone Committee meeting held on Friday 19th June 2020 be confirmed a true and accurate record.***

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4pm**

***CLOSING KARAKIA – Was provided by S Bragg.***