

Minutes of the inaugural (1st) meeting of the Catchment Sub-Committee held in the Council Chamber, 200 Tuam Street, Christchurch, on Thursday, 12 August 2021 at 2.01pm

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Present

Committee Co-Chairs Tumu Taiao laean Cranwell and Councillor Ian Mackenzie; and Councillors Phil Clearwater, Grant Edge, Claire McKay, Elizabeth McKenzie, Craig Pauling, Peter Scott, and John Sunckell

Management and officers present

Katherine Harbrow (Director Operations), Tafflyn Bradford-James (Director Communications and Engagement), Jesse Burgess (Senior Strategy Manager), Nick Daniels (General Manager, Field Operations), Leigh Griffiths (Manager, Rivers), and Vivienne Ong (Committee Advisor).

Report Writers and other staff were also present.

1. Mihi/Karakia Timatanga – Opening

Co-Chair Tumu Taiao laean Cranwell opened the meeting with a mihi whakatau.

The karakia for the day had been made at the Climate Change Action Committee meeting held at 10.30am.

Members were reminded of the Terms of Reference which explained the purpose of the Catchment Sub-Committee.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Tumu Taio Yvette Couch-Lewis, and Chair Jenny Hughey (ex-Officio).

3. Conflicts of interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

4. **Public Forum, Deputations and Petitions**

There were no requests for public forum, deputation, or petitions.

5. **Information Items**

5.1 **River Management**

Refer page 10 of the agenda.

Staff provided an update on river management activities planned, as per year one (2021/22) of the Long-Term Plan work programme.

The following flood protection points were made:

- Staff were working with the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) on lodging a claim through the Essential Infrastructure Recovery Fund (which covers 60 per cent of repair cost to infrastructure damaged in a major event).

It was noted the NEMA 60:40 process did not cover 'betterment'; but there was another option by way of NEMA's special policy (section 33.6) that allows for applications for betterment subject to preparation of a comprehensive business case.

- A betterment special business case will be lodged for the scheme with rivers and climate change adaption techniques to make rivers resilient for the future. This would be supplementary to the supplementary case study that Environment Canterbury and other regional councils were making to central Government as part of a national bid for permanent central government investment in flood protection.

A considerable number of community meetings across flood effected areas have been held answering questions and informing people on risks, insurance, and recovery.

In response to questioning, it was clarified that 'targeted rates' offered flood scheme protection to those situated beside the river. 'Regional rates' were levied in return for the whole-of-region benefits provided by flood protection schemes, and Works and Services rates represented benefit to Districts.

Committee members thanked staff for their report and recognised the extra pressure they and those in the field were currently under.

MOTION:

That the Catchment Sub-Committee:

1. receives the River Management Long-Term Plan Work Programme report
2. notes continuing engagement with central government on co-investment in flood protection in Canterbury
3. endorses the preparation of a supplementary case study on the recent flood event including a written letter to Resilience Ministers

4. requests that staff run a workshop for staff and Councillors to review potential changes to the 2021-22 work programme, that considers the impacts of the recent flood events, with any proposed changes to the work programme to be presented to a subsequent meeting of the Catchment Sub-Committee.

An amendment was moved by Cr Ian Mackenzie and seconded Cr John Sunckell.

That point three (3) of the above motion be amended by striking out the word “endorses”, and have added in its place the word “notes” ie:

3. *notes the preparation of a supplementary case study on the recent flood event including a written letter to Resilience Ministers*

The amendment was CARRIED

This became part of the substantive motion.

RESOLVED

That the Catchment Sub-Committee:

1. **receives the River Management Long-Term Plan Work Programme report**
2. **notes continuing engagement with central government on co-investment in flood protection in Canterbury**
3. **notes the preparation of a supplementary case study on the recent flood event including a written letter to Resilience Ministers**
4. **requests that staff run a workshop for staff and Councillors to review potential changes to the 2021-22 work programme, that considers the impacts of the recent flood events, with any proposed changes to the work programme to be presented to a subsequent meeting of the Catchment Sub-Committee.**

Cr Ian Mackenzie/Cr John Sunckell
CARRIED

6. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

7. Extraordinary and Urgent Business

There was no extraordinary or urgent business.

8. Questions

During questioning it was confirmed that Environment Canterbury currently had sufficient contractors to carry out flood recovery work. This included ensuring sufficient availability of practical hands-on skilled machinery operators.

9. Next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, 7 October 2021

10. **Mihi/Karakia whakamutunga – closing**

The Co-Chairs thanked everyone for their participation.

Karakia: Cr Ian Mackenzie

The meeting closed at 2.34pm

CONFIRMED:


Co-Chair Ian Mackenzie
Councillor, Environment Canterbury

7-10-2021
Date

(Co-Chair an apology for 7 October 2021 meeting where these minutes were confirmed)
Co-Chair Iaeen Cranwell
Tumu Taiao, Environment Canterbury

Date