



MINUTES

Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee Meeting

16 February 2022

**MINUTES OF THE LOWER WAITAKI SOUTH COASTAL CANTERBURY ZONE COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WAIMATE DISTRICT COUNCIL,
125 QUEEN STREET, WAIMATE, AND VIA ZOOM,
ON WEDNESDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2022, COMMENCING AT 1:00PM**

PRESENT: Chair Bruce Murphy, Community Member Chris Batstone, Waitaki Cr Jim Hopkins, Community Member Brent Packman, Community Member Jonnie Rutherford, Community Member Fraser McKenzie

Facilitator Dave Moore, Committee Secretary Karalyn Reid

PRESENT (ZOOM): Community Member Jakki Guilford, Waitaki Cr Jim Hopkins, Arowhenua Runaka Michael Mcmillan, Community Member Jakki Guilford, Waimate Cr Fabia Fox, Community Member Jared Ross

APOLOGIES: Moeraki Runaka Keiran Whyte, ECan Cr Nicole Marshall, Waihao Runaka Suzanne Eddington

OPENING

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting, and asked Michael Mcmillan to open the meeting with a karakia.

1 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/1

Moved: Chair Bruce Murphy

Seconded: Cr Jim Hopkins

That apologies from Moeraki Runaka Keiran Whyte and Cr Nicole Marshall, Suzanne Eddington be received and accepted.

CARRIED

2 VISITORS

Chris Eccleston (Zone Manager), Jen Fellows (Waitaki Irrigators Collective), Kennedy Lange (Biodiversity Officer)

Via Zoom: John Benn (DoC), Laura Johnston and Sara Elliot (Hakataramea Sustainability Collective), Kate Doran and Rachel Sinclair (ECan Communications)

3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Jared Ross declared he has an association with Hakataramea Sustainability Collective Funding Proposal for Waitaki Valley

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4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**4.1 MINUTES OF THE LOWER WAITAKI SOUTH COASTAL CANTERBURY ZONE
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20 OCTOBER 2021**

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/2

Moved: Cr Jim Hopkins
Seconded: Jakki Guilford

That the Minutes of the Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee Meeting held on 20 October 2021 be adopted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

REPORTS

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS REGISTER

The Declarations of Interest 5.1 was tabled and circulated via email before the meeting. The Chair asked members to review and advise any changes before the next meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Declarations of Interests Register report be accepted, with the below amendments.

Amendments:

Bruce Murphy advised he is a trustee for the Waimate Vet Trust; LIC (Livestock Improvement Corporation) Shareholder Reference Group; and to remove Otaio Water Users Group – Member.

Jakki Guilford advised to remove spouse's interest in 68 Mill Road, Waimate

5.2 CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/3

Moved: Chair Bruce Murphy
Seconded: Fraser McKenzie

1. That the Correspondence Report be accepted; and
2. That the Lower Waitaki Zone Committee provides a letter in support to the Hakataramea Sustainability Collective for the PSLU Project by 21 February 2022.

CARRIED

5.3 TE REO WORDS – WITH MICHAEL MCMILLAN

This month we have a popular whakataukī:

Hutia te rito o te harakeke, kei hea te kōmako e ko? ki mau ki ahau, he aha te mea nui o te ao?
Māku e ki atu, he tangata, he tangata.

If you pluck out the heart of the flax bush how can the bell bird sing? You ask me, what is the greatest reality of the universe? the people, the people.

Jakki Guilford commented on the whakataukī being descriptive and Michael explained about the knowledge of how a flax bush grows (children on the outside and the inner part being the older generation) and when flax is harvested the outer leaves only are removed as if the inner leaves are taken the flax dies.

5.4 CHAIR'S UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION

That the Chair's Update be accepted.

- The Chair mentioned the passing of Peter Ramsden, who had a strong association with CWMS Zone Committees, including the Lower Waitaki Zone Committee, Tom Hurst's passing (father of Colin Hurst). A card will be prepared and sent on behalf of the Zone Committee to both families.
- Chris Batstone has tendered his resignation from the Lower Waitaki Zone Committee, as he has resigned from the Waihao Wainono Catchment Board. Chris has indicated he is happy to provide technical knowledge to the Committee in the future, if needed.
- The field trip at Hakataramea on 8 December was enjoyed by all who attended – thanks to Sarah and Laura for hosting the Committee.
- Northern Fan Catchment Group: Kennedy advised that Tom Byrne, Land Management Advisor has tendered his resignation from ECan. This is a great loss to this project. Dairy NZ is working in the catchment calculating data and hopes to attract MPI and Jobs for Nature funding. Kennedy to work towards collaboration with Dairy NZ where appropriate.
- MGI's Greenhouse Gas Workshop planning underway – directors to meet 3 March then MGI will look at expanding to wider community
- Meeting with Know your Catchment (Fraser McKenzie): WIC has been handed programme by Irrigation NZ (INZ) and is working with IRIS (data science) to provide quote to make programme more user friendly.

5.5 COUNCILLORS' UPDATE

Cr Nicole Marshall

- Ngai Tahu Representation Bill is with Maori Affairs Select Committee stage. Proposed hearings 1-7 March (ChCh)
- Contestable Fund applications: The only allocation in Lower Waitaki Zone was to Sustainable South Canterbury Trust: \$10k to Eco Centre Launch and Progression
- CWMS regional committee: Jane Demeter is the new co-chair (Ngai Tahu appointment still to be made). The most southern appointment is Angela Cushnie from the Ashburton Zone Committee. No applications from South Canterbury
- Next week's Council meeting voting on approval of the draft Annual Plan for consultation
 - a. Changes to rates signalled in the LTP
 - b. Sample properties to show rates change
 - c. Consultation/submission opens 2 March

Cr Fabia Fox

- First Council Meeting held 16 February
- Busy working on Sea Week
- Soon to begin Annual Plan deliberations, don't believe there will be consultation, but there will be engagement and community communications.
- Exciting that shared position (with ECan) of climate change/biodiversity is underway

- Cr Fabia Fox commented on Waimate's involvement in the Communities 4 Local Democracy (C4LD) combined councils campaign, being an alternative option to Government Three Waters delivery proposal

Cr Jim Hopkins

- First meeting for year on 11 January with local farmers over District Plan
- Expect Three Waters Reform to feature prominently in Annual Plan, however anxieties with expected loss of localism
- Ahuriri Councillor (and member of Upper Waitaki Zone Committee) Ross McRobie passed away, with elections within a year, Council decided not to appoint a replacement.
- No formal discussion as a council on the Three Waters delivery proposal. Cr Hopkins keen to add his name to the campaign on an individual basis.

5.6 ZONE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Extension of Zone Committee's Community Members: The Committee discussed and agreed to the continuation of the Chair and Deputy Chair's role until the next refresh.

MOTION

Moved: Fraser McKenzie
Seconded: Jakki Guilford

That the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Lower Waitaki Zone Committee remain in office until the next Committee Refresh at the end of July.

CARRIED

Terms of Reference: Increased progress reporting to be more informative and less flashy can be presented to Councils to keep them informed of Zone Committee work, not just at the end of the financial year.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/4

Moved: Cr Jim Hopkins
Seconded: Community Member Jonnie Rutherford

That the Zone Committee Update is accepted.

CARRIED

5.7 HAKATARAMEA SUSTAINABILITY COLLECTIVE FUNDING PROPOSAL FOR WAITAKI VALLEY SCHOOL

Sara Elliot and Laura Johnston spoke on the proposal and the report in the agenda:

- Experts with technical knowledge are on board (including Jonnie Rutherford) to assist with propagating native plantings.
- Meetings and nursery visits are planned to ensure the proposal will be successful. Once the initial process gets underway, more assistance can be tapped into.
- John Benn advised DoC has a specialist native nurse at Banks Peninsula which could be contacted to assist with any advice.
- Fraser McKenzie advised Moeraki Rununga are involved in native propagation who would be happy to be approached
- Jakki Guilford suggested the Collective approach COGs for outside funding
- Michael Mcmillan noted Manawhenua need to be involved.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/5

Moved: Cr Jim Hopkins
Seconded: Jonnie Rutherford

That the Lower Waitaki Zone Committee supports the Hakataramea Sustainability Collective's Funding Proposal and recommends funding up to \$17,500 for the Waitaki Valley Biodiversity Education Project.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 2.20pm.
The meeting was adjourned at 2.25pm.

MOTION

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/6

Moved: Cr Jim Hopkins
Seconded: Jonnie Rutherford

That the Lower Waitaki Zone Committee, subject to receiving KPI's, agree in principal to consider future applications of \$10,000 annually for the next two years to advance the Waitaki Valley Biodiversity Education Project.

CARRIED

5.8 WAIHAO WAINONO CATCHMENT COMMUNITY GROUP UPDATE – KENNEDY LANGE

- Upcoming planting day at Black Hole planned for late April/early May.
- The group wish to retain separate identify from ECan but require support by way of information and assistance
- Good to see new members, there is good community support for the group
- It is vital the group has resourcing by way of paid administration support. It is difficult for people in voluntary positions to provide professional support for catchment groups.
- Chris Batstone's work has been invaluable.
- The Lower Waitaki Committee agreed, in principal, to consider earmarking funding for a facilitator/administrator for the Waihao Wainono Catchment Group.

5.9 URBAN STORMWATER CAMPAIGN/SEA WEEK UPDATE – CR FABIA FOX

- Cr Fabia Fox asked for approval for the \$5,000 funding for the proposal as presented in the agenda.
- Jonnie Rutherford commented location and safety issues need to be considered around the Waihao Box structure
- Zone Committee Members are encouraged to be involved in the beach clean-up on 12 March.
- Communications to be channelled through Waimate, Waitaki and Environment Canterbury
- Waitaki District Council may possibly look at another spring stormwater/sea week event.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/7

Moved: Cr Jim Hopkins
Seconded: Fraser McKenzie

That the Lower Waitaki Zone Committee recommends funding of \$5,000 for the Urban Stormwater Campaign/Sea Week from the Action Plan Budget.

CARRIED

5.10 NORTHERN FAN UPDATE – KENNEDY LANGE

- Communications to precede any engagement with the community.
- Tom Byrne, Land Management Advisor's resignation is disappointing and necessitated reviewing the timing and resourcing of this project.
- The Chair offered to assist with first few meetings as a farmer, encouraged Kennedy to take advance of the enthusiasm amongst farmers.
- The Lower Waitaki Zone Committee recommended funding be allocated to the Northern Fan Water Quality Project from the Action Plan Budget after receiving further communication.

5.11 KNOW YOUR CATCHMENT PLATFORM UPDATE – JEN FELLOWS

- Waitaki Irrigators Collective (WIC) are funding the programme update of \$5,500 to get the programme useable.
- Seeking quote from IRIS (Software Company) to make the programme more user friendly
- The Committee agreed this is an important tool with exciting outcomes to provide science into water quality
- The Lower Waitaki Zone Committee recommended funding to be allocated to the Know Your Catchment Project from the Action Plan Budget of up to \$6,000.

5.12 LOWER WAITAKI ZONE COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN BUDGET

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/8

Moved: Chair Bruce Murphy
Seconded: Cr Jim Hopkins

The Lower Waitaki Zone Committee adopts the budget as proposed, subject to receiving written applications as required to support proposals where necessary.

CARRIED

MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 3.20pm.

The Minutes of this meeting are to be confirmed at the Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee Meeting scheduled on 16 March 2022.

Michael Mcmillan closed the meeting with a karakia.

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CHAIRPERSON