



MINUTES

Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee Meeting

20 October 2021

**MINUTES OF WAIMATE DISTRICT COUNCIL
LOWER WAITAKI SOUTH COASTAL CANTERBURY ZONE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WAMATE DISTRICT COUNCIL, QUEEN STREET ,
WAIMATE ON WEDNESDAY 20 OCTOBER 2021, COMMENCING AT 1:00PM**

PRESENT: Chair Bruce Murphy, Community Member Chris Batstone, Waihao Runaka Suzanne Eddington, Cr Fabia Fox, Community Member Jakki Guilford, Cr Jim Hopkins, Community Member Fraser McKenzie, Cr Nicole Marshall, Community Member Brent Packman, Community Member Jared Ross, Community Member Jonnie Rutherford

APOLOGIES: Moeraki Runaka Keiran Whyte

NOT PRESENT: Arowhenua Runaka Michael Mcmillan

IN ATTENDANCE: Dave Moore (Facilitator), Karalyn Reid (Committee Secretary)

OPENING

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting, and asked Dave Moore to start the meeting with a karakia.

1 APOLOGIES

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COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2021/27

Moved: Chair Bruce Murphy

Seconded: Cr Jim Hopkins

That an apology received from Cr Keiran Whyte be accepted.

CARRIED

2 VISITORS

Waimate and Waitaki Mayors: Craig Rowley and Gary Kircher

Waimate District Council: Regulatory and Compliance Group Manager Jonts McKerrow

Environment Canterbury: Zone Lead Peter Burt, Zone Manager Chris Eccleston, Biodiversity Officer Kennedy Lange, Land Management Advisor Tom Byrne

Waitaki Irrigators Collective: Jen Fellowes

DoC: John Benn

Timaru Herald: Yashas Srinivasa

3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

5.2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS REGISTER

Fraser McKenzie declared he is Chairman of the Waitaki Irrigators Collective. He will complete the Declarations of Interest form and submit for the agenda.

A discussion was held on pecuniary conflict of interests, and also what members of the public *perceive* might be a conflict of interest. Both should be recorded.

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4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 MINUTES OF THE LOWER WAITAKI SOUTH COASTAL CANTERBURY ZONE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15 SEPTEMBER 2021

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2021/28

Moved: Chair Bruce Murphy

Seconded: Community Member Jakki Guilford

That the Minutes of the Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury (5.6) Zone Committee Meeting held on 15 September 2021 be adopted as a true and correct record, with the below amendments.

CARRIED

Amendments:

Water Quality Reporting: Elizabeth Soal - remove INZ; ORC (Otago Regional Council) not OIC; Waitaki (not Waimate) Irrigators Collective

REPORTS

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2021/29

Moved: Cr Jim Hopkins

Seconded: Community Member Jared Ross

That the Correspondence Report be accepted.

CARRIED

5.3 TE REO WORDS – DAVE MOORE

A discussion was held on the correct pronunciation of Te Waikāhahi and Waitāhuna, and the process of having the names changed to reflect the true meanings.

5.4 CHAIR'S UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION

That the Chair's Update be accepted.

Note:

- The Waihao River is running well
- Recent Zone Committee Chairs and Deputies Hui at Arowhenua Marae was positive
- Held Waikakahi/Northern Fan initial meeting with key stakeholders, which was very positive
- Planning a MGI Greenhouse Gas Shareholders Information Workshop in December.
- Jonts McKerrow, Waimate District Council's Regulatory and Compliance Group Manager, spoke on the Freshwater Management Hui being held tomorrow (21 October)

5.6 DEMONSTRATION OF 'KNOW YOUR CATCHMENT' PLATFORM – VIA ZOOM

Fraser McKenzie explained the platform was previously an Irrigation New Zealand initiative to engage and learn about freshwater, and has been picked up by the Waitaki Irrigators Collective, updated and developed further to make it a tool that reflects current situation. A WIC subcommittee 'Environmental Stewardship Group' will continue developing the tool.

Craig Evans, MGI, (via zoom) presented on the 'Know Your Catchment Platform' and how the programme works.

The Zone Committee recognised this is a good platform for Zone Committee and Catchment Groups to start using in the community, i.e., a baseline for future conversation; however a small informal working group will meet before the next Zone Committee meeting, and discuss:

- a. simplifying the data into user-friendly language
- b. format
- c. outcomes / delivery

The Zone Committee would be happy to brief both Waimate and Waitaki Councils on the 'Know your Catchment' Platform.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2021/30

Moved: Cr Jim Hopkins

Seconded: Cr Nicole Marshall

1. That the 'Know Your Catchment' report is accepted by the Lower Waitaki Zone Committee as a communication tool; and
2. That a Lower Waitaki Zone Committee informal 'working group' prepare an information report on the 'Know Your Catchment' Platform for the November workshop, for further discussion on how this tool can be best utilised for public information.

CARRIED

5.7 THREE WATERS REFORM UPDATE: WAIMATE AND WAITAKI MAYORS - 2:00PM

Waimate and Waitaki Mayors Craig Rowley and Gary Kircher updated the Lower Waitaki Zone Committee on the current position with the Three Waters Reform, the Waimate and Waitaki Councils' stance, and lead discussion on water quality standards, wastewater treatment schemes and plants. With the deadline for feedback from councils passed, a decision is expected within the next few days from the Minister of Local Government.

The Zone Committee agreed that everybody wants to have better water, but how this is achieved needs further work.

5.5 REGIONAL COUNCIL UPDATE

- Ngai Tahu Representation Bill has been publicly notified. If it passes its first reading, it will be referred to a Select Committee where people will have the opportunity to provide their feedback on the content of the Bill.
- Overseer agreement has been achieved between Ngai Tahu and ECan through a consultant – with the consenting process recommencing soon.
- A co-design process has been agreed between Ngai Tahu and ECan which will utilise an independent organisation. Planning for the next generation Land and Water Regional Plan soon to get underway, have to have new plan notified by December 2024. This will set pathways to meet new Freshwater Limits, and will build on existing work done.

5.8 ZONE COMMITTEE UPDATE – DAVE MOORE

- Waikakiahi/Northern Fan Critical Source Mapping: Tom Byrne updated the Committee on progress. Goal to engage with at least 50% land owners in all of Northern Fan. Proposing a collaborate approach with MGI to help with engagement. Trying to be proactive as water quality in the past has been poor, it is important to form relationships and buy-in from landowners to achieve long term changes.

Moved: Cr Jim Hopkins

Seconded: Community Member Jakki Guilford

That the Lower Waitaki Zone Committee give authority to Bruce Murphy, as Chair, to endorse support for the Waikakiahi/Northern Fan Critical Source Mapping initiative in communications through Environment Canterbury's Land Management Advisor Tom Bryne and Biodiversity Officer Kennedy Lange.

- Stormwater Initiative brochure to be distributed
- Strawberry Fare trailer organised with interest from Waimate High School, and Zone Committee members invited to participate. Councillor Fox and the facilitator will consult with Waimate District Council staff on stormwater initiatives.
- The 17 November meeting will be a workshop to – informally discuss:
 - Knowing Your Catchment
 - Progress with Waikakahi/Northern Fan Critical Source Mapping
 - Preparing a draft budget of \$50,000
- The December meeting may be a field trip with Christmas lunch possibly in the upper Waitaki part of the zone.

MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Dave Moore closed the meeting with a karakia at 4.04pm.

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

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CHAIRPERSON