



# MINUTES

## Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee Meeting

15 September 2021

**MINUTES OF THE LOWER WAITAKI SOUTH COASTAL CANTERBURY ZONE COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM  
ON WEDNESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2021, COMMENCING AT 1:00PM**

- PRESENT:** Chair Bruce Murphy, Community Member Jonnie Rutherford, Dave Moore (Facilitator), Karalyn Reid (Committee Secretary)
- ONLINE:** Deputy Chairperson Jared Ross, Community Member Chris Batstone (entered at 1.21pm), Waimate Cr Fabia Fox, Waitaki Cr Jim Hopkins, Cr Nicole Marshall, Community Member Brent Packman, Community Member Jakki Guilford, Community Member Fraser McKenzie
- APOLOGIES:** Arowhenua Rūnaka Representative Michael Mcmillan
- ABSENT:** Waihao Rūnaka Representative Suzanne Eddington; Moeraki Rūnaka Representative Keiran Whyte

## **OPENING**

Chair Bruce Murphy welcomed members and visitors to the zoom meeting and explained the rules for speaking and asked Cr Peter Scott to open the meeting with a karakia.

### **1 APOLOGIES**

#### **APOLOGY**

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2021/22**

Moved: Chair Bruce Murphy  
Seconded: Waitaki Cr Jim Hopkins

That the apology received from Michael Mcmillan, and Chris Batstone (for lateness) be accepted.

**CARRIED**

### **2 VISITORS**

ECan Councillors: Elizabeth McKenzie, Peter Scott

ECan Staff: Peter Burt, Fraser Walker-Pearce, Rachel Sinclair, Chris Eccleston, Kennedy Lange, Tom Byrne, Tim Davie, Cam Smith

DoC: John Benn

Waitaki Irrigators Collective: Jen Fellowes

Waimate High School: Trudy Gee and Emma Freeman

### **3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

See 5.2: Declarations of Interest

## **MINUTES**

### **4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**4.1 MINUTES OF THE LOWER WAITAKI SOUTH COASTAL CANTERBURY ZONE  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19 MAY 2021**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2021/23**

Moved: Bruce Murphy

Seconded: Cr Fabia Fox

That the Minutes of the Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee Meeting held on 19 May 2021 be adopted as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

**4.2 NOTES OF THE COMBINED LOWER WAITAKI SOUTH COASTAL CANTERBURY  
ZONE COMMITTEE AND WAIMATE DISTRICT COUNCIL WORKSHOP HELD ON 21  
JULY 2021**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2021/24**

Moved: Bruce Murphy

Seconded: Jared Ross

That the notes of the combined Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee and Waimate District Council Workshop held on 21 July 2021 be accepted.

**CARRIED**

**4.3 CORRESPONDENCE**

Chair Bruce Murphy tabled a letter he received from Environment Canterbury dated 14 September 2021 relating to the recently released online 2021 Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS) progress report.

**REPORTS**

**5 GENERAL BUSINESS**

**5.1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND DEPUTY CHAIRMAN FOR 2021-22**

Facilitator Dave Moore facilitated the Election of Officers for 2021-22. The Committee agreed that it would be a good idea to have the Election of Officers following the Committee Refresh each year.

The Committee elected to use System B for voting.

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2021/25**

Moved: Cr Jim Hopkins

Seconded: Jared Ross

That Bruce Murphy be nominated as Chair of the Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee for the 2021/22 year.

There were no other nominations, so BRUCE MURPHY was duly elected as Chairman.

**CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2021/25.1**

Moved: Bruce Murphy

Seconded: Cr Jim Hopkins

That Jared Ross be nominated as Chair of the Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee for the 2021/22 year.

There were no other nominations, so JARED ROSS was duly elected as Deputy Chairman.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION: CORRESPONDENCE**

Chair Bruce Murphy tabled a letter he received from Environment Canterbury dated 14 September 2021 relating the recently released online 2021 Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS) progress report.

It was noted that this item would be discussed later in the agenda under 5:9 CWMS 2021.

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2021/26**

Moved: Waitaki Cr Jim Hopkins

Seconded: Deputy Chairperson Jared Ross

That the inward Correspondence be received.

**CARRIED**

**5.3 TE REO WORDS**

Dave Moore talked to the words "aroha mai"

## 5.5 CHAIR'S UPDATE

### Three Waters Reform

Bruce commented on the excellent public attendance at the recent Three Waters Reform Public Information meeting held by Waimate District Council. Cr Fabia Fox spoke on reform process, there is a lot more work to be done and is likely to have major implications to the Lower Waitaki zone. The Committee agreed to support the Mayoral Forum's intention to ask the Government to delay the reform to assess the impacts, and asked Mayor Rowley and Mayor Kircher to be invited to update the Committee at the October meeting.

### MOTION

Moved: Cr Jim Hopkins

Seconded: Jared Ross

That the Chair be empowered to write a letter from the Committee to the Canterbury Mayoral Forum in support their stance to ask the Government that the Three Water Reform be delayed in order for more work to be done on the impact to rural districts such as the Waimate and Waitaki district.

### Proposed Energy from Waste Plant (South Island Resource Recovery Ltd SIRRL) – Project Kea

- Bruce commented on the exciting implications of this proposed plant.

### Waimate High School Update – Youth Focus (Trudy Gee and Emma Freeman)

- The WHS is current looking at litter awareness
- Emma and Trudy would like to see a focus on environmental issues and respecting the environment both in the school and wider community. Practical activities would be preferable
- The school is looking at implementing more units for Year 8 students around soil science, leaching and including a dairy farm visit
- With Emma leaving this year, work is being done to recruit other students and to include an environmental role in the leadership team. Only a few senior students have a strong awareness of environmental issues. There are 6 year 13 students moving into the field of science
- Year 8 science students will be raising native seedlings and planting out in the community
- Fraser commented the Catchment Group has a good connection with Waitaki Girls High School, and it may be worthwhile to tap into this. The School may also connect with other local schools such as St Andrews Primary (which is an enviro-school)
- Jakki expressed her desire to help with urban engagement
- Bruce offered the Zone Committee's assistance for any school initiative, including upcoming work in the Waikakahi Steam catchment, and stall at Strawberry Fare and commented it was great having a youth voice on the Committee

**5.2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS REGISTER**

**Jakki Guilford**

- Waimate District Resource Trust Inc - Operations Manager (Employer)
- Waihao Fields Limited - 21C (Spouses Employer)
- Manuka Cottage Partnership - Joint Partnership - 9 Hannifins Road, Waimate 7924
- 68 Mill Road, Waimate - Spouse has interest via Estate (in probate)

**5.4 REGIONAL COUNCIL UPDATE – CR PETER SCOTT**

- Essential Freshwater Reform
- Winter grazing.
- Natural and Built Environment Act
- Three Waters Reform
- Future for Local Government Review
- Carbon Zero Bill
- Applications open for newly established Community Contestable Fund \$100,000
- Catchment Subcommittee met recently to discuss funding flood damage across Canterbury.
- Focus on Alpine High Country Lakes gradually degrading condition
- Enviro Schools on the waiting list will be funded (through LTP)

**5.6 ZONE COMMITTEE FACILITATOR'S UPDATE**

- Hui for Zone Committees Chairs, Deputies, Secretaries and new members at Arowhenua Marae – 28 September 10:45am-4pm
- Strawberry Fare: Organised stormwater superhero's trailer. Could involve WHS
- Fraser Walker-Pearce working on customising "How to Improve Water" flyer for local mail drop
- Will ask the Zone Team for an annual work programme update
- Update on Hekeao Hinds Water Enhancement Trust (HHWET) AGM at Hinds and their Managed Aquifer Recharge trials
- The Committee was interested in a future update on the HHWET project from the project manager Dr Brett Painter, possibly combined with other local Zone Committees

**5.7 WAIKAKAHI WORK PROGRAMME – TOM BYRNE AND KENNEDY LANGE**

- A pre-engagement letter to go out to landowners outlining the reasons and work programme.
- The Committee supported the programme, especially on-the-ground action in this area, and would be keen to support a potential field day.
- A discussion was held on the status of the Northern Streams work stream. Currently not a focus for resources, but could be picked up quickly once funding is established. The Zone Committee Action Plan Fund may be a possibility.

**5.9 CWMS 2021 PROGRESS REPORT - TIM DAVIE (DIRECTOR OF SCIENCE AND DIRECTOR, WATER AND LAND PORTFOLIO) AND CAM SMITH (SENIOR STRATEGY ADVISOR – WATER AND LAND PORTFOLIO)**

- Apologies that the CWMS Targets Report story came out without letting the Zone Committees know.
- The CWMS targets were initially ambitious and high level
- Need to be reality-based, transparent and scientific not sugar coated. Sometimes the outcomes (such as community attitudes are not measurable)
- Zone Committees can assist by telling the good news stories
- The 'highlights' sections of the reports will continue to be updated with more work happening in the zones

**5.8 OVERSEER UPDATE**

- ECan Crs Peter Scott, Nicole Marshall and Elizabeth McKenzie updated the Zone Committee on the review of the Overseer nutrient management modelling tool, and the Government's response.

**WATER QUALITY REPORTING**

- The Committee discussed the requirement to assess water quality in the Lower Waitaki Zone, to know what's happening in the area.
- Elizabeth Soal gave a presentation to the Zone Committee on a sustainable farming project application to monitor water quality using MGI software.
- Waitaki Irrigators Collective have taken over the support and development of the 'Know your Catchment' reporting system
- Fraser confirmed water testing data continues to be gathered by ECan, ORC and NIWA which is important to ensure outcomes from actions. This data will drive regulations over time.
- The Committee agreed that Kennedy, Fraser, Bruce and Jared hold a zoom meeting to discuss capturing data across the Waitaki catchment, and present outcomes to the next meeting on how we get this data as a Zone Committee to the public.

**MEETING CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the Chair asked Dave Moore to close the meeting with a karakia at 3.50pm.

The Minutes of this meeting are to be confirmed at the next Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee Meeting.

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**CHAIRPERSON**