

Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the **Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee** held on Tuesday 22 March 2022, via MS Teams.

Present

Councillor Stuart Wilson, Bill Thomas (Chair), Chris Allen, Adi Avnit, Clare Buchanan, Angela Cushnie, Genevieve de Spa, Ian Mackenzie, James Meager, Araparta Reuben (1.29pm) and Sidinei Teixeira.

In attendance

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

1 members of the public in attendance

1 Welcome

James Meager opened the meeting with a Karakia.

2 Apologies

Mayor Neil Brown and Les Wanhalla

3 Extraordinary Business

Nil.

4 Register of Interests

James Meager

- Rakaia Catchment Environmental Enhancement Society Committee – Arowhenua Representative
- Senior Solicitor at Simpson Grierson – firm acts for a number of Territorial Authorities, Regional Council and Nga Tahu
- Resident at Ross Farms, Laghmore – no financial interest (150ha arable cropping)
- Founder and Principal, Oath Advisory

5 Confirmation of Minutes

That the minutes of the Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee meeting held on 22 February 2022 be taken as read and confirmed.

Thomas/MacKenzie

Carried

Amendment: Sidinei Teixeira declared a conflict of interest on the Hekeoa Hinds Water Enhancement Trust agenda item and removed herself from the table/discussion.

5.1 Matters Arising

Nil.

6 Correspondence

Inward:

Nil.

Outward:

Nil.

7 Public Contributions

Nil.

8 Hekeao Hinds Water Enhancement Trust – Brett Painter/Peter Lowe/Rab McDowell

- Hekeao Hinds Water Enhancement Trust (HHWET) are currently running workstreams to trial Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR), Near River Recharge (NRR), and Nutrient Recycling through ground water irrigation.
- The original MAR sites are well into their sixth year of operation.
- Results to date are available through the HekeaoHindsWET Facebook page or www.hhwet.org.nz
- Positive progress is continuing regarding improved water quality and management of groundwater levels.
- The river reach below the south Hinds/Hekeao NRR1 site has also shown increased fish populations.
- HHWET are supporting workstreams led by other organisations to trial Constructed Wetlands and solar powered Targeted Stream Augmentation (TSA).
- HHWET are currently preparing consenting documentation to support applications to increase MAR and NRR trials up to catchment scale, as per the Ashburton Zone Committee's Zone Implementation Plan and Addendum.

9 Ecan Zone Team Introductions

It had been agreed that from time to time the Committee will be introduced to people working in the Canterbury Water Management Strategy field to improve understanding of work being completed and build closer links.

This meeting introduced:

- Annabel Bassett, Resource Management Officer – Compliance Monitoring
- Donna Field, Land Management and Biodiversity Officer
- Billy Bartrum – works in both Ashburton and Selwyn Zones
- Chris Eccleston, Zone Manager Southern

10 Ōtūwharekai Working Group

An update from the Ōtūwharekai Working Group from Judith Earl-Goulet was read out for members information.

This morning we had our monthly Ōtūwharekai working group meeting and we discussed the request by Zone Committee for more awareness of the work occurring to restore the mauri of Ōtūwharekai at this morning's working group meeting.

There was strong agreement to providing more information about what is happening in the catchment to the Ashburton Zone Committee and other interested people. Out of the working group meetings we will create a summary update that will be provided through to the Ashburton Zone Committee – there was general agreement for an update to occur every 2 months or their about. We will work with Dave over the rhythm.

The intent would be that the update would be quite generalised but pull out one or two highlights or key milestones occurring with the different streams of work. If the zone committee wanted to find out more about a work stream or project then specific request could be made for more detail on that by the lead agency.

Dave to discuss with Judith the possible inclusion of a representative (Greg Brake) of the Clearwater Hutholders Association to be appointed onto the working group.

11 Committee Updates

It was noted that there was a balance of \$8,000 in the CWMS Action Plan budget.

12 CWMS Community Engagement Fund Application - updated

Angela Cushnie declared an interest as the facilitator of the Community Engagement group.

Chris Allen departed the meeting at 3.02pm

Agreed: That the Zone Committee recommend underwriting funding of \$4,000 to be allocated to the Community Engagement group to scope their project conditional on an updated proposal being received and approved at the next Zone Committee meeting.

Meager/Buchanan

Carried

13 Other Business

A field trip to the MAR site will be undertaken on 28 June instead of a Zone Committee meeting.

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 28 June 2022.

The meeting closed at 3.28pm with a Karakia by Genevieve de Spa.

Dated this 24th day of May 2022 _____ (Chair)