

MINUTES

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

Monday, 1 November 2021

**Minutes of Timaru District Council
Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee Meeting
Held in the Council Chamber, Council Building, King George Place, Timaru
on Monday, 1 November 2021 at 1.00 pm**

Present: Lucy Millar (Chairperson), Suzanne Eddington, Cr Anne Munro, Cr Barbara Gilchrist, John Cruden

In Attendance: Janine Roux (Zone Facilitator), Bailey Lissington (Guest) Sophie McClenaghan (Land Management Advisor)

1 Opening Karakia

Cr Barbara Karakia gave an opening karakia

2 Apologies

Apology

Resolution 2021/5

That the apologies received from Cr Elizabeth McKenzie, Luke Reihana & Glen Smith be accepted and leave of absence granted. No apologies were received from Cr Tom O'Connor or John Henry.

3 Public Forum

Mr John DeWit addressed the Water Zone Committee regarding numerous perceived issues with role of the Water Zone Committee the Canterbury Water Strategy.

4 Identification of Items of Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business to be received.

5 Identification of Matters of a Minor Nature

There were no matters of minor nature.

6 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

7 Chairperson's Report

The Chairperson advised that she had attended the Waitarakao / Washdyke Strategy working group meeting and advised that funding is now available in Environment Canterbury's Long Term Plan for the strategy and accordingly a project lead has been appointed.

There has been no further update from the Catchment Collective South Canterbury has been received since their presentation at the last Water Zone Committee meeting. Further information was sought from the Catchment Collective on the groups proposed aspirations and outcomes.

Cr Barbara Gilchrist was invited to address the committee on the Bird of the Year being the Long Tailed Bat / Pekapeka-toa-roa (*Chalinolobus tuberculatus*). As the committee has been very supportive of the habitat restoration and protection for the endemic flock of bats in the Te Ngawai River area, the outcome of the competition was welcomed.

Cr Gilchrist discussed three student projects from St. Josephs School in Temuka that had been presented to the Timaru District Council in their Public Forum. Particularly a project addressing tree planting along the Temuka River and the farm fencing post-flood clean-up ideas which included installing open channels / swales to divert water to holding ponds before discharged.

Cr Gilchrist has received interest from the public in the planting & restoration of Taitarakihi creek, with a future project to develop a walking / biking track on the riverbank running past Grantlea Downs School.

8 Confirmation of Minutes

8.1 Minutes of the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee Meeting held on 6 September 2021

Resolution 2021/6

Moved: Barbara Gilchrist

Seconded: Anne Munro

That the Minutes of the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee Meeting held on 6 September 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 Election or Appointment of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson

1 Zone Committee members elect the following officers for 2021/22

1.1 Chair

1.2 Deputy Chair

Resolution 2021/7

Moved: Barbara Gilchrist

Seconded: Anne Munro

That The OTOZ Zone Committee recommend that a person be elected as Chair and Deputy Chair by way of system A or system B.

That System B is the method chosen to elect the Chair & Deputy Chair.

Carried

Resolution 2021/8

Moved: Suzanne Eddington

Seconded: Barbara Gilchrist

That Lucy Millar is elected as Chair.

Carried

Resolution 2021/9

Moved: Lucy Millar

Seconded: Anne Munro

That Cr Barbara Gilchrist is elected as Deputy Chair.

Carried

9.2 Zone Facilitator's Report

The Zone Facilitator spoke to the committee to present their report providing information that may be of interest to the Zone Committee that is not covered elsewhere in the agenda.

John Cruden attended an Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI) Communications webinar; the contents of which was aimed at Water Catchment Committees so they could get their message out into the public.

Cr Barbara Gilchrist will operate the OTOZ Facebook page with the help of the Youth Representative appointee

The Southern Zones Chairs & Deputies Hui was well represented; especially by Ashburton based members.

The Water Zone Committee has been very supportive of initiatives involving long-tailed bat habitat rehabilitation. With the long-tailed bat being voted the Bird of the Year competition, the Water Zone Committee has partaken in several media appearances including in the Timaru Herald and on radio.

10 Consideration of Urgent Business Items

There were no items of urgent business to be received.

11 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters

There were no matters of minor nature.

12 Exclusion of the Public**Resolution 2021/10**

Moved: Barbara Gilchrist

Seconded: Anne Munro

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
13.1 - Appointing Zone Committee Youth Member	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 Appointing Zone Committee Youth Member****14 Readmittance of the Public****Resolution 2021/11**

Moved: Lucy Millar

Seconded: Anne Munro

That the meeting moves out of Closed Meeting into Open Meeting.

Carried**15 Closure Karakia**

Cr Barbara Gilchrist gave a closing karakia.

The Meeting closed at 1401.

Minutes confirmed 6 December 2021

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Lucy Millar
Chairperson