



MINUTES

Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee Meeting

8 March 2023

**MINUTES OF THE LOWER WAITAKI SOUTH COASTAL CANTERBURY ZONE COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WAIMATE DISTRICT COUNCIL, 125 QUEEN
STREET, WAIMATE ON WEDNESDAY 8 MARCH 2023, COMMENCING AT 1:00PM**

PRESENT: Chair Michael Mcmillan, Waimate Councillor Sharyn Cain, ECan Councillor David East, Community Member Jen Fellowes, Community Member Victoria Magazinovic, Community Member Jonnie Rutherford

APOLOGIES: Deputy Chairperson Jakki Guilford, Community Member Fraser McKenzie, Community Member Bruce Murphy, Community Member Brent Packman, Moeraki Runaka Representative Keiran Whyte

ABSENT: Waihao Runaka Suzanne Eddington, Waitaki Councillor Jim Hopkins,

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

OPENING

Chair Michael opened the meeting with a karakia and welcomed members.

1 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2023/7

Moved: Cr Sharyn Cain

Seconded: Jen Fellowes

That apologies from Jakki Guilford, Fraser McKenzie, Bruce Murphy, Brent Packman, Keiran Whyte, and Susanne Eddington be received and accepted.

CARRIED

2 VISITORS

Federated Farmers Colin Hurst

Via Microsoft teams: DoC John Benn (via zoom), Waitaki District Council governance staff Ainslee Hooper and Tina Oakes.

The Facilitator and Chair thanked and presented a farewell card and flowers to Waimate District Council secretary Karalyn Reid, noting that the administration and secretarial assistance for the next three years will be undertaken by the Waitaki District Council.

The Chair welcomed Environmental Canterbury Councillor, David East to the Committee.

3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST/DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

MINUTES

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**4.1 MINUTES OF THE LOWER WAITAKI SOUTH COASTAL CANTERBURY ZONE
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15 FEBRUARY 2023**

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2023/8

Moved: Cr Sharyn Cain

Seconded: Victoria Magazinic

That the Minutes of the Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee Meeting held on 15 February 2023 be adopted as a true and correct record, with the minor amendments.

CARRIED

Amendments:

5.3: Councillors Update: Spelling corrections to words: Instructions, unpalatable, government, infrastructure.

REPORTS

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS REGISTER

No additions or amendments noted.

5.2 TE REO WORDS

Chair Michael explained the background of the food source words:

- Kāuru (root of the cabbage tree)
- Aruhe (rhizome of the bracken fern), and a popular Māori saying
- Whakataukī (I am you, and you are me)

Note: There was a reminder to add the karakia into future agendas, as agreed at the February meeting.

**5.3 COUNCILLORS UPDATE - ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY (ECAN)
/WAIMATE/WAITAKI**

Cr David East

- Gave a summary of his working background and interest in water quality, catchment management and coastal issues
- ECan have completed the induction process and are beginning into 'business as usual'
- Resource Management Act and Local Government Reform submissions
- Commencing Annual Plan process. Looking at 10% rate rise which is creating angst amongst some sections of the community. Need for extra funding for catchment repairs, especially in the Ashburton area
- Keen to look at areas of greatest risk for flooding and water quality, and focus as a priority
- A general discussion followed about catchment boundaries and issues. The Zone ZIP hasn't been reviewed for some time. High Level Priorities and the action plan is

established from the ZIP. The Committee agreed in July review the action plan. Catchment groups are also identifying issues in their areas. Further discussion on a combined hui.

Cr Sharyn Cain

- Waihao Wainono Catchment Community Group update:
 - (i) A successful meeting was held at Waihao Forks with buy in from almost all landowners, with a decision to use the funding (\$4,000 Zone Committee, \$6,000 ECan, plus landowner contributions) efficiently for quick gains on a managed (from the air) willow control proposal. A report will come back to the Zone Committee and a business plan.
 - (ii) Planting day in April (date TBC) – there has been an offer from ANZ Timaru staff for their day off to assisting in planting day.
- Further reduction in nitrate levels at the Lower Waihao Scheme at Glenavy, with the plant successfully commissioned. The Notice was lifted weeks ago, but Council is still offering options for any people concerned.
- Concern for the Government's Water Reform National Transition Unit staff recruitment going to be huge issue for Council, not just for water staff but also support staff.
- The Mayor and Deputy Mayor are working on accelerating resilience planning around waterways and recently met with Mackenzie District Council Mayor and Deputy Mayor. Discussions are underway about possible emergency powers in an event (i.e., farmers being able to use large machinery to clear waterways, culverts) and sharing resources to build capacity.
- Waimate Council also are submitting to reforms.
- A discussion was held on the potential for major devastating weather events (such as Cyclone Gabrielle) and need for 'EOC powers' to enable larger machinery to be used to clear debris, etc to avoid major infrastructure damage. It was agreed there is a need for larger community meetings to come up with local solutions.

5.4 COMMITTEE UPDATE – FACILITATOR DAVE MOORE

- Moeraki rūnaka rep Kieran Whyte has resigned from the Committee, and the Moeraki Rūnanga office has been approached for a replacement member. A thank you card was circulated to be sent to Kieran.
- A discussion was held around the changeover of facilitating Council for the Lower Waitaki SCC Zone Committee. Waimate District Council's HR Manager emailed members seeking permissions to share member's contact details. Waitaki Council's Governance and Policy Advisor Ainslee Hooper advised she will email separate forms to be completed and emailed back to ensure the remuneration continues.
- A discussion was held around venue of future meetings and catering. It was decided that lunch was not necessary, rather tea and coffee (and fruit) would be available before and after the meeting, and it was preferred meetings would be held in Waimate at the Waimate Event Centre, subject to availability. However the May meeting will be at the Waitaki District Council in order to familiarise the Committee with the new Council.
- Strawberry Fare: It was noted the need to increase publicity.
- Communications re Action Plan Funding – feedback from Committee:
 - The Waitaki Valley Biodiversity Project – helping children from Waitaki Valley School learn how to grow and maintain (not look after) native plants
 - "If involved in environmental work in the lower Waitaki" (add in specific locations as many people are unaware of the zone's location)
 - Check permission to use photo

5.5 LOWER WAITAKI ZONE COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN BUDGET

The Zone Committee were asked to start the process of allocating funding, with a short meeting in April also in order to consider further projects to ensure the allocated budget could be spent this financial year.

The Committee discussed a cultural workshop at the Waihao Marae and/or a cultural field trip, similar to the one held in 2022, and opened up to the community. They also discussed community-run treaty courses through Treaty Educator Sharon Annett.

It was agreed members email the facilitator expressing their preference.

The Committee discussed the responsibility of measuring project outcomes and the Zone Committee's role in projects receiving Zone Committee funding.

Jonnie Rutherford agreed to summarise her concerns around the success of funded projects and email the facilitator.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2023/9

Moved: Jonnie Rutherford

Seconded: Cr David East

That the Hakataramea Sustainability Collective application for \$10,000 will be considered again in April after the facilitator goes back for further clarification.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Jen Fellowes

Seconded: Jonnie Rutherford

That the Lower Waitaki Zone Committee recommends \$11,605 (excluding GST) be allocated to Te Runanga o Moeraki, being plant guards for the Te Puna a Maru Project.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sharyn Cain

Seconded: Victoria Magazinic

That the Lower Waitaki Zone Committee recommends \$2,000 be allocated to hold a one-day Te Tiriti / Treaty of Waitangi Workshop through Sharon Annett – Treaty Education in the Lower Waitaki Zone, and open to the community.

Against: Cr East.

CARRIED

GENERAL: COLIN HURST (FEDERATED FARMERS)

Colin Hurst spoke to the Zone Committee as Federated Farmers Arable Industry Chair and National Spokesperson on National Freshwater, and on Hazardous Substances, outlining the main points:

- Federated Farmers have 30 policy people actively submitting on and feeding into regional plans and other legislation
- Currently involved in assisting with the devastation in the North Island. There are approximately 700 Farmy Army volunteers on stand-by

- Made application to the Ministry of Environment for special powers (similar to the Christchurch earthquakes) for consents to be waived for emergency work such as repairs to culverts, and stock movements
- Zone Committee need to be aware of (and read) Plan Change 3 ZIP and Plan Change 5, which have had significant input from many stakeholders, and which contains targets for water quality, cultural issues, allocation of nutrients.
- Would welcome the opportunity for a treaty workshop
- There is a desire to get a Makikihi Catchment Group established, however there needs to be professional support. The Zone Committee discussed possibly funding a facilitator, with Victoria, Bruce, Dave and Sharyn to meet with Colin further to move the idea forward.

MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 3.16pm with a 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