

MINUTES

Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee Meeting

21 October 2020

**MINUTES OF WAIMATE DISTRICT COUNCIL
LOWER WAITAKI SOUTH COASTAL CANTERBURY ZONE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE WAIMATE EVENT CENTRE, 15 PAUL STREET, WAIMATE
ON WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2020, COMMENCING AT 1.00PM**

PRESENT: Deputy Chairperson Jared Ross, Waihao Rūnaka Representative Suzanne Eddington, Waimate Cr Fabia Fox, Waitaki Cr Jim Hopkins, Community Member Barney Hoskins, Community Member Daniel Isbister, Arowhenua Rūnaka Representative Michael Mcmillan, Community Member Brent Packman, Community Member Kate White, Moeraki Rūnaka Representative Keiran Whyte

APOLOGIES: Chair Bruce Murphy, Cr Nicole Marshall, Emily Anderson, Cr Fabia Fox (for lateness)

VISITORS: ECan: Chris Eccleston (Southern Zone Manager), Janine Roux (Upper Waitaki Zone Committee Facilitator), Fraser Walker-Pearce (ECan Comms)
Mira Tripathi (Waimate District Council Water & Waste Technical Support Officer), John Benn (DoC); Jen Fellows (Waitaki Irrigators Collective)

IN ATTENDANCE: Dave Moore (Zone Facilitator), Karalyn Reid (Committee Secretary)

OPENING

Deputy Chair Jared Ross asked Keiran Whyte to open the meeting with a karakia.

Kate White entered the meeting at 1.05pm.

1 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2020/22

Moved: Cr Jim Hopkins
Seconded: Suzanne Eddington

That apologies from Chair Bruce Murphy, Cr Nicole Marshall, Emily Anderson, and Cr Fabia Fox (for lateness) be received and accepted.

CARRIED

2 VISITORS

(as above)

3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

MINUTES

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**4.1 MINUTES OF THE LOWER WAITAKI SOUTH COASTAL CANTERBURY ZONE
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19 AUGUST 2020**

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2020/23

Moved: Barney Hoskins

Seconded: Kate White

That the Minutes of the Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee Meeting held on 19 August 2020 be adopted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

REPORTS

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS REGISTER

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2020/24

Moved: Cr Jim Hopkins

Seconded: Brent Packman

That the Declarations of Interests Register be accepted, with the minor amendment to the explanation page.

Action:

The Declaration of Interests Register (explanation page) be amended to include the names of Waimate and Waitaki District Councils as territorial authorities.

CARRIED

Cr Fabia Fox entered the meeting at 1.13pm.

5.2 CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2020/25

Moved: Cr Fabia Fox

Seconded: Suzanne Eddington

That the Correspondence Report be accepted, with the below action.

CARRIED

Action:

Letter from Morven Glenavy Ikawai Irrigation Company: Cr Jim Hopkins asked for the Zone Facilitator to request an explanation from Environment Canterbury on the process (broader rationale) relating to the Nutrient Discharge Permit.

5.3 TE REO WORDS WITH KEIRAN WHITE AND MICHAEL MCMILLIAN

Ōtaia is the correct spelling for the Ōtaio River

Makihikihi is the correct spelling for the Makihiki River.

5.4 REGIONAL COUNCIL UPDATE WITH CR NICOLE MARSHALL

The Committee received the Regional Council update from Cr Nicole Marshall, as presented in the agenda.

- 2020 NPS: Cr Jim Hopkins asked for further information, the facilitator reported there will be an update on Essential Freshwater Package at the next meeting.
- Lower Waitaki River Works: Kate White will report later in the agenda
- Cr Fox elaborated on the Waimate District Council Governance-to-Governance meeting with ECan, which was successful

5.5 REGIONAL COMMITTEE VERBAL UPDATE WITH BARNEY HOSKINS

The Committee received the Regional Committee update from Barney Hoskins.

- Land Air & Water Aotearoa Committee (LAWA) 2020 Summary for Canterbury. Members asked for the presentation to be circulated to members
- Regional Committee Review. Size, achievements, purpose and content of meetings will be discussed at the next meeting with feedback requested from members
- Government Freshwater Package was discussed

5.6 FACILITATORS UPDATE - OCTOBER 2020

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2020/26

Moved: Cr Jim Hopkins

Seconded: Kate White

That the Zone Committee receive the update.

CARRIED

Note:

Zone Committee Refresh Process: Committee members (Barney, Brent, Daniel, Emily and Kate) that were due to finish at the end of 2020 were asked to stay on until early in 2021 as the refresh process will be delayed. Daniel Isbister offered to stay until the refresh process, but would not be re-standing

5.7 WAITAKI RIVER EROSION – VERBAL UPDATE WITH KATE WHITE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2020/27

Moved: Cr Fabia Fox

Seconded: Cr Jim Hopkins

That that Waitaki River Erosion Update be received.

CARRIED

Note:

- The group are frustrated, been targeting Meridian but feel also ECan are lacking response, and action. ECan went for shovel ready funding but didn't include the Waitaki.
- Huge loss of land (155 hectares); bulldozer operator has done great job and fixed some of major issues but his work still needs resourcing
- Loud clear message from the meeting at the Waitaki Bridge Hall that Meridian needed to make bigger contribution
- ECan sent survey (poorly worded) to relevant farmers, the report from ECan is publicly available
- Asking for communication – hugely stressful and large amount of work surely ECan could assist with resourcing
- Frustrated with local Councillors – will go to the ECan Council Meeting tomorrow
- Met with Meridian in Timaru, however their agenda was their contributions are compliant
- Feeling that this is only Band-Aid fixing the damage, and there is an urgent need to look at overall management of Waitaki river by Meridian
- There are CWMS targets being affected, including Mahinga Kai

5.8 LWSCCZ COMMITTEE REVIEW

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2020/28

Moved: Cr Fabia Fox

Seconded: Deputy Chairperson Jared Ross

1. That Zone Committee receive this update; and
2. That the November Zone Committee meeting/workshop be mostly dedicated to developing the Zone Committee Action Plan; with an option to finalise at the December meeting.

CARRIED

Note:

The Waitaki District Council accepted the Shared Letter of Priorities with minor changes at their meeting yesterday (Wednesday 20 October). The two TA Council and Regional Council letters will be brought together and presented back to the Committee.

Members asked for Rūnaka representatives' priorities to be incorporated into the final. Three local rūnaka were asked to directly feed their letter of shared priorities to the Zone Committee. The Zone Committee Facilitator will arrange for a meeting. The local rūnaka agreed for a hui to undertake a Letter of Shared Priorities.

The Zone Committee agreed to prioritise the action plan for the next meeting, and delay other agenda items that are not so urgent, with the intention of also considering the draft priorities from the rūnaka hui.

Cr Fabia Fox highlighted a growing interest in urban degradation and lift in level of service of water quality, stormwater runoff. Science in stormwater is important and can involve community interest and opportunities.

Tom Byrne (Land Management Advisor), Kennedy Lange (Biodiversity Special Projects) will be asked to the November meeting.

5.9 NORTHERN STREAMS CATCHMENT GROUP UPDATE WITH DAVE MOORE AND JARED ROSS

RECOMMENDATION

That the Northern Streams Catchment Group Update be received.

Note:

A meeting at the Makikihi Hotel, and hillslope project field day was well attended.

Bruce Murphy and Colin Hurst are building interest with a core group of farmers. A discussion has been held with Mark Adams from OTOP Zone Committee about their process.

The existing Otaio Water Users Group could possibly be used as a legal entity, or Northern Streams to leverage funding opportunities. To date livestock farmers are showing more engagement than arable farmers. Water use on rolling hill country is the key.

Jen Fellows Waitaki Irrigators advised they are keen to also look at the hillslope project. WIC are also looking at funding opportunities and will look into collaborate hillslope project.

5.9 GENERAL

The Waihao / Wainono Community Catchment Group has applied for two funding grants but have been unsuccessful and are now applying through Mid & South Canterbury Community Trust for finishing the walkway projects at McCullochs Bridge. A good planting day was held recently.

The OTOP Zone Committee appointed an 18-year-old on to the committee at their last meeting as youth representative. The Committee agreed a youth representative could be considered as part of the Action Plans.

Kate White discussed the urgent low water concerns between Kurow and Duntroon perhaps due to the piped irrigation race, asking if this was the current conditions or due to a decrease in irrigation leakage. The Committee agreed for the Facilitator to approach Environment Canterbury to see what science advice exists on groundwater on the south side of the Waitaki River from Kurow to Duntroon, to bring back to the next meeting.

MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chair asked Keiran to close the meeting with a karakia at 3.16pm.

The Minutes of this meeting are to be confirmed at the Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee Meeting scheduled on 18 November 2020.

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CHAIRPERSON