

# **MINUTES**

**Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone  
Committee Meeting**

**Monday, 5 December 2022**

**Minutes of Timaru District Council**  
**Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee Meeting**  
**Held in the Council Chamber, Council Building, King George Place, Timaru**  
**on Monday, 5 December 2022 at 1pm**

**Present:** Glen Smith (Chairperson), Suzanne Eddington, John Henry, Bailey Lissington, Bryan Bassett-Smith, Chris Konings, Clr Deon Swiggs, Clr Phillipa Guerin

**In Attendance:** Nigel Bowen (Mayor Timaru District Council), Paul Cooper (Group Manager Environmental Services), Chris Fauth (Senior Scientist-Natural Hazards, Environment Canterbury), Rhys Taylor (Community Engagement Facilitator, Environment Canterbury), Sophie McClenaghan (Land Management Advisor, Environment Canterbury), Sriyan Jayasuritya (Senior Environmental Scientist, Environment Canterbury) Andrew Oliver (Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Zone Water Committee & Upper Waitaki Zone Facilitator, Environment Canterbury), David Moore (Zone Facilitator, Environment Canterbury)

**1 Opening Karakia**

*John Henry conducted the opening Karakia*

**2 Apologies**

**2.1 Apologies**

**Resolution 2022/15**

Moved: Clr Phillipa Guerin

Seconded: Suzanne Eddington

That the apology of Clr Michelle Pye and Clr Tom O'Connor be received and accepted.

**Carried**

**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**

The following conflicts of interest were declared:

- Deputy Chairperson Chris Konings declared an interest in item 8.8 Water Well Checks.

## **7 Chairperson's Report**

No report was provided.

## **8 Reports**

### **8.1 Election of Committee Chair for 2022/3**

The Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Zone Water Committee & Upper Waitaki Zone Facilitator, Environment Canterbury called for nominations for the position of Chairperson.

#### **Resolution 2022/16**

Moved: Chris Konings

Seconded: Suzanne Eddington

1. That the OTOP Zone Committee use system A, and
2. That the OTOP Zone Committee elects Glen Smith as the Chairperson for 2022/3.

**Carried**

### **8.2 Election of Deputy Chair for 2022/3**

The Chairperson called for nominations for the position of Deputy Chairperson.

#### **Resolution 2022/17**

Moved: Clr Deon Swiggs

Seconded: Suzanne Eddington

1. That the OTOP Zone Committee use system A, and
2. That the OTOP Zone Committee elects Chris Konings as the Deputy Chairperson for 2022/3.

**Carried**

### **8.3 Waitarakao/Washdyke Working Group**

Chris Fauth (Senior Scientist-Natural Hazards, Environment Canterbury) spoke to the report and provided a presentation. To provide an update to the committee on the Working Group and Strategy along with the potential interventions and outcomes the OTOP WZC can engage with and how this ties in with the Coastal Interface Project as a potential foci for the OTOP WZC. Also give context to the appointment of an individual on the Working Group. The notes from the July meetings included outside the catchment there is a lot of active and significant coastal erosion which showed inundation where the stops banks are eroding. The wetland and lagoon are being eroded north and south of the Opihi River. The second tier stopbanks are currently holding up but

in the future could end up like the first tier. Long term points include the Milford huts and Washdyke area with the future erosion and coastal change.

Rhys Taylor advised the OTOP WGC that the Timaru District Council Climate Change Strategy has a public meeting on the 18 January which OTOP members are able to attend which covers the erosion and input from the public

Group Manager Environmental Services advised the committee there is money from the 3 Waters tranche that will be put aside for water work, which is available to be looked at with a lens through OTOP WCZ, it might be beneficial to align the work.

### **Resolution 2022/18**

Moved: Clr Deon Swiggs

Seconded: Clr Phillipa Guerin

1. That the OTOP Zone Committee appoints Chris Konings to replace Lucy Millar on the Waitarakao/Washdyke Working Group.
2. That the OTOP Zone Committee receives this report **Carried**

### **8.4 Catchments Collective South Canterbury (CCSC)**

Rhys Taylor (Community Engagement Facilitator, Environment Canterbury, speaking as an advisor to Catchments Collective South Canterbury Society) spoke to the report to discuss the Catchment Collective South Canterbury (CCSC) volunteer group. The aims, objectives, members and current and potential projects. It was also noted that there is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that exists between Environment Canterbury and the CCSC to facilitate support. Key points include funding from Ministry of Primary Industries for two projects which would provide extension services to member catchment groups.

The application draft was started in May, an approximate timeframe would be January/February 2023. It was clarified this is not the first project of this kind but would be the first in South Canterbury.

It was noted that Glen Smith is the Vice Chair and Treasurer of the CCSC group.

### **Resolution 2022/19**

Moved: Clr Deon Swiggs

Seconded: Clr Phillipa Guerin

1. That the OTOP Zone Committee receives this report. **Carried**

### **8.5 Kakahu Phosphorus Management Project**

Sophie McClenaghan (Land Management Advisor, Environment Canterbury), spoke to the report and provided a presentation to provide information and discuss installation of sediment traps in the OTOP water zone. Key Points included that the scoping of the work programme in the Kakahu Catchment that follows farming land use rules that the OTOP WZC helped to create. A study in

2013 identifies water quality issues which included, phosphorus, sediment and E Coli. Frequent flooding and poor water quality is impacting the animals in the environment including bats, eels, fresh water crayfish. Stage one of the project would be engagement with and supporting the Kakahu catchment on new rules and regulations which includes critical source mapping where there is a risk to water quality. With the focus being identifying the locations for water quality mitigations that will have the greatest catchment scale benefit.

It was discussed that the winter grazing/irrigation rule is expected to be accepted. This project has not been scoped the funding requirement depends on the site of the sediment traps and the size/contractors involved. The sediment traps are a dug out part of the stream and have a deeper channel in sections which collects the sediment, it does not stop erosion. Sediment traps can be put in various locations some where there is not a continuous flow and also where there is a continuous flow. There is also options of using more plantings to help this issue.

### **Resolution 2022/20**

Moved: Suzanne Eddington

Seconded: Clr Deon Swiggs

1. That the OTOP Zone Committee receives this report.

**Carried**

### **8.6 Te Ahi Tarakihi**

Sriyan Jayasuritya (Senior Environmental Scientist, Environment Canterbury) and Shannon Trower (Resource Management Officer - Incident Response & Compliance Monitoring at Environment Canterbury) spoke to the report and provided a presentation providing a summary of Te Ahi Tarakahi as a potential funding option for OTOP WZC. The key points included the objective and focus area for the Survey. Identifying potential driver, the type of source and nature of source. The water quality sampling design, project plan and proposed budget for stream sampling.

The scale of the project is not something Environment Canterbury have resource for. Environment Canterbury time has been excluded from the budget so not showing the entire effort contributed to the project.

It was discussed the OTOP WZC makes a recommendation, a Senior Manager at Environment Canterbury sign off and a contract is drawn up, to allocate the budget.

### **Resolution 2022/21**

Moved: Chris Konings

Seconded: Suzanne Eddington

1. That the OTOP Zone Committee receives this report

**Carried**

### **8.7 OTOP - Action Plan 2021 - 24 and Action Plan Budget**

Andrew Oliver (Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Zone Water Committee & Upper Waitaki Zone Facilitator, Environment Canterbury) spoke to the report which provides a summary of options moving forward for the financial year ending June 2023. Key points included the proposed \$50,000 for the OTOP WZC for the financial year with \$21,600 pre-allocated.

It was discussed that the \$50,000 comes from the Long Term Plan. The purpose of the allocation is to complete the action plan and requirements of the action plan need to be met when recommending to allocate the funds. The Action plan has been created with the input of the surrounding councils and Environment Canterbury and approved by Environment Canterbury.

It was discussed the budget needs to be allocated by March/April, there are no time critical applications that require their allocation to be voted on in this meeting. That there needs to be a workshop to discuss the budget and look at it properly in more detail.

### **Resolution 2022/22**

Moved: Chris Konings

Seconded: Clr Deon Swiggs

1. That the OTOP Zone Committee receives this report.
2. That a Workshop is set up for 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**Carried**

## **8.8 Well Water Checks**

Andrew Oliver (Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Zone Water Committee & Upper Waitaki Zone Facilitator, Environment Canterbury) spoke to the report that the general consensus from the OTOP WZC July 2022 minutes is to hold well water checks as a regular annual event.

### **Resolution 2022/23**

Moved: Chris Konings

Seconded: Clr Deon Swiggs

1. That APG 1,3,4: That the OTOP Zone Committee timetable tentative locations and dates for Well Water Checks up to the end of this financial year (June 2023) such that planning for these events can also be planned conjointly with the LWZC for a session in Waimate.
2. That the OTOP Zone Committee receives this report.

**Carried**

## **8.9 Waitaha Action Impact Fund**

Andrew Oliver (Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Zone Water Committee & Upper Waitaki Zone Facilitator, Environment Canterbury) spoke to the report from the July 2022 minutes to ascertain Wai Fund applicants in the OTOP Zone.

### **Resolution 2022/24**

Moved: Chris Konings

Seconded: Clr Deon Swiggs

1. That the OTOP Zone Committee receives this report.

**Carried**

### **8.10 Te tiriti Course**

Andrew Oliver (Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Zone Water Committee & Upper Waitaki Zone Facilitator, Environment Canterbury) spoke to the report which provides a summary of the Te tiriti Course and commitment to raising awareness of how to engage in a more positive manner with Runanga.

#### **Resolution 2022/25**

Moved: Chris Konings

Seconded: Clr Deon Swiggs

1. That That the OTOP Zone Committee receives this report.
2. Host an annual te tiriti o Waitangi workshop for community members to attend.

**Carried**

### **8.11 Field Trip to Te Ana Maori Rock Art Centre and site**

Andrew Oliver (Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Zone Water Committee & Upper Waitaki Zone Facilitator, Environment Canterbury) spoke to the report for the OTOP WZC to attend a session at the Te Ana Maori Rock Art Centre and host a field trip to a Rock Art Site with public and invited Catchment Collective South Canterbury members.

#### **Resolution 2022/26**

Moved: Chris Konings

Seconded: Clr Deon Swiggs

1. That the OTOP Zone Committee receives this report.

**Carried**

### **8.12 Committee Update**

Andrew Oliver (Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Zone Water Committee & Upper Waitaki Zone Facilitator, Environment Canterbury) spoke to this report. It was discussed swapping around February workshop with March as the Timaru District Council is unavailable. Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June is changed to Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June, the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July will also run as a workshop as the Timaru District Council is unavailable

#### **Resolution 2022/27**

Moved: Clr Phillipa Guerin

Seconded: Chris Konings

That the OTOP Zone Committee receives this report

**Carried**

**9 Consideration of Urgent Business Items**

No items of urgent business were received

**10 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters**


No matters of a minor nature were raised.

**11 Closure Karakia**

*John Henry conducted the closing Karakia*

**The Meeting closed at 3.07pm**

Minutes confirmed 13 February 2023



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**Chairperson**