

MINUTES OF THE KAIKŌURA WATER ZONE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 29 APRIL 2022 AT 13.00 PM, ONLINE VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

PRESENT: Ted Howard (Chair), Teri Sonal, Gina Solomon, Rob Roche, Nicky McArthur, Clint McConchie, all via Microsoft Teams

IN ATTENDANCE: Jaimee Grant (Environment Canterbury Zone Facilitator), Gayle McMillan (Kaikōura District Council), Emily O’Connell, Claire Fletcher, Kim Whitwell, Regan Johnson (public) Peter Sutton (public) all via Microsoft Teams

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2. APOLOGIES: Councillor Grant Edge (Environment Canterbury), Councillor Tony Blunt, Ari Boyd, Desiree Bolton, John Murray

3. REGISTER OF INTEREST Nil

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 25 February 2022 via Microsoft Teams.*

Moved: G Solomon
Seconded: T Sonal

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

T Howard advised that the River Rating meeting where the Kowhai River issue was due to be discussed was postponed due to Covid related issues. A new date is yet to be confirmed.

G Solomon noted the ‘Middle Creek/Te Wai-o-Pātiki Stream Survey Report’ had multiple references to watercress as *puha* which is considered to be a different plant. J Grant will follow up with R Bjornsson.

N McArthur advised that some traps are using plastic tags to mark their position and a suitable alternative needs to be found. J Grant to follow-up on this with J Rodden, Department of Conservation.

The Zone Committee agreed to attend the Wetlands For Farm Assets Planting Day on Thursday, 26 May 2022 and those members present would like to change the next committee meeting from Friday, 27 May to Thursday, 26 May following the planting day. J Grant to get preferences from committee members and arrange, if required.

KAIKŌURA DARK SKY RESERVE

N McArthur gave a presentation on The Dark Sky Working group stating they would like to formalise into a charitable trust. The presentation highlighted the effects of artificial light on people and the environment, and the benefits of creating a Dark Sky Reserve. It was noted that the streetlights in Kaikōura have been reduced by 25% which is proving to be a positive outcome.

RESOLUTION

The Zone Committee received the information provided on the Kaikōura Dark Sky Reserve initiative, giving consideration to the Zone Committee's Action Plan 2021-2024.

Moved: T Howard
Seconded: R Roche

ZC ACTION PLAN BUDGET

J Grant advised the Committee that there is \$200 available to put into an existing project as it was the residual amount left from the Waikōau Street and Beach Clean-up. It was recommended the funds be put toward the DOC Community Trap Library project which the Committee agreed. The Committee would like to know the dates of any public trapline educational workshops so they can actively promote them. J Grant to follow-up with Jemima Rodden from DOC on dates.

RESOLUTION

That the Kaikōura Water Zone Committee supports the recommendation to Environment Canterbury to reallocate \$200 from the Waikōau Street and Beach Clean-up initiative to the approved DOC Community Trap Library initiative to go towards the purchasing of traps

Moved: T Howard
Seconded: N McArthur

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RESOLUTION

That the Kaikōura Water Zone Committee receive the update on the Waikōau Street and Beach Clean-up

Moved: R Roche
Seconded: N McArthur

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ZONE COMMITTEE YOUTH MEMBER

The Committee had a discussion regarding appointing a youth representative to the Committee. This was supported by the Committee with a recommendation to be put to Councils once details are confirmed. The following considerations were discussed:

- Committee are keen to investigate options for 1-3 youth representative or one shared role between multiple youth to allow greater participation

- This should be open to all youth, not just to the Kaikōura Youth Council, ECan Youth Rōpū and Te Rūnanga o Kaikōura
- Any of the above considerations would require a change to the Terms of Reference which requires the Councils' approval
- Agreed an investigation is needed into the options and for J Grant, T Howard, and G Solomon to progress this.
- J Grant will follow up internally with CWMS Facilitation and Youth Engagement teams' on representation options and process

RESOLUTION

That the Kaikōura Water Zone Committee supports appointing at least one Youth Representative to the Kaikōura Water Zone Committee. T Howard, G Solomon & J Grant are to progress a request to go to the Council.

Moved: R Roche
Seconded: N McArthur

7. COMMITTEE UPDATES

J Grant provided updates including those resulting as follow-up actions from previous Committee meetings. Queries were received from the Zone Committee including several relating to new matters.

A discussion was had around both Councils policies on cats in respect of bird protection and R Roche noted he was part of three-agency group that were looking into the impacts of cats and possible mitigation to protect other species. R Roche agreed to follow up and report back on the three agencies' positions on cat control and resend the invite to C McConchie.

In response to Action 8 in Update 3.6, a discussion was had on the bench and plaque to be dedicated to David Bedford. T Sonal raised the opportunity to combine a planting day with the opening/blessing of the plaque and bench dedicated to David Bedford. J Grant agreed to follow up:

- Combined planting day with opening/blessing of the bench and plaque, with support from K Whitwell
- The location of the bench and plaque, if this has been confirmed or if there is an opportunity for the Zone Committee to suggest locations
- Bench types and suggestion made to consider a "star gazing" seat

In response to Action 3, the stock effluent issue was expanded to include three issues the Committee would like a response on which J Grant agreed she would follow up with T Blunt on:

- Stock effluent on the road resulting from trucks
- The use, or lack of use, of underpasses for stock
- Overpass maintenance and if this is undertaken

In response to Action 4 in Update 3.6, it was noted that the information requested had been received by the Zone Committee. J Grant agreed to follow up on further queries received from the Committee on the data flow monitoring, public availability of data and compliance.

In response to Action 10 in Update 3.6, C McConchie advised the Committee that Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu own the land the coast trees are located on and take advice from Te Rūnanga o Kaikōura. C McConchie is going to raise the issue with Mainpower directly.

The Zone Committee noted concerns on the Go-Kart track use and the impacts on the surrounding environment. R Roche agreed to follow up with C McConchie and C Mackle.

A query was raised around the fluoridation of Kaikōura community drinking water supplies and the requirements for fluoridating. R Roche agreed to follow up with Kaikōura District Council on the requirements.

A query was raised around advice given to recipients specifically around the wetlands and management of surrounding areas to exclude activities that may be counterproductive to environmental objectives of wetland protection. N McArthur noted consideration should be given towards conditions that prevent artificial light sources being close to wetlands as they impact night-time pollinators in the wetlands. J Grant agreed to follow up with H Melville on the issue.

RESOLUTION

That the Kaikōura Water Zone Committee receive the updates for their information consideration of the Kaikōura Zone Committee 2021-2024 Action Plan

Moved: T Howard
Seconded: C McConchie

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. CLOSE MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3:15 pm.

CONFIRMED _____ Chairperson

_____ Date