



MINUTES

Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee Meeting

20 July 2022

**MINUTES OF THE LOWER WAITAKI SOUTH COASTAL CANTERBURY ZONE COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD AT THE FUNCTION ROOM, WAIMATE EVENT CENTRE, PAUL STREET,
WAIMATE ON WEDNESDAY 20 JULY 2022, COMMENCING AT 1:00PM**

- PRESENT:** Chair Michael Mcmillan, Community Member Jared Ross, Community Member Fraser McKenzie, Community Member Jonnie Rutherford, Moeraki Runaka Keiran Whyte.
- Via Microsoft teams: Community Member Jakki Guilford, Waitaki Cr Jim Hopkins (*from 2.03pm due to connections problems*)
- APOLOGIES:** Cr Waimate Fabia Fox, Cr Environment Canterbury Nicole Marshall, Brent Packman, Bruce Murphy, Suzanne Eddington, Cr Waitaki District Council, Cr Jim Hopkins (for lateness)
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Dave Moore (Facilitator), Chris Eccleston (Zone Manager), Karalyn Reid (Committee Secretary)
- ECan: Alison Bower (Community Partnerships Coordinator), DoC: John Benn

OPENING

Chair Michael Mcmillan opened the meeting with a Karakia.

1 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/18

Moved: Community Member Jared Ross

Seconded: Moeraki Runaka Keiran Whyte

That apologies from Cr Fabia Fox, Cr Nicole Marshall, Cr Jim Hopkins (for lateness), Bruce Murphy, Suzanne Eddington and Brent Packman be received and accepted.

CARRIED

2 VISITORS

DoC – John Benn

3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil. No change to the Declarations of Interest register.

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4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 MINUTES OF THE LOWER WAITAKI SOUTH COASTAL CANTERBURY ZONE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18 MAY 2022

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/19

Moved: Community Member Jared Ross
Seconded: Community Member Jonnie Rutherford

That the Minutes of the Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee Meeting held on 18 May 2022 be adopted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Note:

Some minor wording changes, raised outside of the meeting by Cr Hopkins, were later amended to the archived minutes.

REPORTS

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/20

Moved: Community Member Jared Ross
Seconded: Moeraki Runaka Keiran Whyte

That the Correspondence Report be accepted.

CARRIED

5.2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS REGISTER

There were no changes to the Declaration of Interests Register.

5.3 CHAIR'S UPDATE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/21

Moved: Community Member Jared Ross
Seconded: Community Member Fraser McKenzie

That the Chair's Update be accepted.

CARRIED

Note:

The Chair read out a recent media article written by Jenna McKenzie – Real Communications (ECan communications contractor) on the Hakataramea Sustainability Collective (HSC). The article will be forwarded to other members of the Committee. They suggested the article on the HSC be forwarded to other local media outlets, outside of the ECan website, once the HSC have received it as a courtesy.

The Committee suggested Jenna could be asked to provide an article on the Whiria te Waitaki project also.

The Committee have been invited by the HSC to a Hui at Cattle Creek Hall, at 12.30pm on 12 August 2022, to share objectives sustainability land use project.

A discussion was held on the high rainfall affecting the zone and flood protection work on at risk land, as well as concerns over the high level of the Waitaki, Meridian spilling water since the significant rainfall at Mt Cook, and potential for further land loss. Previous flood protection work that's been done on the Waitaki seems to be effective. Further rainfall forecast will have to be watched carefully.

The Committee agreed there needs to be high level conversations with stakeholders regarding flood risk land verses expected more frequent flooding events. The funding costs of flooding and insurability may force the hard decisions.

5.4 COUNCILLORS UPDATE - ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY/WAIMATE/WAITAKI

Cr Nicole Marshall (apology)

- ECans annual contestable fund is open. Last financial year only one group in the zone got funding. Increased funding this year. Please share with your networks:
<https://www.ecan.govt.nz/get-involved/support/waitaha-action-to-impact-fund>

Cr Fabia Fox (apology)

Cr Jim Hopkins (apology)

5.5 TE REO WORDS

Michael Mcmillan explained the purpose behind karakia timata, and encouraged members to give it a go at future meetings. The Committee decided to use this as the regular karakia for the opening of meetings for the next few meetings to learn the karakia.

5.6 WAITAHA ACTION TO IMPACT FUND 20 JULY 2022

Alison Bower spoke to the Committee on the Waitaha Action to Impact Fund, giving background on the region-wide contestable fund, and this year's details. Applications are now open with \$600k available. There may be an opportunity to pass on processed (pre-approved) unsuccessful applications to the Zone Committee for consideration.

The Committee asked for inclusion in future decision-making involvement in the assessment process and this will be investigated. They also noted that it is important that unsuccessful groups get feedback on why they were unsuccessful.

Cr Jim Hopkins entered the meeting via Microsoft teams at 2.03pm.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/22

Moved: Community Member Jared Ross

Seconded: Chair Michael Mcmillan

That the Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee receives the Waitaha Action to Impact Fund report, and follow up with a letter requesting the Lower Waitaki Zone Committee are involved in the application and assessment process for all applicants within the Lower Waitaki zone.

CARRIED

5.7 OTOP DRINKING WATER TESTING

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/23

Moved: Cr Jim Hopkins

Seconded: Community Member Jared Ross

That the Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee receives the report, and supports a community well water testing event in Waimate in conjunction with the OTOP Zone Committee, or any other options, in this financial year.

CARRIED

Note:

The Committee supported the OTOP Committee's offer to combine with the LWZC Committee to run a 'Waimate-located' drinking water testing event, with the facilitator to proceed with making the arrangements. The opportunity will also be taken to look at other water issues that can be tested, or information given, including the upcoming Lower Waitaki Zone Committee sites at the Strawberry Fare in December.

5.8 COMMITTEE UPDATE

- The facilitator updated the Committee on the recent Committee Refresh.
- 17 August will be a field trip to meet at Waimate Event Centre at 10:00am, visit the Te Whiria te Waitaki (Waitaki river mouth), and drive past the Takiroa Rock Art site near Duntroon, and Te Puna a Maru (Borton's Pond).
- 21 September visit to Waihao Marae for a cultural day with short meeting if required. The Committee agreed the Upper Waitaki Zone Committee and Catchment Groups (Waihao Wainono and Hakataramea) could also be invited.
- October meeting (19 October) Waitaki Valley School visit to view progress. The Committee talked about their funding request reporting timeline, and the facilitator will confirm the October visit requesting a report/update.
- 16 November formal meeting.
- 10 December - Strawberry Fare sites booked (with either water testing, or display on water testing/promoting of upcoming event)
- A Chair and Deputy Chair's Meeting (and new members) may be also arranged.

5.9 LOWER WAITAKI SCC ZONE COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN BUDGET

The Zone Committee agreed it will be important to look at the Action Plan once the new members were on the Committee, and also by that stage the unsuccessful applicants would be known from ECan's Waitaha Action Plan Fund.

The Committee agreed a meeting/workshop would be held on 21 September at the Waihao Marae to enable the new members to get up to speed and look at the Action Plan.

5.9 GENERAL

John Benn updated that DoC has a change of staff in the Geraldine office and Tony Preston is the interim Manager.

The Committee acknowledged the work of Jared Ross, who was retiring from the Lower Waitaki Zone Committee, presented him with a card and thanked him for his input.

MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 3.07pm.

The minutes of this meeting are to be confirmed at the next meeting of the Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee.

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CHAIRPERSON