

Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the **Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee** held on Tuesday 27 April 2021, commencing at 1:00 pm in the Council Chamber, 137 Havelock Street, Ashburton.

Present

Councillor Ian MacKenzie, Councillor Stuart Wilson, Bill Thomas (Chair), Chris Allen, Angela Cushnie, Cargill Henderson, Araparta Reuben, Genevieve de Spa and Les Wanhalla

In attendance

Environment Canterbury: Dave Moore (Facilitator) and Carol McAtamney (minutes)

Andy Guthrie (ADC Assets Manager), Paul Churchill (ADC Surface Water Project Coordinator)

12 members of the public in attendance

1 Welcome

Genevieve de Spa opened the meeting with a Karakia.

2 Apologies

That an apology for absence be received on behalf of Mayor Neil Brown, Cr Ian MacKenzie and Araparta Reuben and for lateness for Chris Allen

Wilson/Brown

Carried

3 Extraordinary Business

Nil.

4 Register of Interests

Angela Cushnie – add Community Catchment Groups

Les Wanhalla – add Trustee Central Plains Water for Selwyn District Council

5 Confirmation of Minutes

That the minutes of the Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee meeting held on 23 February 2021, be taken as read and confirmed.

Wilson/Cushnie

Carried

5.1 Matters Arising

6 Correspondence

Inward:

Nil.

Outward:

Dr Helen Rutter – Support for the ‘Load to Come’ research programme funding bid

7 Public Contributions

Nil.

8 Regenerative Design and Development

Genevieve de Spa – (1.09pm/1.38pm)

Presented on alternative ways to consider Regenerative Design and Development

9 MHV – Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Programme Update

Justin Legg/Melanie Brooks (1.42pm – 2.20pm)

Where to from here:

- Soil moisture monitoring
- Irrigation trials NO3
- Rotational trials
- Examination of historical land uses
- Bio filters at key locations
- Westland development
- Fish/invertebrate monitoring
- Habitat and tree mapping
- Real time water quality monitoring
- Mapping open – framework gravels
- Paleo channel mapping

Next 12 months:

- Consistency of data collection
- Incorporating mātauranga māori into our research/outputs
- Water body health research
- Point source identification/remediation
- Collaborations
 - existing testing and historic results incorporated
 - education (share what we are doing)
 - catchment biodiversity vision

10 Essential Fresh Water Working Group

Melanie Brooks/Peter Lowe (2.20pm – 2.47pm)

Gave an update on the activities of the Mid Canterbury Essential Freshwater group.

- Travelled to Wellington to meet with Hon. Damien O’Conner and Hon. David Parker to discuss the proposed freshwater policy and the impact it will have in, its current form, on the Ashburton district
- Met with Ecan CE Stefanie Rixecker and Chair Jenny Hughey

11 Hinds Hekeao Biodiversity

Angela Cushnie (2.47pm – 2.57pm)

Group is made up of: Community Representatives, Kanuka Trust, ECan, ADC Biodiversity group representative and the Ashburton Zone Committee

12 Community Catchment Groups

Angela Cushnie and Duncan Barr (2.57pm – 3.35pm)

- Case for community-led catchment groups in the Ashburton district
- Bringing ideas and actions together to improve our environmental footprint and support wellbeing.

- Community-led change is a powerful tool and cohesion at a regional level builds people's capability and leadership
- Public meeting scheduled for 10 May, Eiffelton
- Zone committee gave their unanimous support to this concept

13 Facilitators Update

Dave Moore (3.35pm – 3.50pm)

Action Plan 2021-2023 – How Zone Committee delivers on their commitments was tabled and worked through.

- The June meeting is to be a field trip to Hinds

14 Other Business

- Ministers have released messages/guidelines on winter grazing expectations
- It has been advised that the Immediate steps funding budget is to be halved
- Possibility of a Marae visit in September 2021
- Final regional meeting of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee is to be held on 11 May. Angela will be an apology, Les will be in attendance.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the Ashburton Water Zone Committee will be held in the Ashburton District Council Chamber at 1:00pm on Tuesday 25 May 2021.

The meeting closed at 3.57pm with a Karakia by Genevieve de Spa

Dated this 25th day of May 2021 _____ (Chair)