

Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the **Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee** held on Tuesday 26 July 2022, commencing at 1.00pm in the Council Chamber, 137 Havelock Street, Ashburton.

Present

Mayor Neil Brown, Councillor Ian Mackenzie, Councillor Stuart Wilson, Bill Thomas (Chair), Chris Allen, Angela Cushnie and Genevieve de Spa.

MS Teams –Adi Avnit, James Meager, Les Wanhalla, Sidinei Teixeira

In attendance

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

Ian Hyde (ADC District Planning Manager), Dr Christian Chukwuka (ADC Ecologist/Biodiversity Advisor)

5 members of the public in attendance

4 members of the public via Teams

1 Welcome

Dave Moore opened the meeting with a Karakia.

2 Apologies

That apologies for absence be received on behalf of Clare Buchanan and Araparta Reuben and lateness for Chris Allen (1.06pm)

Thomas/Cushnie

Carried

3 Extraordinary Business

Nil.

4 Register of Interests

Nil.

5 Confirmation of Minutes

That the minutes of the Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee meeting held on 24 May 2022 be taken as read and confirmed.

Wilson/de Spa

Carried

Correction – Outward correspondence was to the Mid Canterbury Catchment Collective, not Collection as recorded.

5.1 Matters Arising

Nil.

6 Correspondence

Inward:

Nil.

Outward:

Nil.

7 Public Contributions

Nil.

8 Ōtūwharekai/Ashburton Lakes Update – Juliet Earl-Goulet via MS Teams

Monitoring results from the past summer season had Lake Clearwater showing some improvement, however Lake Heron was showing further decline. More detailed water quality results will be presented at the next meeting.

It was noted that the membership of the recently form Ōtūwharekai Working Group did not include representation from the Zone Committee. It was advised that the group was aimed at an operational level however it was agreed that the Zone Committee would be provided regular updates of test results and findings.

9 Ashburton Consent Reviews Update – Bianca Sullivan/Jeanine Topelen

- 88 originally identified and review notices sent
- 62 granted
- 6 declined
- 14 on hold
- 3 public notification'
- 3 surrendered

- Science Update

Actual benefits to the Ashburton/Hakatere River will be observed from July 2023.
Some desired outcomes will not be apparent straight away.

- Daily water budget model (2010-2019)

Showed relative change in residual flows/water availability at minimum flow sites between the regime that is in place now and the regime from July 2023.

- Next steps

The project team will continue to work with those remaining consent holders to provide technical and procedural advice.

Aim to have all consent reviews decided by 1 July 2023

10 Committee Updates

- Refresh Committee

The Refresh Committee have recommended to Environment Canterbury and the Ashburton District Council the reappointment of Bill Thomas and Genevieve de Spa to the CWMS Ashburton Zone committee. This will be received for approval at the respective committees August meetings.

11 Waitaha Action to Impact Fund – Ali Bower

Applications for funding from this year's Waitaha Action to Impact fund opened on 18 July and will close on 12 September..

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 23 August 2022.

The meeting closed at 2.54pm with a Karakia by Dave Moore.

Dated this 23rd day of August 2022 _____ (Chair)