

MINUTES OF THE KAIKŌURA WATER ZONE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 28 JANUARY 2022 AT 12.45 PM, AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KAIKŌURA DISTRICT COUNCIL, KAIKŌURA

PRESENT: Ted Howard (Chair), Teri Sonal, Councillor Grant Edge (ECan), Councillor Tony Blunt (Kaikōura District Council), Robby Roche, Nicky McArthur, John Murray,

VIA TEAMS: Gina Solomon, Clint McConchie

IN ATTENDANCE: Jaimee Grant (ECan Zone Facilitator); Gayle McMillan & Becky Makin (Kaikōura District Council); Jemima Rodden (DOC); Heath Melville, Katherine Harbrow, Murray Griffin, Pete Bradshaw, Kim Whitwell & Emily Owen (ECan)

1. KARAKIA

2. APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Aroha Boyd and Desiree Boulton.

3. REGISTER OF INTEREST

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

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLUTION

THAT the Kaikōura Water Zone Committee:

(a) Confirms as a true and correct record, the circulated minutes of the meeting of Kaikōura Water Zone Committee held on 26 November 2021 at Donegal House, Kaikōura. Alterations to the minutes that Gina Solomon, John Murray and Clint McConchie were apologies.

Moved: Tony Blunt

Seconded: Robby Roche

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Matters Arising

It was noted that the Rivers Team would provide a report on the flood risk from the Kōwhai River and options for low-cost mitigation. The Rivers Rating Meeting will be held in Kaikōura on the 8 March 2022 and is an opportunity with representatives from Kaikōura Water Zone Committee to be present.

Clint McConchie joined the meeting at 2pm.

Councillor Grant Edge raised an issue about the power company pruning native shrubs along State Highway One South of Kaikōura. The Kaikōura Water Zone Committee agreed to follow up with the power company and respond back to the Committee with the findings. This was assigned to Jaimee Grant.

5. ZONE COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN INITIATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Kaikōura Water Zone Committee

1) **Receives information** on the following initiatives to be considered for support using the Kaikōura Zone Committee Action Plan Budget:

- a) *Waiau Toa Revegetation Initiative*
- b) *Waiau Toa Monitoring and Data Collection*
- c) *Hāpuku Catchment Collective*
- d) *Mt Ross Wetland (IMS waitlisted project)*
- e) *Waikōau Lower Lyell “Street and Beach Clean Up”*
- f) *Puhi Peaks Shearwater Stream Trapline*
- g) *DOC Trap Library*
- h) *Tirohonga (IMS waitlisted project)*

2) **And confirms for initiatives 1a-g:**

- a) *Waiau Toa Revegetation Initiative – the Committee **requests further information***
- b) *Waiau Toa Monitoring and Data Collection – the Committee **requests further information***
- c) *Hāpuku Catchment Collective - the Committee **supports the project***
- d) *Mt Ross Wetland (IMS waitlisted project) - the Committee **requests further information***
- e) *Waikōau Lower Lyell “Street and Beach Clean Up” – the Committee **supports the recommendation***
- f) *Puhi Peaks Shearwater Stream Trapline - the Committee **supports the recommendation****
- g) *DOC Trap Library – the Committee **supports in principle but requests further information***
- h) *Tirohonga – the Committee **supports in principle but requests further information***

Moved: Ted Howard
Seconded: Councillor Grant Edge

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Note, N McArthur’s exclusion from this decision – refer to resolution on following page.*

Several initiatives were presented to the Committee for their consideration to support using the Kaikōura Zone Committee Action Plan Budget Fund – refer attached presentation. Some initiatives were immediately deferred as further information was required before a resolution could be made.

DOC Library Trap Project

Jemima Rodden from Department of Conservation (DOC) provided an update on the DOC Trap Library project, the following was highlighted:

- There has been positive feedback on this to date however it is not being widely publicised as there are only limited traps
- Support was shown for this project with the Committee wanting to increase the number of traps available to enable the public to be involved
- It was suggested by a committee member that a course be provided on correct use of the traps with extra funding needed.

It was discussed whether funding this project fell into role of the Water Zone Committee, the following was noted:

- DOC funding is for public land only and not community/private property with DOC leading Predator Free NZ 2050
- Councillor Edge would discuss with ECAN Biosecurity Team in Amberley to see if there is funding within another budget

- ECAN are looking into buying cat traps
- Nicky McArthur noted DOC should be managing the recording of trapping nationally.

A formal proposal would be tabled to the next meeting for the Committee's consideration and pre-circulated next week. Gina and Jemima to liaise re: including community trapping project. A request was made that the Rūnanga projects be sent to the Committee. Clint agreed to organise.

Puhi Peaks/Shearwater/Stream Trapline – presented by Nicky McArthur

- There are two wild colonies remaining in the world which are subject to major threats, especially disease. In total there are 3,000 breeding pairs remaining at the Puhi Peaks site
- Pests have decimated the other six colonies, the last remaining two were being protected from pigs however, rats might be able to get higher due to climate change and impact the colony
- Puhi Peaks staff, time and resources are at capacity of managing their 300 traps
- QEII funding sought which will partially contribute to the trapline project but not enough to complete project with current inputs
- The funding request for \$15k would pay to set the traps up, including cost of labour and materials which would need to be helicoptered in. Their request for funding was turned down by Jobs For Nature as they are not coastal based.

The Zone Committee confirmed for Jaimee that that the objective, “coordinating and supporting on the ground action such as trapping and planting” was not intended to be limited to wetlands as suggested by its location the action plan under the protection and enhancement of wetlands subheading.

Waikōau Lower Lyell “Street and Beach Clean-up” – presented by Heath Melville

- Sport Tasman are organising the event including coordinating students to volunteer for clean ups. In general, volunteers are still showing interest.
- Heath would provide communications to the committee when ECan hold planting days / immersion days.
- Jaimee agreed to work with the Zone Manager to get a Waikōau/Lyell Creek action plan outlining the upcoming events for the Committee.

Nicky McArthur left the room. A conflict of interest prevented her participation in the decision making.

RESOLUTION

That the Kaikōura Water Zone Committee fund \$15,000 towards the Puhi Peaks Shearwater Stream Trapline Project

Moved: John Murray
 Seconded: Robby Roche

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Nicky McArthur re-entered the room.

A field trip/future meeting to be held at Puhi Peaks will be considered – Jaimee and Nicky to follow-up.

Hāpuku Catchment Collective – presented by Heath Melville

Heath spoke about the project and its aim to support community action to address issues and enhance freshwater in the Hāpuku Catchment using a catchment-based approach, refer to attached presentation.

6. COMMITTEE UPDATES

RESOLUTION

That the Kaikōura Water Zone Committee:

- *Receive these updates*

Moved: Robby Roche

Seconded: John Murray

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Kaikoura Works and Services Committee Meeting - 24 November 2021

The Committee raised the following queries:

- Environmental issues raised about there being stock effluent on the roads and what KDC's/ECan's solutions are to remedy this. Jaimee will note this to KDC Committee representative to present back at next meeting.
- Puro New Zealand Ltd – What is the amount of water being taken out of the Kekerengu river for the medicinal cannabis operation and the facts surrounding its operation. Jaimee will follow up.
- How does ECan make a decision for a consent. Jaimee will follow up with ECan.

A request was made by a Committee member that an update on the water quality and what is currently in the water is provided at the next quarterly update. It was agreed for Jaimee to follow up on these actions.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee will be on 25 February 2022

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.00 pm.

CONFIRMED _____ Chairperson

_____ Date