

Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the **Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee** held on Tuesday 26 October 2021, commencing at 1:00 pm in the Council Chamber, 137 Havelock Street, Ashburton.

Present

Mayor Neil Brown, Councillor Stuart Wilson, Bill Thomas (Chair), Chris Allen, Adi Avnit, Clare Buchanan, Angela Cushnie, Genevieve de Spa, Ian Mackenzie, Sidinei Teixeira and Les Wanhalla.

In attendance

Environment Canterbury: Dave Moore (Facilitator) and Carol McAtamney (minutes)

1 member of the public in attendance

1 Welcome

Genevieve de Spa opened the meeting with a Karakia.

2 Apologies

That an apology for absence be received on behalf of Arapata Rueben and for lateness on behalf of Chris Allen, Ian Mackenzie and Sidinei Teixeira.

Mayor/Cushnie

Carried

3 Extraordinary Business

Nil.

4 Register of Interests

Angela Cushnie

- Remove NZ Landcare Trust 'Managing Westlands as Farm Assets project'
- Remove – Flood Recovery Coordinator

5 Confirmation of Minutes

That the minutes of the Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee meeting held on 24 August 2021, via MS Teams, be taken as read and confirmed.

Thomas/Wilson

Carried

5.1 Matters Arising

Nil.

6 Correspondence

Inward:

Nil.

Outward:

Nil.

7 Public Contributions

Nil.

8 Committee Updates – Dave Moore

The November meeting is to be replaced by a field trip to an Align farm which is currently undertaking a regenerative trial. This trip may also include a visit to the Lakes to see the issues first hand. Any other suggestions to be passed to Dave and/or Bill

Chris Allen joined the meeting at 1.15pm
Ian MacKenzie joined the meeting at 1.16pm

9 Canterbury Water Management Strategy Water Quality Reporting (Tim Davie joined the meeting at 1.20pm)

Stefanie Rixecker, CE ECan (via Zoom), Cameron Smith (via Zoom) and Tim Davie, Director of Science at Ecan joined the meeting to address concerns that the Water Zone Committee had that the format of the CWMS 2021 Progress report did not adequately reflect the environmental improvements made in the Ashburton Zone.

Sidinei Teixeira joined the meeting at 1.30pm

- Concerns that standards introduced with no consultation with committees
- CWMS targets reported done at regional level
- Move from a written report every two years, to an on line resource. Advantage is accessibility. Mayoral forum keen on the ability to update as new information is received. More outcome focused
- Acknowledged that the engagement with Zone committees not done well
- Ecan apologised for the way the report was released
- Targets are a mix of measurable and non-measurable
- Reality is that this a journey of 70 years, so the reporting needs to be clear and show progress etc.
- Require a bit more acknowledgement of progress, not just a black and white result.

The Committee Chair expressed appreciation for the acknowledgement that things had not been undertaken in quite the right way.

An invitation was extended to the Ecan CEO, Councillors and staff representatives to join the field trip scheduled for 23 November 2021

Next meeting

The next meeting of the Ashburton Water Zone Committee will be held in the Ashburton District Council Chamber at 1:00pm on Tuesday 22 February 2022.

The meeting closed at 2.12pm with a Karakia by Genevieve de Spa.

Dated this 22nd day of February 2022 _____ (Chair)