

MINUTES OF THE KAIKŌURA WATER ZONE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2022 AT 13.00 PM, ONLINE VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

PRESENT: Ted Howard (Chair), Teri Sonal, Councillor Grant Edge (Environment Canterbury), Desiree Bolton, John Murray, Gina Solomon all via Microsoft Teams

IN ATTENDANCE: Jaimee Grant (Environment Canterbury Zone Facilitator), Gayle McMillan (Kaikōura District Council), Jemima Rodden (Department of Conservation), Jodie Hoggard (Environment Canterbury), Rachel Bjornsson (Environment Canterbury), Kevin Heays (Environment Canterbury), Emily O'Connell, Katherine Harbrow, Makarini Rupene, Murray Griffin, Kim Whitwell all via Microsoft Teams

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2. **APOLOGIES:** Robby Roche, Nicky McArthur, Clint McConchie, Councillor Tony Blunt, Ari Boyd

3. REGISTER OF INTEREST

The Register of Interests was reviewed by the Committee. Desiree Bolton advised that she is a director of two companies – the details will be supplied directly to J Grant.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

THAT the Committee:

(a) *Confirms as a true and correct record, the circulated minutes of the meeting of Kaikōura Water Zone Committee held on 28 January 2022 at Council Chambers, Kaikōura District Council, Kaikōura and via Microsoft Teams.*

Moved: Councillor G Edge

Seconded: G Solomon

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. MATTERS ARISING AND ACTIONS:

The Matters Arising and Actions were reviewed by the Committee. There were no comments from the Members.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

Zone Delivery Quarterly Report – presentations below by Zone Delivery team

Middle Creek/Te Wai-o-Pātiki Stream Survey - Presentation by Rachel Bjornsson

A copy of the presentation is attached.

The Kaikōura Plains Recovery Project was established in 2017 and through the project, funding was provided to survey the Waikōau/Lyell Creek Catchment. This eventually led to the Middle Creek Stream assessment of key factors impacting the water quality and ecological health of the catchment. A discussion regarding the presentation, in particular, water quality in the Kaikōura catchment area:

- It was noted about the crossing points for sediment which had located several areas, however there are only a few key ones to be rectified.
- The E. Coli found in the water could not be confirmed as human or animal as testing has not been completed.
- There are currently six unfenced areas in the catchment, four of these are now being fenced by the landowners. Slumping in three areas has been rectified and in the next three months there will be clearing of weeds and slumping. Lyell Creek is currently an ongoing process. It was noted that the issue of Old Man's Beard is not the responsibility of Environment Canterbury but the landowners.
- Regarding unfenced springs, there is a requirement for timeframes with this being legislative. There will be spring protection happening in the next 3 months. Education is being offered and coordinated with the landowners. It was confirmed for the Committee the difference between a spring head and a wet paddock.

Biodiversity Action Report – presentation by Kevin Heays

Lyell Creek has a draft plan for the beautification. There was a suggestion to provide education signage and a memorial seat for a past member.

Waiau Toa Catchment - presentation by Kevin Heays

The birdlife is doing well however there have been some instances of residents destroying the bird habitat with vehicles, this is being monitored by DOC and the Police. The Committee would like to be acknowledged for their role in starting this project which Environment Canterbury Communications team will address. It was advised that the project seemed to have lost momentum, with spraying of the area being too late. Kevin Heays is to pass this information onto the relevant party.

Action Plan Initiative – DOC Trap Library – Presentation by Jemima Rodden, DOC

There is good community support within Kaikōura for backyard trapping. The intention of this initiative is to lend out traps to the community to use, with training provided, with a view of the public being able to purchase their own traps. The funding request is for \$9,840 from DOC for the purchase of traps for the community to be able to utilise. These are currently only being used on private land with the information being collected into the Trap NZ data collection site. There was a request for annual reporting from DOC of the amount of traps loaned and the possibility of DOC being able to sell their traps at a lower cost to the community (and DOC could repurchase themselves). A concern was raised about potentially trapping domestic cats in the traps however this does not seem an issue currently. There is currently \$9,800 available for allocation from the Zone Committee Action Plan Budget.

RESOLUTION

That the Kaikōura Water Zone Committee supports the DOC Trap Library to be recommended for funding (\$9,800) using the Kaikōura Zone Committee Action Plan Budget.

Moved: T Sonal
Seconded: G Solomon

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Coastal Tree Pruning

The ownership of the trees along State Highway One South of Kaikōura was discussed. NZTA and Main Power must seek approval from the Te Rūnanga o Kaikōura before work can proceed.

The Zone Committee determined that a resolution was not required. However, the Zone Committee confirmed further information is required from Te Rūnanga o Kaikōura to confirm roles and responsibilities of TRoK, TRoNT, Mainpower and Waka Kotahi with the view of recommending a more sensitive management process be adopted in the future with respect to tree pruning in significant natural landscapes.

Kowhai River Shingle Issue

There is a meeting scheduled for the 8 March 2022 with the ECan Rivers Team to provide advice. There will be an update by Councillor G Edge. T Howard advised Environment Canterbury had been undertaking works, but the focus was further downstream. T Sonal noted on a trip upstream with students, it was evident that further work was required to address this issue on several waterways.

RESOLUTION

The Zone Committee received the information provided on the Kōwhai River shingle issue including actions to date and next steps.

Moved: T Howard
Seconded: Cr G Edge

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. COMMITTEE UPDATES

It was noted several actions (1, 7, 10-14) were still being actioned.

RESOLUTION

That the Kaikōura Water Zone Committee receive the updates for their information

Moved: G Solomon
Seconded: T Sonal

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. CLOSE MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.11pm.

CONFIRMED _____ Chairperson
_____ Date