

Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the **Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee** held on Tuesday 25 May 2021, commencing at 1:00 pm in the Council Chamber, 137 Havelock Street, Ashburton.

Present

Mayor Neil Brown, Councillor Ian MacKenzie, Councillor Stuart Wilson, Bill Thomas (Chair), Chris Allen (departed meeting from 1.03pm to 1.33pm), Angela Cushnie, Cargill Henderson, Araparta Reuben, Genevieve de Spa and Les Wanhalla.

In attendance

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

3 members of the public in attendance – Councillor Carolyn Cameron

Paul Churchill (ADC Surface Water Project Coordinator)

1 Welcome

Genevieve de Spa opened the meeting with a Karakia.

2 Apologies

Nil.

3 Extraordinary Business

Nil.

4 Register of Interests

5 Confirmation of Minutes

That the minutes of the Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee meeting held on 27 April 2021, be taken as read and confirmed.

Wilson/Wanhalla

Carried

Councillor Ian Mackenzie was noted as both in attendance and an apology for absence. He was an apology for the meeting.

5.1 Matters Arising

6 Correspondence

Inward:

Nil.

Outward:

Nil.

7 Public Contributions

Nil.

8 Immediate Steps Proposals

Donna Lill

Immediate Steps Funding Update

Following the deliberations on ECan's LTP there are some proposed changes regarding the Immediate Steps funding. If these changes are confirmed on 17 June, Zone Committees will have access to a CWMS Community Engagement Fund of \$50k per committee in year 1, \$75k per committee in year 2, and \$100k per committee in year 3 onwards to support actions in their zones. Immediate Steps funding will no longer be offered from 1 July.

Araparta Reuben joined the meeting at 1.09pm

The Terrace – Rangitata Terrace Riparian Planting

Agreed: That the Zone Committee recommend the allocation of \$9,000 to The Terrace – Rangitata Terrace Riparian Planting project for the purchase of Eco-sourced native plants and plant protection guards.

Silverstream (Anama Planting) – Stage 2

Agreed: That the Zone Committee recommend the allocation of \$10,000 to the Silverstream (Anama Planting) – Stage 2 project for the purchase of Eco-sourced native plants and plant protection guards.

Chris Allen rejoined the meeting at: 1.33pm

9 Eiffelton Biodiversity Collective Update

Angela Cushnie 1.38pm

- Inaugural meeting held 10 May with approximately 30 participants in attendance
- Presentations from Mark Webb – Fish and Game, Graham Harris, Janine Holland –Ecan, Dave Moore – Ecan
- Hamish McKenzie to lead the group
- Next meeting to be held on Thursday 27 May

Summary

- The Zone Committee is in favour of catchment collectives
- A report to be prepared investigation options of funding/administration report avenues available through the Zone Committee.

Ashburton College Environment Committee

Lauren Taylor – Committee Head and Parixit Maharjan - Secretary

Currently planning a planting project for Fairton

- Supply the labour
- Arrange transport for volunteers
- Plan on what to plant (2.5k plants)
- Information on social media
- Organisation plan to monitor students to ensure they stay within the guidelines
- Kanuka Trust are facilitating the project
- Planting will be in an area adjacent Fairton School and near a bore
- Talley's are funding the plants and ongoing maintenance of plants

10 Committee Updates

Dave Moore 1.33pm

Refresh Process

- 11 applications have been received for four available positions
- A selection workshop is schedule for 2 June

11 Zone Committee Planning Workshop

Work Programme 2021 including a Committee Action plan - tabled
Members are asked to provide any feedback to Dave within the week.

Ian MacKenzie departed the meeting at 2.51pm

12 Sarah Hedell

Sarah advised that she was departing from her role with the Zone Committee after five years. She will still be working within Ecan in a Regional Team in a Farm Systems Advisory role.

The Chair expressed thanks on behalf of the Committee to Sarah for the assistance she has provided to the Zone Committee over the past five years and offered her best wishes in her new role.

13 Other Business

- Final regional meeting of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee has been rescheduled to 15 June.

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 27 July 2021.

The meeting scheduled for 22 June is to be replaced by a field trip.

The meeting closed at 3.17pm with a Karakia by Genevieve de Spa.

Dated this 27th day of July 2021 _____ (Chair)