

MINUTES OF THE KAIKŌURA WATER ZONE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2021 AT 12.45 PM, AT DONEGAL HOUSE, SCHOOLHOUSE ROAD, KAIKŌURA

PRESENT: Ted Howard (Chair), Teri Sonal, Councillor Grant Edge (ECan), Councillor Tony Blunt (Kaikōura District Council), Robby Roche, Nicky McArthur, Desiree Bolton, Ari Boyd

IN ATTENDANCE: Jaimee Grant (ECan Zone Facilitator), Gayle McMillan & Becky Makin (Kaikoura District Council), Murray Griffin (ECan Facilitation Team Leader)

1. KARAKIA

2. **APOLOGIES:** John Murray, Gina Solomon, Clint McConchie

3. REGISTER OF INTEREST

The Register of Interests was reviewed by the Committee. There were no updates to be included from the Members.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

THAT the Committee:

(a) Confirms as a true and correct record, the circulated minutes of the three meetings Kaikōura Water Zone Committee held on 25 June 2021 at Kaikōura District Council, and on 27 August 2021 and 17 September 2021 via Microsoft Teams.

Moved: Nicky McArthur
Seconded: Ted Howard

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. MATTERS ARISING AND ACTIONS:

The Matters Arising and Actions were reviewed by the Committee. There were no comments from the Members.

6. SHINGLE BED - KŌWHAI RIVER

A discussion was held on the mitigation of the shingle bed of the Kōwhai River. That there is action taken to lessen the risk of a breakout of the river. If this is improved, then the community could potentially save \$2m a year in costs involved to remedy the river. The main issues are a build-up of shingle and weed which is creating banks to deflect the water and it was recommended that these are removed. The requirement will be to ascertain the amount of material that needs to be removed from the river depending on where the riverbed is currently sitting. If the green matter can be removed first, then this could alleviate the issue in the first instance. Chris Massey at GNS has reported to ECan on the Kōwhai River, approximately 4 months ago. The reporting showed that there is 4 million cubes of material in the gorge above the Kōwhai River and 20 million cubes above the Hapuku Gorge.

ECan are removing the trees from the lower part of the Kōwhai River, between the road and rail bridge. As the trees age they become unstable therefore new planting will take place.

It was agreed that more information is needed from the ECan Rivers Team and a report on the risks (and potential strategies) is needed for the Kōwhai River. It will be advised if there is any funding implication in the Annual Plan Process.

The Water Zone Committee advised that there are short-term cost-effective solutions with the example being extraction as a minimum.

RESOLUTION

That the Kaikōura Water Zone Committee

- *Receive the information provided; and*
- *Form a view on the issue to be presented to Environment Canterbury and Kaikōura District Council*
- *To ask the Rivers Team to provide a report on the risks (and potential strategies) on the Kōwhai River, in the light of the increase in risk from the gravel created in the earthquake, and any funding implication in the annual plan.*

Moved: Robby Roche

Seconded: Councillor Tony Blunt

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. COMMITTEE UPDATES

CWMS REGIONAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Updates were provided at the previous meeting. There are six newly appointed community representatives from a diverse range of backgrounds. Approval for the six new appointments will be sought on the 9 December 2021. Nga Tahu representatives will be appointed early in 2022, with communication on this thereafter.

PLAN CHANGES 2 and 7

It was raised that there are concerns around the levels of nitrates in the Christchurch drinking water from the Waimakariri River. The panel involved have decided to remove the reduction which were planned for 2040 to 2070 and have set up a system for increased monitoring and investigation. The reporting will be 5 yearly and will inform of any improvements or deterioration.

It is proposed that by 2024 there will be a new plan which will address water. The Plan Change 7 is required to be completed to enhance the environment, however this is a dated approach. It is recommended to adopt a new approach going forward.

There are new regulations around vegetable growing and forestry to align with LNS Rotation Forestry. Refer to the summary on Page 65 of the agenda. The Appeals period runs from the 20 November 2021 to 10 December 2021.

KDC WORKS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING – 27 OCTOBER 2021

The Agenda for KDC's Works and Services Committee meeting was tabled and reviewed.

COVID 19 TESTING WASTEWATER

It was confirmed that local Councils are testing the water for Covid 19. A request was made that a notice be placed on the Kaikoura Notice Board to advise of this. KDC confirmed that the wastewater is being tested. ECan has made an approach to KDC for clarification regarding the wording to utilise.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee will be on 28 January 2022
There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.18 pm.

CONFIRMED _____ Chairperson

_____ Date