



MINUTES

Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee Meeting

30 November 2022

**MINUTES OF WAIMATE DISTRICT COUNCIL
LOWER WAITAKI SOUTH COASTAL CANTERBURY ZONE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE ECOSANCTUARY, 228 POINT BUSH ROAD, WAIMATE 7979
ON WEDNESDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2022, COMMENCING AT 1:00PM**

- PRESENT:** Deputy Chair Jakki Guilford, Cr Waimate District Council Sharyn Cain, Cr Waitaki District Council Jim Hopkins, Waihao Runaka Suzanne Eddington, Community Member Jen Fellowes, Community Member Fraser McKenzie, Community Member Victoria Magazinovic, Community Member Brent Packman, Community Member Jonnie Rutherford
- APOLOGIES:** Arowhenua Runaka (Chair) Michael Mcmillan, Cr Environment Canterbury David East, Moeraki Runaka Keiran Whyte, Community Member Bruce Murphy
- IN ATTENDANCE:** ECan: Dave Moore (Facilitator), Peter Burt (Southern Zone Lead), Mikhaila Coles (Land Management Advisor), Sandy Bowman (Zone Committee Facilitator Team Leader), Kate Doran (Communications Advisor), Murray Griffin (Zone Committee Team Lead)
- Waimate District Council: Mayor Craig Rowley (for lunch), Asset Group Manager Dan Mitchell
- Friends of Studholme Bush Scenic Reserve: Andrew Oliver
- MGI Irrigation: Grace Baldwin
- DoC: John Benn
- Committee Secretary: Karalyn Reid

OPENING

WELCOME & KARAKIA

Deputy Chair Jakki Guilford opened the meeting with a karakia and welcomed Waimate District Council's representative Councillor Sharyn Cain on to the Committee, noted that Environment Canterbury's representative Councillor David East was an apology but would meet the Committee at the next meeting, and welcomed back Waimate District Councillor Jim Hopkins.

1 APOLOGIES

APOLOGY

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/27

Moved: Cr Waitaki District Council Jim Hopkins

Seconded: Waihao Runaka Suzanne Eddington

That apologies received from Michael Mcmillan (Chair), Cr David East, Keiran Whyte, Bruce Murphy be accepted.

CARRIED

2 VISITORS

John Benn, Andrew Oliver, Murray Griffin, Kate Doran, Sandy Bowman, Dan Mitchell, Grace Baldwin, Peter Burt and Mikhaila Coles

3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Jen Fellows indicated she would not participate in the discussion on the Lower Waitaki Catchment Project Update, as she works as office manager of Morven Glenavy Irrigation (MGI).

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4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 MINUTES OF THE LOWER WAITAKI SOUTH COASTAL CANTERBURY ZONE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2022

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/28

Moved: Suzanne Eddington

Seconded: Victoria Magazinovic

That the Minutes of the Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee Meeting held on 21 September 2022 be adopted as a true and correct record, with the below amendment.

CARRIED

Amendment:

That the wording be corrected on 5.1 Election of Deputy Chair (not Mayor)

REPORTS

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/29

Moved: Deputy Chairperson Jakki Guilford

Seconded: Cr Sharyn Cain

That the Correspondence Report be accepted.

CARRIED

5.2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS REGISTER

The Committee Secretary will circulate the Declaration of Interests Register to all members, for any updates and inclusion of new members.

5.3 TE REO WORDS

As presented.

5.4 COUNCILLORS UPDATE - ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY/WAIMATE/WAITAKI

Cr Sharyn Cain (Waimate District Council)

- Waihao Wainono Community Catchment Group AGM tonight (30.11.22) with speaker Jamie McFadden. Another planting day is scheduled on Saturday. On the agenda is also to discuss willow removal further up the catchment.
- Three Waters Reform continues. Waimate turned down first round of stimulus funding. Still a waiting game, along with Future for Local Government. Next meeting is out at Waihao Marae.
- Dan Mitchell updated the Zone Committee on the nitrate issue at Glenavy. Current levels sitting around 38 milligrams/litre. Expecting to circulate media statement as well as community meeting to discuss lifting of warnings and meeting of requirements of drinking water standards. Message to community is that Council will still supply potable water and discuss point of use treatment devices. Messaging will be clear and distinct, as users just want good safe drinking water. Need remains to upgrade treatment plant to meet other aspects including nitrates. De-nitrification measures will be implemented above 50 mg/litre and is in the longer-term vision.
- Draft Future for Local Government Review (FFLG) now open for consultation and feedback before formal draft is prepared to go to the ministry. It was agreed that this will be looked at more closely by the Zone Committee and discussed early in 2023. The report will be circulated.

Mr Jim Hopkins (Waitaki District Council)

- FFLG – seems to be more of a Central Government takeover in many areas of Local Government.
- Waitaki moving forward in a range of projects on potable water treatment, and reticulated sewerage systems in readiness of the Three Waters Four Entities proceeding.
- Gearing up for a problematic Annual Plan, with signals from officers of higher-than-anticipated rate rises. Half of Council is new and are still in process of induction training. It will be important to have a united Council with 2023 and expecting some hard decisions.

5.5 LOWER WAITAKI CATCHMENT PROJECT UPDATE (NORTHERN FAN PROJECT) WITH MIKHAILA COLES AND PETER BURT

The Zone Committee were updated on planning for the Lower Waitaki Catchment Water Quality Project, focusing on reducing nitrate loss to waterways. Nitrate spikes generally when big water event occurs.

Currently working with ECan science team, as actions need to be specifically targeted to the catchment, ensuring effective outcomes within good timeframes. Once the scoping work is finished, there will be some planning undertaken in early 2023 working alongside MGI on critical source mapping.

It was highlighted the project needs full collaboration across the sector, and for all stakeholders to be aware of critical source areas.

The Committee will receive another update in the first quarter of 2023.

Note: Jen Fellows indicated she would not participate in the discussion on the Lower Waitaki Catchment Project Update, as she works as office manager of Morven Glenavy Irrigation (MGI).

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/30

Moved: Cr Jim Hopkins

Seconded: Deputy Chair Jakki Guilford

That the Zone Committee receive the update and offer support with engagement to increase awareness and provide education and to gain community buy in.

CARRIED

ECOSANCTUARY UPDATE

Ann and Gary Dennison updated the Lower Waitaki Zone Committee on the Ecosanctuary.

Deputy Chair Jakki Guilford thanked Ann and Gary Dennison for their presentation and for the complimentary use of their venue for the Zone Committee meeting.

5.6 MAINLAND CONSERVATION ISLAND PROJECT

Andrew Oliver requested the Zone Committee's feedback on the Mainland Conservation Island Project Proposal. Mainland Islands are a new area of conservation management aiming to protect and restore habitats through intensive management of introduced pests in defined areas using ecological corridors being waterways (riparian buffers), fencing, geographical features or intensive management.

The Zone Committee offered feedback, including funding options and ways to begin the conversation and suggested a starting point would be to establish a steering group.

5.7 COMMITTEE UPDATE

Dave Moore presented his report.

- Meeting dates for 2023.
- Annual Progress Report (on ECan website)
- Action Plan Budget:
 - Waimate Valley School Project – continued funding (report to the Zone Committee in February)
 - Northern Streams Catchment Group (seeding funding, and approaching key people)
 - Urban stormwater and Seaweed – low budget projects
 - Northern Fan Critical Source Mapping Project (for community engagement)
 - Successful and Unsuccessful applications for the Waitaha Action to Impact Fund
 - Other ideas from the Zone Committee
- Strawberry Fare: 10 December 2022
- Applications open for ECan Biosecurity Advisory Groups
- African Love Grass Field Day – 9 December
- The Zone Committees' Terms of Reference was reviewed in 2020, but some wording may be updated such as 'elected representative' to incorporate the non-elected Ngai Tahu members. The Governance Team will have an opportunity to provide clarification and explanation in the new year. The Terms of Reference allow the Committee to be accountable. A review is also to be undertaken of Zone Committee Priorities in early 2023.

MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 3.14pm.

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