

# **MINUTES**

**Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone  
Committee Meeting**

**Monday, 6 September 2021**

**Minutes of Timaru District Council  
Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee Meeting  
Held via Microsoft Teams  
on Monday, 6 September 2021 at 1pm**

**Present:** Lucy Millar (Chairperson), John Henry, Cr Anne Munro, Cr Elizabeth McKenzie, Glen Smith, Cr Barbara Gilchrist, Cr Tom O'Connor, John Cruden

**In Attendance:** Janine Roux, Sandy Bowman, Rhys Taylor, Chris Eccleston, Carlos Rosado (Environment Canterbury), John Ben (Department of Conservation), Mark Low (Timaru District Council), Mark Adams (Catchment Collective South Canterbury)

### **1 Opening Karakia**

The meeting opened with a karakia from John Henry.

### **2 Apologies**

An apology was received from Luke Reihana.

### **3 Public Forum**

John Benn from Department of Conservation (DOC), gave an update on their recent activities in the area.

The following are the projects that Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) have funded (Jobs for Nature) and DOC is delivering in the OTOP area:

- a. Increase to the Upper Rangitata Trapping project. This extends the trap lines, decreases the spacing between traps and makes it a year round trapping program (instead of spring-autumn). OTOP ZC have provided some financial assistance to this project in past years through Immediate Steps funding.
- b. Opihi Lagoon wetland restoration. This is a project working together with Te Runanga o Arowhenua to protect and resort the culturally significant wetland at Waipopo. Works will include weed control, restoration planting and public access.
- c. Long-tailed bat habitat protection. A project to help provide and protect roosting habitat for the Te Ngawai colony of long-tailed bats. Will involve provision of artificial roosting habitat and planting of future roosting/foraging habitat. Also tied with predator control along the Te Ngawai River.

Funding is for four financial years and we are just starting the second year.

### **4 Identification of Items of Urgent Business**

Cr Tom O'Connor indicated he had a question regarding nitrates in drinking water. See Item 10 for discussion.

### **5 Identification of Matters of a Minor Nature**

No items.

**6 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

Committee to check on the Conflict of Interests register as it is on the agenda for every meeting. If there is anything missing to make Janine Roux aware in the first instance.

**7 Chairperson's Report**

The Chairperson had nothing to report, other than issues already on the agenda.

**8 Confirmation of Minutes****8.1 Minutes of the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee Meeting held on 12 April 2021****Resolution 2021/5**

Moved: Anne Munro

Seconded: Glen Smith

That the Minutes of the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee Meeting held on 12 April 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting and that the Chairperson's electronic signature be attached

**Carried**

**9 Reports****9.1 Annual Groundwater Quality Survey**

Carlos Rosado, Scientist from Environment Canterbury's Groundwater Science team provided the OTOP Zone committee with a summary on the findings from the 2020 Annual Groundwater Quality Survey, with particular focus on sampling results and groundwater nitrate trends from the OTOP zone

Three hundred and twenty-two wells across Canterbury were tested, both public and private, which happens in the spring time September-December when the water is at a higher level. The data is publicly available on the Environment Canterbury website and is used for Resource Management decisions.

**Resolution 2021/6**

Moved: Elizabeth McKenzie

Seconded: Tom O'Connor

That the OTOP Zone Committee receives the presentation.

**Carried**

## 9.2 Catchments Collective South Canterbury Update

Mark Adams, Chair of the Catchment Collective South Canterbury Society presented to the Committee the Catchment Collective prospectus giving information on the background of this Catchment Collective.

In the last 6 months, the Catchment Collective have pulled together constitution, governance procedures, accounting practises, legal advisor, accountant and basic structure. Other groups in the Catchment Collective can duplicate procedures saving lots of time. Also finding allies in the industry, providing industry training, education training, and advice to the catchment groups, ideas shared experiences.

Concerns were raised as to the as to the aspirations and outcome of this group. Ass a group they have to prove themselves but are determined to commence in a strategic and planned way. The opportunity is for the Catchment Collective to put time and energy in the grass roots approach to connect to the community.

### Resolution 2021/7

Moved: Anne Munro

Seconded: Tom O'Connor

That the OTOP Zone Committee receives the presentation.

**Carried**

## 9.3 Appointment of Zone Committee Youth Member 2021

The Zone Facilitator spoke to this report for the OTOP Zone Committee to consider including of a youth member as part of their committee membership.

### Resolution 2021/8

Moved: Lucy Millar

Seconded: Tom O'Connor

That the OTOP Zone Committee:

1. Recommend the inclusion of a youth member as part of their committee membership
2. Request expressions of interest for a youth representative on the OTOP Zone Committee be received and considered by the committee before 1 November 2021.

**Carried**

## 9.4 Zone Facilitators Report September

- 1 This report is from Janine Roux, Zone Facilitator, Environment Canterbury. It provides information that may be of interest to the Zone Committee that is not covered elsewhere in the agenda.

**Resolution 2021/9**

Moved: Barbara Gilchrist

Seconded: Tom O'Connor

1. That the report be received by the Zone Committee.
2. That the Action Plan presented be accepted as the Zone Committee's plan for 2021-2024.

**Carried**

**9.5 Contestable Funding**

Environment Canterbury's Waitaha Action to Impact Fund is now open to community groups to apply. Zone Committee members encouraged to pass on to groups who may be interested. Applications close October 2021.

**9.6 Election for Chair & Deputy Chair**

The Zone Facilitator advised this has been carried over to the next in-person OTOP zone committee meeting, as difficult on an online situation.

**Resolution 2021/10**

Moved: Barbara Gilchrist

Seconded: Anne Munro

That the election of the Chair & Deputy Chair to take place at the subsequent Committee meeting.

**Carried**

**10 Consideration of Urgent Business Items****10.1 Consideration of Urgent Business Items**

Cr Tom O'Connor referenced a recent report from Dr Tim Chambers of the University of Otago which highlighted high nitrate level exposure in drinking water potentially increased health risks.

A draft letter of support for Dr Chambers is to be drafted by Cr O'Connor for peer review by the Committee & a letter to Environment Canterbury.

**11 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters****Resolution 2021/7****11.1 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters**

The Zone Facilitator advised that the newly appointed community member Dagmar Fikken has advised of her resignation.

**Resolution 2021/11**

Moved: Tom O'Connor

Seconded: Barbara Gilchrist

The committee accept the resignation of Dagmar Fikken.

**Carried**

**12 Exclusion of the Public****Resolution 2021/12**

Moved: Barbara Gilchrist

Seconded: Tom O'Connor

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting on the grounds under section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Plain English Reason
<b>13.1 - Co-opting Zone Committee Members</b>	s7(2)(a) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	To protect a person's privacy

**Carried**

**13 Public Excluded Reports****13.1 Co-opting Zone Committee Members****14 Readmittance of the Public****Resolution 2021/13**

Moved: Barbara Gilchrist

Seconded: Anne Munro

That the meeting moves out of Closed Meeting into Open Meeting

**Carried**

**15 Closure Karakia**

Closing karakia by John Henry

**The Meeting closed at 3.10pm.**

**Minutes Confirmed 1 November 2021**

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**Lucy Millar**  
**Chairperson**