



# MINUTES

## Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee Meeting

18 May 2022

**MINUTES OF LOWER WAITAKI SOUTH COASTAL CANTERBURY ZONE COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD AT THE FUNCTION ROOM, WAIMATE EVENT CENTRE, PAUL STREET,  
WAIMATE ON WEDNESDAY 18 MAY 2022, COMMENCING AT 1:00PM**

**PRESENT:** Chair Bruce Murphy, Community Member Jared Ross, Waihao Rūnaka Suzanne Eddington, Cr Waimate District Council Fabia Fox, Community Member Jakki Guilford, Cr Waitaki District Council Jim Hopkins, Arowhenua Rūnaka Michael Mcmillan, Community Member Jonnie Rutherford

**APOLOGIES:** Community Member Fraser McKenzie, Community Member Brent Packman, Cr Environment Canterbury Nicole Marshall, and Moeraki Rūnaka Keiran Whyte

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Dave Moore (Facilitator), Chris Eccleston (Zone Manager), Karalyn Reid (Committee Secretary)

## **OPENING**

Chair Bruce Murphy asked Michael Mcmillan to open the meeting with a karakia.

### **1 APOLOGIES**

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/18**

Moved: Cr Jim Hopkins

Seconded: Jonnie Rutherford

That apologies from Brent Packman, Cr Nicole Marshall, Fraser McKenzie and Keiran Whyte be received and accepted.

**CARRIED**

### **2 VISITORS**

DoC: John Benn

### **3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil

## **MINUTES**

### **4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**4.1 MINUTES OF THE LOWER WAITAKI SOUTH COASTAL CANTERBURY ZONE  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12 APRIL 2022**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/19**

Moved: Chair Bruce Murphy

Seconded: Waihao Rūnaka Suzanne Eddington

That the Minutes of the Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee Meeting held on 12 April 2022 be adopted as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

**Note:**

Cr Fabia Fox updated the Committee on progress with the Future of Local Government Reform. Waimate District Council had a successful zoom meeting with the panel. Targeted engagement is now underway with youth and schools. The intention is to have recommendations to Government after the Local Government Elections, then further consultation with a target to have the final report to Government before the next Central Government elections.

Cr Fox commented Zone Committees are an excellent example of achieving local input, and could be a good model of community decision making.

Cr Jim Hopkins commented the Government seems to be moving away from localism and not likely to give authority to Local Government with any transfer of power. Waitaki District Council have undertaken consultation with their community on the Future for Local Government Reform.

**MOTION**

Moved: Cr Jim Hopkins

Seconded: Jakki Guilford

The Committee resolved to engage with the Mayors of Waimate and Waitaki District Councils, the Chair of Environment Canterbury, as well as the local rūnaka, to discuss the proposed content of a submission to the Future of Local Government Panel.

**REPORTS**

**5 GENERAL BUSINESS**

**5.1 CORRESPONDENCE REPORT**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/20**

Moved: Cr Jim Hopkins

Seconded: Jakki Guilford

That the Correspondence Report be accepted.

**CARRIED**

## 5.2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS REGISTER

### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/21

Moved: Chair Bruce Murphy  
Seconded: Jared Ross

That the Declarations of Interests Register report be accepted, and any amendments or additions noted, with the below amendment.

**CARRIED**

#### Amendments:

Jared Ross stated he no longer had an interest in Beef and Lamb NZ Central South Island  
Cr Fabia Fox declared her father was a voting member of the Waihao Wainono Catchment Community Group.

## 5.3 CHAIR'S UPDATE

### RECOMMENDATION

That the Chair's Update be accepted.

#### Note:

Chair noted Jen Fellows had left WIC, having taken up an admin role with Morven Glenavy Ikawai Irrigation Company, and commented she had taken an avid interest in the Zone Committee and contributed to the meetings.

### MOTION

Moved: Jakki Guilford  
Seconded: Cr Jim Hopkins

That the facilitator writes to Jen Fellows and formally thank her for her interest and contribution to the Lower Waitaki South Coastal Zone Committee.

Chair Bruce Murphy outlined (as per the email recorded in the 'Correspondence Report') his family's reasons for selling land for a Waste Incinerator Energy Plant at Glenavy, and that as a result he was stepping down as Chair of the Lower Waitaki Zone Committee.

The Committee agreed they were comfortable with Bruce staying on as a member of the Lower Waitaki Zone Committee, that he would satisfactorily manage any future perceived conflict of interest, as they still value Bruce's contribution to the Committee.

## 5.4 ELECTION OF CHAIR

Following the resignation of Bruce Murphy, the Committee considered nominations for the position of Chair.

Facilitator Dave Moore led this item, giving the Committee the option to use System A or System B for voting. The Committee elected to use System B.

He called for nominations of Chair to hold office until the Election of Officers following the upcoming Refresh of the Lower Waitaki Zone Committee members.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**MOTION**

Moved: Suzanne Eddington  
Seconded: Jared Ross

That Bruce Murphy be re-elected as Chair of the Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee.

Bruce Murphy declined the nomination.

**MOTION**

Moved: Jared Ross  
Seconded: Jonnie Rutherford

That Jakki Guilford be elected as Chair of the Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee.

Dave Moore called for any other nominations for Chair.

**MOTION**

Moved: Suzanne Eddington  
Seconded: Jim Hopkins

That Michael Mcmillan be elected as Chair of the Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee.

Jakki Guilford withdrew her nomination.

There were no other nominations, therefore Michael Mcmillan was duly elected as the new Chair of the Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee and took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

**5.5 COUNCILLORS UPDATE - ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY/WAIMATE/WAITAKI**

**Cr Nicole Marshall – Environment Canterbury**

- The Zone Committee Action Plan budgets are proposed to remain at \$50,000 per committee (rather than increase to \$75,000 as per the LTP). This was included in advice to Councillors ahead of AP consultation as part of efforts to reduce expenditure where possible while not changing overall commitments.

**MOTION**

Moved: Bruce Murphy  
Seconded: Jared Ross

That the Committee write to the Chair and Chief Executive of Environment Canterbury (copy to Cr Nicole Marshall) expressing their disappointment in the decision not to increase the Zone Committees' Action Plan budget from \$50,000 to \$75,000, and request in future that Zone Committees be consulted over budget changes.

**MOTION**

Moved: Suzanne Eddington

Seconded: Bruce Murphy

That the Committee's three rūnaka representatives write to the Chair and Chief Executive of Environment Canterbury (copy to Cr Nicole Marshall) expressing their disappointment in the decision not to increase the Zone Committees' Action Plan budget from \$50,000 to \$75,000, and request in future that Zone Committees be consulted over budget changes.

- Suggestion that Lower Waitaki Zone's swim sites have signs similar to 'fire risk' signs so people have an indicative state of the site. Is this feasible? Notification about health risk is a responsibility of the District Health Board. We also do not have a budget for signage.

The Committee discussed the responsibility and feasibility of health risk signage, outlining the risk of low water quality and containing information on how to access relevant information. They asked the Facilitator to prepare a report for the next meeting outlining ways of receiving possible water quality data for discussion.

#### **Cr Fabia Fox – Waimate District Council**

- A lot happening in Climate Change space
- Emissions Reduction Plan just released
- National Adaptation Plan open for consultation, closes 9 June
- Waimate DC are establishing a Climate Change and Biodiversity Officer (shared role with Environment Canterbury)

#### **Cr Jim Hopkins – Waitaki District Council**

- Waitaki District Council consulted on their Annual Plan with approx 168 submissions
- Three Waters, Future for Local Government Reforms ongoing work
- About to start District Plan Review consultation
- concerns over the Coastal Policy Statement

The Committee discussed concerns around the Government's Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS). The Government has agreed to work with the primary sector to reduce emissions through He Waka Eke Noa: Primary Sector Climate Action Partnership.

#### **5.6 TE REO WORDS**

Michael highlighted the pronunciation of:

Ōtautahi – Christchurch

Ōtepoti – Dunedin

Te Tihi o Maru – Timaru

The Committee discussed Maori belief of spiritual gods and the creation story according to Maori legend.

## 5.7 ACTION PLAN BUDGET

### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/22

Moved: Cr Jim Hopkins  
Seconded: Jakki Guilford

### RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Lower Waitaki Committee receives the applications from Te Rūnaka o Moeraki and Waihao Wainono Catchment Community Group; and
2. Recommend Action Plan funding of:
  - a. Te Rūnaka o Moeraki for plant guards and fertiliser of \$11,887 for Te Puna a Maru (Borton's Pond); and
  - b. Waihao Wainono Catchment Community Group of \$12,000 for three projects.

**CARRIED**

### Note:

The Committee asked that relevant communications be undertaken on the funding projects to make people aware of the work the Committee is undertaking.

## 5.8 COMMITTEE UPDATE

### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/23

Moved: Cr Jim Hopkins  
Seconded: Jared Ross

That the Zone Committee Update is accepted.

**CARRIED**

### Note:

Local Body Elections: The Committee agreed workshops and/or field trips could be held instead of formal meetings during the three-month period of the Local Body Elections to engage the new community representatives.

Zone Committee Refresh: It was noted that it would be good to have a representative from the Hakataramea area.

OTOP Zone Committee's Well Water Testing Public Events: The Committee noted the successful recent water testing sessions organised by the OTOPTOP Zone Committee and asked the Facilitator to bring back a report to the next meeting on how this could be run out in the Lower Waitaki Zone.

Cr Fox commented Waimate District Council recently had a presentation on the National Environmental Standard (NES) Hazardous Activities Identification List, and that all affected properties would receive letters. This could align with a well water testing community event.

Waitangi Treaty Training is coming up on 13 and 14 June at Arowhenua Marae.

The Committee asked the Facilitator to bring details back to the August meeting on a visit Te Whiria o Waitaki - Borton's Pond including an offer to help with planting as a hands on engagement.

**MEETING CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 2.56pm.

Former Chair Bruce Murphy congratulated Michael Mcmillan as the new Chair, and commented that he was excited to see a rūnaka representative leading the Zone Committee.

Chair Michael closed the meeting with a karakia.

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**CHAIRPERSON**