



MINUTES

Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee Meeting

15 February 2023

**MINUTES OF WAIMATE DISTRICT COUNCIL
LOWER WAITAKI SOUTH COASTAL CANTERBURY ZONE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WAIMATE DISTRICT COUNCIL, 125 QUEEN STREET,
WAIMATE ON WEDNESDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2023, COMMENCING AT 1:00PM**

PRESENT: Deputy Chairperson Jakki Guilford (Acting Chair), Cr Sharyn Cain, Community Member Jen Fellowes, Cr Waitaki District Council Jim Hopkins, Community Member Fraser McKenzie, Community Member Victoria Magazinovic, Community Member Bruce Murphy, Community Member Jonnie Rutherford

PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Chair Michael Mcmillan

APOLOGIES: Cr David East, Community Member Brent Packman, Moeraki Rūnaka Keiran Whyte

IN ATTENDANCE: Dave Moore (Facilitator), Karalyn Reid (Committee Secretary)

ABSENT: Waihao Rūnaka Suzanne Eddington,

OPENING

Acting Chair Jakki Guilford opened the meeting with a karakia.

1 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2023/1

Moved: Cr Waitaki District Council Jim Hopkins

Seconded: Cr Sharyn Cain

That apologies from Chair Michael Mcmillan, Cr David East, Brent Packman and Keiran Whyte be received and accepted.

CARRIED

2 VISITORS

Peter Burt (ECan Zone Lead), Mira Tripathi (Waimate District Council), Juliette Gray and Laura Johnston (Hakataramea Sustainability Collective), John Benn (DoC)

3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

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4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**4.1 MINUTES OF THE LOWER WAITAKI SOUTH COASTAL CANTERBURY ZONE
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 30 NOVEMBER 2022**

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2023/2

Moved: Cr Jim Hopkins
Seconded: Jen Fellowes

That the Minutes of the Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee Meeting held on 30 November 2022 be adopted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Corrections:

5.4 Councillors Update (Waihao Wainono Community Catchment Group): 'discuss'

Visitors: MGI Irrigation: Grace Baldwin

REPORTS

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS REGISTER

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2023/3

Moved: Jakki Guilford
Seconded: Bruce Murphy

That the Declarations of Interests Register report be accepted, and any amendments or additions noted.

CARRIED

Addition:

Cr Sharyn Cain: Waihao Wainono Community Catchment Group – Council Rep

5.2 TE REO WORDS

Facilitator Dave Moore explained the word Kāinga.

5.3 COUNCILLORS UPDATE - ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY/WAIMATE/WAITAKI

Waimate District Council Cr Sharyn Cain

- Waihao Wainono Community Catchment Group have had a meeting and recent successful planting day. Willow removal was discussed, with a further meeting planned at Waihao Forks for landowners further upstream. A mini audit will be carried out on what's there, what's been done and quick gains – mostly at the top of the catchment. The willow removal project is being led by the community, including a planned approach around the removal of slash. Another planting day coming up in April and an education day with schools. Area around Waihao Walkway beginning to look good.

- Three Waters Reform – information is being demanded from Councils. There is big concern over instructions of ‘waters’ removal from the Long Term Plan including implications of this and awaiting further details. Outsourcing water services has massive implications and uncertainty such as civil defence implications.
- Nitrates at Glenavy is an ongoing beast, however readings continue to trend down, with no upward spikes which is very good news. Another public meeting in Glenavy in near future.
- Submissions to the Future for Local Government/Resource Management Act and Water Entities Bills continue to be made.

Waitaki District Council Cr Jim Hopkins

- ‘Three Waters’ hits keep coming. Water Services Legislation Bill submissions closed.
- Not just Council assets going, RMA reforms are complicated with a lot of new introductions and loss of local control.
- Wading knee deep into Annual Plan. wrestling with unpalatable rate increases and working hard to get down to acceptable level. There will be unavoidable cuts in service levels and servicing.
- Submission on the Future for Local Government that seems to have a focus more on wellbeing instead of assets and infrastructure.

5.4 HAKATARAMEA SUSTAINABILITY COLLECTIVE (HSC) AND WAITAKI VALLEY SCHOOL REPORTS

Juliet Gray updated the Committee on the Biodiversity Day at the Hakataramea River McHenry’s picnic spot and also updated the Committee on Hakataramea Catchment work and details of their funding request. The Committee acknowledged the excellent work being made by the HSC.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2023/4

Moved: Cr Jim Hopkins
Seconded: Bruce Murphy

That the Zone Committee receive the update and considers the HSC funding request.

CARRIED

5.5 KNOW YOUR CATCHMENT PROJECT UPDATE

Fraser McKenzie updated the Committee on the Know Your Catchment Project. Frustrations with the IT service provider, staffing shortages delaying completion of automatic updating feature. Concerns some sites may no longer be monitored by ECan and the lack of data from ORC. It is hugely important to have the underlying data, non-political that will drive decision making.

5.6 STRAWBERRY FARE REPORT

Very successful day with little cost.

The Committee agreed this was a good place to educate as it was different and targeted people that wouldn’t be ordinarily attend more water-specific type gatherings and suggested it would be helpful to be alongside an appropriate Waimate District Council’s site.

There could also be a possibility to involve/have information on other linked organisations such as Hakataramea Sustainability Collective, Waihao Wainono Catchment Group.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2023/5

Moved: Cr Jim Hopkins
Seconded: Fraser McKenzie

That the Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Water Zone Committee accepts this report and resolves to host a double site at Strawberry Fare in December 2023, preferably neighbouring with a local authority or similar group.

CARRIED

Note:

The Facilitator will contact the Strawberry Fare Committee and book the sites in an appropriate location.

5.7 COMMITTEE UPDATE

Friday 31 March – Southern Zone Committee Hui being planned at Waihao Marae. Members encouraged to attend.

Rangitata Revival Project draft plan out for consultation circa April/May. Ashburton and OTOP Zone Committees looking at doing field trip, and this may be open to other Committees.

Lower Waitaki Catchment Project funding request for \$2,000 will be discussed in relation to priorities at the workshop and will be brought to the Committee for formal resolution at the next meeting.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2023/6

Moved: Cr Waitaki District Council Jim Hopkins
Seconded: Deputy Chairperson Jakki Guilford

That the Lower Waitaki Zone Committee receive the Committee Update Report and provide feedback.

CARRIED

MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Acting Chair closed the meeting at 2.38pm with a closing karakia.

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

Notes of the Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Water Zone Committee Workshop 15 February 2023

1. Action Plan Objectives

The Committee will review the Action Plan objectives early in the new financial year (probably July) to remove duplication, simplify and reassess priorities.

Action: Dave to programme into calendar

2. Strawberry Fare

A.P. Dave to book double site for 2023, closer to Waimate DC.

Update: Site booked 1 March. Unable to be closer to Waimate DC but have the same site as 2022, which has good sunlight for the solar panels on the Stormwater Superheroes trailer.

Look at involving other groups either present with us or having their information. E.g. HSC, WWCCG

3. Advertise that LWZC has funding available

Action: Dave to discuss with Environment Canterbury Communications team.

Update: Draft Facebook post included in the Committee report for 8 March ZC meeting

4. Waimate Conservation Trust

Action: Dave to remind Andrew Oliver to follow up on an audit of all groups doing conservation work in the area.

Update: Dave has reminded to Andrew

5. Northern streams Catchment Group

Mike Burnett from Catchments Collective South Canterbury gave a presentation on the proposed 'Physiographics' project which will focus on the OTOP Zone. The committee agreed that it would be good for the project to extend into the Northern Streams area of the Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone, and that this could spark interest in forming a catchment group in the Northern Streams area.

Cr Cain noted that the Waihao Wainono Catchment Community Group have been looking at a Pod group. Suggested talking to Colin Hurst.

Action: Victoria Magazinovic to talk with Bruce Murphy, who previously had a contact list of interested farmers in the area, re initiating discussions again.

6. Te Puna a maru

Action: Dave to contact Kelly Governor, project manager, regarding funding needs. Complete, funding request in agenda for 8 March 2023.

7. Linking Agenda Items to Action Plan objectives

The Committee agreed with Jakki Guilford's idea of indicating which Action Plan objective(s) agenda papers relate to.

Action: Dave to action this on future agenda papers.

8. Funding Requests Information

The Committee wish to see more detailed information in funding requests. Dave explained that there is a funding request form which gives that detail. Funding requests for the March meeting will utilise that form.

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