

Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee Meeting – 28 November 2022 – Agenda Item 1 – 3

MINUTES OF THE 113TH MEETING OF THE SELWYN WAIHORA ZONE COMMITTEE HELD IN THE TAI TAPU COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2022 COMMENCING AT 4PM

Meeting Agenda

Item	Time	Description
		<i>Public meeting begins</i>
1	4.00pm (25 min)	Meeting commences with a Karakia and formal order of business: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome – including new members Allanah Kidd, Matt Dodson & Tayla Nelson-Tuhuru• Apologies• Identification of Urgent General Business• Register of Interests review• Confirmation of minutes – 8 August 2022• Public contribution• Correspondence
2	4.25pm (30 min)	Coes Fords Constructed Wetland – update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Sylvia McAslan, ECan Land Management Advisor, will provide an update on this wetland project.</i>
3	4.55pm (20 min)	<i>Committee updates – for information</i>
4	5.15pm (40 min)	<i>2021-2024 Action Plan review – workshop session</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>An opportunity to the committee to review and consider its priorities for 2022/23 with a particular focus on the 2021-2024 Action Plan</i>
6	5.55pm (10min)	<i>General Business</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Any items confirmed by the committee for follow up or information.</i>• <i>An opportunity to acknowledge the contribution of Clr Anne Galloway to the committee.</i>
7	6.10pm (5min)	Meeting close and Karakia
	6.15pm	<i>Meeting close</i>

PRESENT

Les Wanhalla (Te Rūnanga o Taumutu / Co-Chair); Councillor Vicky Southworth (Environment Canterbury Regional Council); James Booker (Community Member); Simon Bryant (Community Member); Khan McKay (Community Member); Matt Dodson (Community Member); Dr Benita Wakefield (Wairewa Rūnanga); Tayla Nelson-Tūhuru (Community Member); Allanah Kidd (Community Member). Online: Helen Troy (Community Member) and Councillor Nicole Reid (Selwyn District Council)

IN ATTENDANCE

Murray Griffin (Interim Facilitator, ECan), Jaimee Grant (Facilitator, ECan), Sylvia McAslan (Land Management Advisor, ECan) and Dr Tim Davie (Director, ECan); and John Benn (Department of Conservation)

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Les Wanhalla welcomed everyone, and Jaimee Grant opened with a karakia. Introductions were undertaken to welcome new committee members.

APOLOGIES

Karaitiana Taiuru (Te Rūnanga o Koukourārata), Mishele Radford (Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke),
Councillor Anne Galloway (Christchurch City Council)

Moved – Co-Chair Wanhalla / **Seconded** – James Booker

‘That the Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee receives the apologies for information.’

CARRIED

IDENTIFICATION OF URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS

None.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

An explanation regarding the Register of Interests was given for the benefit of new committee members. Members were advised to contact M Griffin for any changes to the register.
No changes to the register were noted.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the 112th Meeting of the Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee (Water Management) held on Monday 8 August 2022

Moved – Simon Bryant / **Seconded** – Councillor Southworth

‘That the minutes of the 112th meeting of the Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee (Water Management) held on Monday 8 August 2022 be confirmed as ‘circulated’.

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION

John Benn, Department of Conservation (DOC) noted in respect of the Muriwai Mahinga Kai project, the GIS maps show there is significant public conservation land in the area and DOC would need to be notified. Co-Chair Wanhalla confirmed this point was noted last month.

CORRESPONDENCE

None received.

REPORTS

1. Waikirikiri/Selwyn River – Coes Ford constructed wetland

Prior to the presentation, Co-Chair Wanhalla noted a new zone committee representative was required for the project’s working group.

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Sylvia McAslan, Land Management Advisor for Environment Canterbury, presented an update on the Coes Ford constructed wetland to the zone committee. Context of the project was provided for the benefit of new committee members and details of the plan were shared. Please refer to the attached presentation slides provided as **agenda item 1 – 4**.

A feasibility study showed it was possible to improve water quality at the proposed site. The project involves several landowners including Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand and Selwyn District Council. Multiple parties have been involved including adjoining landowners and these parties have formed the working group. Funding for the project has been provided by Fonterra with additional funding being sought.

The draft design is being finalised and takes scenarios such as flooding into account. It was clarified the flooding issue was raised with engineers who have reassured the wetland would not exacerbate the effects of flooding. No boardwalks or structures that could be removed during flooding are included in the design.

Several contaminants were noted including nitrates, E. coli and phosphorus, the latter to a lesser extent due to the heavy soil. E. coli sampling and regular testing had been taken near the top of the catchment however, the results require further analysis.

It was noted that Toitū Te Whenua LINZ are an active party and no issues with the organisation are anticipated regarding the Crown land it manages in the project area.

The next steps noted that Memorandums of Understanding need to be put in place with several parties. The intention is for a Mātauranga Māori assessment to be undertaken however, the funding for the analysis was part of the last financial year budget and is no longer available. It was advised a funding entity is required to receive any funding so this needs to be considered. It was noted it would be beneficial to have a zone committee representative on the project. The group currently meets every three months but may increase if required. Zone Committee endorsement was noted as another way the committee could support the project.

It was commented that groundwater feeds to the wetland which sits in an over-allocated catchment which could maybe lead to consenting issues. It was noted the tributaries are all spring-fed.

The zone committee advised when developing an entity, any liabilities during design and building, and on completion including who is liable for damage, need to be considered. It was suggested legal advice be sought which Co-Chair Wanhalla noted was being actioned.

2. Committee Updates

M Griffin gave his report and noted that, if agreed by the zone committee, the co-chair confirmations would be deferred until the next zone committee meeting, currently scheduled for 14 November 2022. He added, this meeting will follow Councillor appointments being made by Selwyn District and Christchurch City Councils, and Environment Canterbury. He added this

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would allow the three new committee members some time to settle into the committee before the committee confirms its Co-Chairs or alternatively, Chair and Deputy.

Consequently, the recommendations were put forward for the zone committee to:

- **Receive** these updates for its information.
- **Approve** deferring the 2022/23 appointments of the Committee Co-Chairs until the next meeting of the committee on Monday 14 November.
- **Approve** Les Wanhalla remaining as the committee's current Co-Chair until the committee confirms its Co-Chair appointments.

Moved: Simon Bryant / **Seconded:** James Booker / **Thirded:** Kahn McKay

CARRIED

Co-Chair L Wanhalla noted the committee needs to consider whether to continue with a Co-Chair arrangement or change to a Chair/Deputy arrangement. This is due to be discussed at the next workshop. Co-Chair Wanhalla has no concerns with either model. Murray noted the committee had worked well with a Co-Chair arrangement but was the only CWMS Zone Committee to have adopted this approach. The choices will be considered at the next workshop and then a decision confirmed at the November meeting.

The Rakaia Enhancement Society (RES) – Co-Chair Wanhalla noted Simon Hay was on the RES and had been re-elected as the Chair last month. He proposed to the committee that Simon be the zone committee representative on the RES despite not being a zone committee member. The opportunity for a committee member to be the representative could be considered next year. It needed to be understood if there is a mechanism to allow for Simon to represent the zone committee without being a member. It was decided further information is required and would be reported back at the October workshop.

Action: M Griffin to follow up on the Committee's appointment options for the committee to re-consider at its October briefing workshop.

In response to a query around leachates in the Timaru drinking water supply, Dr Tim Davie provided a brief outline of the events and actions undertaken. Timaru District Council had noted discolouration in the drinking water supply which comes from two major sources – Ōpihi shallow bores and Upper Paeroa. Work was undertaken on the Pareora supply so the Ōpihi bores were being heavily relied on when the discolouration was observed and confirmed to be from Manganese. It was noted it was likely due to silage leaking which causes de-oxygenation of water causing the release of manganese, however, we cannot say this with absolute certainty nor categorically say it was from one source. There are rules around silage pits in drinking water protection zones and that the pit in question was currently bigger than allowed as a consented activity. The silage pit has been removed and manganese concentrations had dropped apart from one increase due to the flushing effect of the last heavy rain.

Councillor Southworth noted Taumata Arowai is looking at tightening up requirements around drinking water protection zones.

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Dr Davie noted a survey was being undertaken of all drinking water protection zones looking specifically for silage pits and 11 of those zones had “significant looking” silage pits which Environment Canterbury is now visiting. At times, these silage pits can be well contained or have been removed. It was noted these protection zones vary in size and a deeper bore will have a smaller zone.

M Griffin noted to the committee the recently published nitrate risk map and it was queried whether it was known why the Greendale area was high risk. He took it as an action to find out why.

Action: M Griffin to enquire why the Greendale area is a high-risk area as shown on the Nitrate Risk Map.

WORKSHOP

J Benn queried if the meeting had now closed, as was usual at a zone committee meeting for a workshop session. M Griffin noted the meeting hadn't closed and the workshop was open to the public, highlighting it was an introductory session for the new committee members to be part of a discussion on the committee's current priorities.

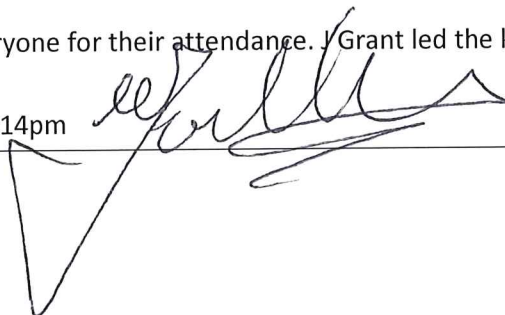
M Griffin explained this workshop time was to allow the committee, and particularly its new members, to review and consider its Action Plan priorities for 2022/23. He then introduced the workshop session with an overview of the projects already supported by the committee in 2021/22 through the CWMS Action Plan Budget, as provided in the committee's meeting papers. A summary of the key points from this session will be provided to the committee for the October briefing workshop.

GENERAL BUSINESS

M Griffin took the opportunity to acknowledge that Councillor Anne Galloway was stepping down from Council at the upcoming elections and, consequently, her term on this committee was now at an end. L Wanhalla added his appreciation of Councillor Galloway's contribution in her time on the committee.

L Wanhalla thanked everyone for their attendance. J Grant led the karakia to close the meeting.

The meeting closed at 6:14pm



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