

MINUTES OF THE KAIKŌURA WATER ZONE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 12.30PM ON FRIDAY 28 MAY 2021 AT THE KAIKŌURA DISTRICT COUNCIL, COUNCIL CHAMBER

PRESENT: Ted Howard (Chair), Rob Roche (Deputy Chair), ECan Cr Grant Edge, John Murray, Teri Sonal, Nicky McArthur

IN ATTENDANCE: Murray Griffin (ECan Facilitation Team Leader), Jaimee Grant (ECan Zone Facilitator), Kim Whitwell (ECan Communications), Heath Melville (ECan Land Management Advisor)

1. Order of Business

APOLOGIES: C McConchie, G Solomon, A Boyd
Moved N McArthur Seconded R Roche

THAT the CWMS Kaikōura Zone Committee
Accept all apologies.

CARRIED

Meeting opened 12:40 pm

KARAKIA led by J Grant.

Register of Interests

G Solomon to email changes to M Griffin

Urgent Business

No urgent business.

2. Opportunity for the public to speak

No public in attendance.

3. Biodiversity Immediate Steps - Update

H Melville provided an overview of the Waiau Toa Riparian Restoration (Kiwood) project proposed for IMS funding for the Zone Committee's (ZC's) consideration, refer Immediate Steps Presentation May 2021 presentation (IMS PPP).

Waiau Toa Riparian Restoration (Kiwood)

Direct Ecological Benefits of proposed project

The site supports moderate diversity of species under the manuka-dominant canopy, with some mature totara also present and a small rush land.

The site has a moderate floristic diversity with the potential to harbour some wetland tree land within the dryland forest.

Non-ecological Benefits of proposed project

Aligns with the Canterbury Water Management Strategy: Braided rivers

Maintain and restore the natural character of braided rivers as iconic natural landscapes / features and for their associated habitats and species.

Aligns with the Canterbury Biodiversity Strategy goal: Ecosystem Health – Wetlands

- Wetlands are physically protected through active management.

Connects with other projects.

- Waiau Toa Weed Control Strategy connects this project with Waiau Toa Hapua Protection, Upper Clarence Predator Control via the mighty river corridor

Cost

1. Fencing \$40,000
2. Site preparation, planting, and maintenance of plants \$4,000
3. Weed control of Old Man's Beard \$1,136

Total cost – \$50,136

IMS contribution – \$21,136

Value of money

With consistent cover of native vegetation, this protection project is good value for money with only limited planting required and the landowner proposing to split fencing costs 50/50.



Red line is fence. Blue is additional and includes Wetlands. With stock exclusion the bush will come away well.

Funds requested for ZC support: \$21,136 (42.2%). Value of total contributions: \$29,000 (57.8%).

N McArthur queried the sale of the property and whether there is a time limit for the work to be completed and if the next landowner must follow through with the agreement. H Melville confirmed there is a contractual obligation requiring the new owner to complete the funded works.

The fence boundary and protected area was discussed. Consideration was given to other potential protected area options. The ZC preferred a protected area that connected with the existing Raupō wetland.

The ZC showed concern around the choice of fencing, cattle vs deer, given the deer problem in that area. Deer fencing is the ZC's preferred choice to prevent damage caused to the protected area by deer.

The Committee are not in support the current proposal and would like consideration given to other options. H Melville will advise the applicant of outcome.

The project waiting list for Immediate Steps was presented. There are several projects being developed and waiting consideration, and details of the projects were discussed.

T Sonal noted all projects should be considered and was particularly keen on hearing more about the other projects noted by H Melville as options for Immediate Steps support.

N McArthur requested a 'workshop' for the waiting list. H Melville is not concerned about forecasting for now but noted do have to spend what we have this year. Purchase Orders and agreements need to be finalised and in place in the next couple of weeks.

H Melville noted the Hapuku Wetland and Peketa Stream Restoration projects on the waiting list could potentially be done now followed by the Linton project. Heath will follow up with an email after further evaluation giving a broad overview and preference.

Moved: T Howard **Seconded:** J Murray

THAT the CWMS Kaikōura Zone Committee:
Receive the information and other options be considered for IMS funding.
CARRIED

Final overview of allocation of funds for the 2020-20 financial year:

- Mount Fyffe Wetland (extra fencing cost)
\$5,581
- Kōmanawa o te Waikōau \$9,025
- Poipoi Kotare Stream Restoration \$15,250
- Waiau Toa Hapua Protection \$10,000

- Lynton Downs Restoration \$11,900

Stage 2

- Waiau Toa Weed Control \$28,340

An allocation of **\$19,904** from IMS to a project remains in **2020/21**.

4. Committee Check In and Te Reo practice

Round table update from committee members provided.

Te Reo practice pushed out to next meeting due to time constraints.

5. Committee Updates (J Grant ECan)

CWMS Zone Committee Refresh Schedule 2021 update

Three workshops have been completed with three more workshops to go. Currently proposing no workshop to be held in Kaikōura. Those that have applied will still go through the formal process of workshop. Region wide, applicants were significantly higher this year than they have been previously. There was no refresher last year due to COVID-19 impact. The high numbers and good calibre of applications was a great response and it was acknowledged there were good communications around it.

CWMS Regional Committee Review

There will be a final meeting with the current regional Committee June 15th, T Howard will be in attendance. Currently confirming the appointment process for the Independent Chair. This needs to be completed to establish the community membership for the Committee. J Grant and M Griffin will present proposed process to Councillor sub-group responsible for approving the appointment approach. A date to present is being scheduled. The aim is to advertise for an independent Chair in June and appoint mid-July, followed by expressions of interest for the CWMS Regional Committee itself. Realistically, the aim will be to have the Regional Committee reconvened in September.

Proposed Plan Change 7 – Land & Water Regional Plan

Status reminds the same as last month with hearings having been held and the panel currently deliberating on its recommendations. Aiming to inform public in July.

Communications update – Canterbury Water Facebook page closure

The Canterbury Water Facebook page has been closed and the Environment Canterbury Facebook page is the page for all communications going forward.

KDC Works and Services Committee Meeting - 28 April 2021

No papers this month.

Action Points from the Previous Meeting – 30 April 2021

Noted there was an action from last month's meeting- Register of interest update from G Solomon to be received by M Griffin.

Moved: R. Roche **Seconded:** J Murray
That the CWMS Kaikōura Zone Committee:
Receive these updates for its information and reference.

CARRIED

6. General Business

A photo of dead fish at the mouth of Lyell Creek has created some backlash on the Facebook page painting Kaikōura District Council in a negative light. However, this turned out to be dumped fish.

R Roche noted there were no Rūnanga members present and asked how key items covered in a meeting can be shared with them when they are not able to attend. T Sonal said there is no criteria stipulating Rūnanga members must attend committee meetings. A short discussion noted if something of importance does arise in a meeting when Rūnanga members are not present it will be brought to their attention and reviewed at the next meeting when they are in attendance. R Roche confirmed KDC has a hui with Rūnanga coming up and this can be discussed for clarification then.

T Howard questioned how the Committee could get hold of data sets for the water analyses carried out in the Kaikōura community. The Committee used to receive annual updates. T Howard has had three members of the community asking about details of nitrates in their water in the last week. DHB tests the water supply monthly, monitoring on behalf of KDC. ECan does surface water analyses. Some Councils have been offering 'testing days', testing nitrate levels in water samples. Around 150 people turned up to the Leeston testing day indicating there is public interest possibly driven by media and national standards for nitrate levels in drinking water being set higher than some people are comfortable with. J Grant to follow up on test results for KDC water supply and ECan nitrate testing data.

M Griffin clarified a review of this engagement in Selwyn was underway to capture the learnings as a guide for similar engagement and education on nitrate testing in other zones.

A Kaikōura nitrate test day was discussed as a possible event for the Committee to consider given the level of interest.

T Sonal noted there will need to be a contingency plan put in place if a low-quality reading was to be returned.

Moved: J Murray **Seconded:** R Roche **Carried**
THAT the CWMS Kaikōura Zone Committee:

Confirm that the minutes of the Kaikōura Water Zone Committee meeting held on 30 April 2021 are a true and accurate record, subject to some minor clerical updates.

Meeting closed 2.54pm and moved into workshop.