

# **MINUTES**

**Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone  
Committee Meeting  
Monday, 4 July 2022**

**Minutes of Timaru District Council  
Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee Meeting  
Held in the Meeting Room 1, Timaru District Council, King George Place, Timaru  
on Monday, 4 July 2022 at 1pm**

**Present:** Lucy Millar (Chairperson), Suzanne Eddington, Cr Anne Munro (via Teams), Cr Elizabeth McKenzie, Glen Smith (via Teams), Cr Barbara Gilchrist, Bailey Lissington

**In Attendance:** Janine Roux (Environment Canterbury Zone Facilitator – via Teams), Paul Cooper (Group Manager Environmental Services), Chris Eccleston (Environment Canterbury)

**1 Opening Karakia**

Cr Barbara Gilchrist conducted the opening Karakia

**2 Apologies**

No apologies were received.

**3 Public Forum**

There were no public forum items.

**4 Identification of Items of Urgent Business**

No items of urgent business were received

**5 Identification of Matters of a Minor Nature**

No matters of a minor nature were raised.

**6 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

No conflicts of interest were declared.

**7 Chairperson's Report**

No Chairperson's Report to be received.

**8 Confirmation of Minutes**

**8.1 Minutes of the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee Meeting held on 2 May 2022**

Minor update to the minutes of the 2 May 2022, to remove Suzanne Eddington's attendance.

**Resolution 2022/8**

Moved: Barbara Gilchrist

Seconded: Suzanne Eddington

That the Minutes of the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee Meeting held on 2 May 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting and that the Chairperson's electronic signature be attached.

**Carried**

## **9 Reports**

### **9.1 Waitaha Action to Impact Fund**

Alison Bower, Community Partnerships Coordinator, and Environment Canterbury spoke to the Committee to provide the OTOP Water Zone Committee with an update on the Waitaha Action to Impact Fund as confirmed through Environment Canterbury's 2022-23 Annual Plan.

This financial year, planning to open the fund 18 July until 12 September.

How can we open communication to promote projects through the Committee. Applications are well vetted by the time it comes to the Committee including project management and (limited) ecological impact assessing. Beneficial for groups to hear about the funding through a variety of avenues; ECan social media, Water Zone Committees networking, mailing lists. (Regional) Council expanded the fund, would be good to see more projects across the region.

Project OTOP funded the Burkes Pass where the Waitaha Action to Impact Fund had declined.

#### **Resolution 2022/9**

Moved: Barbara Gilchrist

Seconded: Suzanne Eddington

That the OTOP Zone Committee receives these updates for its information and with consideration to the committee's 2021-2024 Action Plan priorities.

**Carried**

### **9.2 Waitarakao Strategy**

Shirley Haywood Natural Hazards, Environment Canterbury spoke to the Committee on the Waitarakao Strategy and follows on from the Zone Committee field trip held in December 2021. It provides an update on the Waitarakao/Washdyke Working Group and Strategy. In conjunction with briefings to Environment Canterbury and Timaru District Council; both were well received. From the briefings a need for a steering group was identified.

Committee Members discussed the number of stakeholders involved, engagement process proposed, communications with key stakeholders, involving farming communities and industrial communities, exploring interventions to achieve outcomes desired.

Replacement needed on the working group of the OTOP Zone Committee however this will be reconsidered post Water Zone Committee Refresh and Local Government elections.

#### **Resolution 2022/10**

Moved: Glen Smith

Seconded: Anne Munro

1. That the OTOP Zone Committee receives the report.

**Carried**

### **9.3 Well Water Check - Event Review**

Janine Roux, Zone Facilitator, Environment Canterbury spoke to the Committee to gain feedback from the Zone Committee Members from the Well Water Check events held in Temuka and Fairlie on 16 May 2021.

The general consensus from the Committee members was to hold the water checks as a regular annual event; with the next sessions potentially run at Geraldine and Pleasant as well as a joint session with the Lower Waitaki Water Zone Committee.

#### **Resolution 2022/11**

Moved: Barbara Gilchrist

Seconded: Suzanne Eddington

That the report be received by the OTOP Zone Committee.

**Carried**

### **9.4 OTOP Action Plan & Budget Update**

Janine Roux, Zone Facilitator, Environment Canterbury spoke to the Committee to update on progress in relation to the OTOP Action Plan 2021 – 24 and the CWMS Action Plan Budget. Overall positive with the progress of the Action Plan; with good engagement shown at Treaty awareness training, and the lagoon and Taniwha Gully field trips, respectively.

The budget for the next Financial Year is to be \$50K.

#### **Resolution 2022/12**

Moved: Barbara Gilchrist

Seconded: Glen Smith

That the OTOP Zone Committee receives the report.

**Carried**

### **9.5 Zone Facilitators Report July 2022**

Janine Roux, Zone Facilitator, Environment Canterbury spoke to this report to provide information that may be of interest to the Zone Committee that is not covered elsewhere in the agenda.

Environment Canterbury advises the farm audits (Farm Environmental Plan audits) have recommenced but there is large backlog to work through.

The Water Zone Committee Refresh has concluded with Lucy Millar stepping down as Chair and resignation of John Cruden. Four members recommended (two existing and two new names).

Cyanobacteria blooms remain frequent in Lake Opuha, there is an understanding between Opuha Water Ltd. and Environment Canterbury on informing people using the water out of those rivers when a bloom occurs.

**Resolution 2022/13**

Moved: Anne Munro

Seconded: Bailey Lissington

That the report be received by the Zone Committee.

**Carried**

**10 Consideration of Urgent Business Items**

No items of urgent business were received

**11 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters**

Anne Munro thanked the Chair, Lucy Millar for her work as a member and as Chair and hope to see her out and about in the community in the future.

**12 Closure Karakia**

Cr Barbara Gilchrist conducted the closing Karakia

**The Meeting closed at 1.58pm.**

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**Lucy Millar  
Chairperson**