

**MINUTES OF THE 117th MEETING OF THE SELWYN WAIHORA ZONE COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE TAI TAPU COMMUNITY CENTRE ON
MONDAY 13 MARCH 2023 COMMENCING AT 4PM**

Meeting Agenda

Item	Time	Description
		<i>Public meeting begins</i>
1	4.00 pm (15 min)	Meeting commences with Karakia and formal order of business: <i>Chair</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome • Apologies • Identification of Urgent General Business • Register of Interests review • Confirmation of minutes 13 February 2023 • Public contribution • Correspondence
2	4.15 pm (30 min)	Te Ara Kākāriki – project for Action Plan Budget consideration <i>Presentation from Te Ara Kākāriki (TAK) on their work and a proposal for the Zone Committees consideration for funding support. The presenters are Letitia Lum and Lou Drage from TAK.</i>
3	4.45 pm (40 min)	Ellesmere Sustainable Agriculture Incorporated – projects for Action Plan Budget consideration <i>Presentation from Ellesmere Sustainable Agriculture Incorporated (ESAI) about their work; and two proposals for the Zone Committee's consideration for funding support. The presenters are Johanna Blakely, Project Coordinator and David Hewson, Project Manager from ESAI.</i>
4	5.25 pm (15 min)	Action Plan Budget initiatives considerations <i>Opportunity for Zone Committee to formally consider and make decisions on the initiatives presented to the Zone Committee in respect of their Zone Committee Action Plan Budget FY22/23.</i>
5	5.40 pm (10 min)	Committee updates – for information <i>Updates including Selwyn nitrogen loss reduction campaign work; CWMS Committees Forums – North and South – Save the Date; Bioblitz at Muriwai o Whata/Coopers Lagoon; Drinking water nitrate testing paper; 17 April Zone Committee meeting; and Environment Canterbury Draft Annual Plan 2023/24.</i>
6	5.50 pm (10 min)	General Business <i>Any items confirmed by the committee for follow up or information.</i>
	6.00 pm	Meeting closed with Karakia

PRESENT

Les Wanhalla (Te Rūnanga o Taumutu / Chair); Councillor Vicky Southworth (Environment Canterbury Regional Council); Councillor Sophie McInnes (Selwyn District Council); James Booker (Community Member, online); Karaitiana Taiuru (Te Rūnanga o Koukourarata); Khan McKay (Community Member); Matt Dodson (Community Member / Deputy Chair, online); Helen Troy (Community Member, online); Allanah Kidd (Community Member) and Tayla Nelson-Tuhuru (Rāpaki Rūnanga)

IN ATTENDANCE

Murray Griffin (Team Leader CWMS Facilitation, Environment Canterbury), Jaimee Grant (Facilitator, Environment Canterbury), Therese Davel (Committee Advisor, Selwyn District Council) and John Benn (Department of Conservation).

Les Wanhalla welcomed everyone, and Jaimee Grant opened with a karakia.

APOLOGIES

No apologies received.

Moved – Les Wanhalla / **Seconded** – Karaitiana Taiuru

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

CARRIED

IDENTIFICATION OF URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS

None.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No changes to the register were noted.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the 116th Meeting of the Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee (Water Management) held on Monday 13 February 2023

Moved – Councillor McInnes / **Seconded** – Khan McKay

‘That the minutes of the 116th meeting of the Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee (Water Management) held on Monday 13 February 2023 be confirmed as circulated.’

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None received.

REPORTS

1. Te Ara Kākāriki – project for Action Plan Budget consideration

Letitia Lum and Lou Drage from Te Ara Kākāriki (TAK) presented noting that TAK was founded in 2005. The interest in planting was very strong from schools, farmers, and other landowners. Applications open in May each year with approximately 36 applications received per year.

The volunteer programme has held 9 plantout days this year with 450 participants across the days. The public are provided with everything they need from spades to plants and gloves, with lunch and transport also provided.

TAK would like to do more but it comes down to funding, which is why they would appreciate the zone committee's support.

In respect of Kids Discovery Plantout Days, TAK noted kids plant very well and there were good survival rates for the plants with an average of 97% survival 8 months on from planting.

A brief discussion about signage was undertaken with Chairperson Les Wanhalla noting it would be nice to add to any future signs, that funding was contributed by the Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee.

The Chair thanked the presenters for the work they have been doing so far.

Moved – Councillor Vicky Southworth / Seconded – Karaitiana Taiuru

'That the Zone Committee:

- **Receives** the information on Te Ara Kākāriki Greenway Canterbury Trust, and the Kids Discovery Plantout Day – Te Motu o Ahuriri, in consideration of their Action Plan Budget for FY2022/23.'

CARRIED

2. Ellesmere Sustainable Agriculture Incorporated – projects for Action Plan Budget consideration

David Birkett, Kerry Barnett, David Hewson, and Johanna Blakely all presented on the Ellesmere Sustainable Agriculture Incorporated (ESAI) funding application.

The group provided a brief history of how ESAI was established. They noted most farmers in the area they work in were generational with mainly mixed farming – dairy, arable and sheep farming.

It was noted that education was a key focus and ESAI sponsor Gateway students from Ellesmere College along with planting days. Students are taught why they are planting and the positive outcomes that come with planting.

ESAI also provide employment which allows them teach others, providing them with the necessary skills in weed or pest control which can lead to them becoming contractors or start their own businesses.

ESAI currently had 42 restoration projects at the moment, and hopefully this will soon increase to 60. They run a trap library with 80 traps for land owners to borrow for trapping, while also working with Predator Free Banks Peninsula and Taumutu Marae.

Funding for their restoration projects was drying up. J Blakely provided some statistics on the number of plants and land area where planting was done.

They summarised their rationale for funding as that they wanted to:

- Continue the momentum for restoration;
- Work with and upskill farmers; and
- Create link between farmers and planting.

In response to a Councillor Southworth's query around contractor rates for ESAI and TAK projects, ESAI noted the two operations are different. ESAI pay contractors to do the work so they are not relying on farmers or staff. TAK had its own staff and that made a big difference.

They added that landowners contribute to the projects which gives them a sense of ownership and they are more likely to maintain the plantings on site.

Moved - Karaitiana Taiuru / **Seconded** - Tayla Nelson-Tuhuru

'That the Zone Committee:

- 1) **Receives** the information on Ellesmere Sustainable Agriculture Incorporated; and the Tinaku Project Coordination Support and Corbetts Road Wetland Planting Projects, in consideration of their Action Plan Budget for FY2022/23.'

CARRIED

3. Action Plan Budget initiatives considerations

J Grant told the committee this was an opportunity for them to make a decision as to whether they wanted to support or not support the projects, or seek further information.

M Griffin noted to the Committee that hiring nitrate testing kits rather than purchasing was the preference of the Waimakariri Zone Committee. It would allow committees to trial its use. The Waimakariri Zone Committee was looking to take this approach and can work in conjunction with this Committee.

Matt Dodson commented about the long-term maintenance and security of the kits which needs to be considered. Hiring means this responsibility would not sit with zone committees.

Action: Staff would prepare more information on a testing system and have a paper for the Committee's consideration at a future meeting.

Moved - Les Wanhalla / **Seconded** - Karaitiana Taiuru

'That the Zone Committee:

- **Receives** the updates on the Boat Creek Reserve Native Restoration Project and the Nitrate Testing Equipment proposal; and
- **Confirms** for initiatives 1-4 below, whether the Zone Committee:
 - a. **Supports** the project to be recommended for funding using the Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee Action Plan Budget; or
 - b. ~~**Requests further information** on the initiative before making a decision to support or not support a recommendation to fund using the Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee Action Plan Budget; or~~
 - c. ~~**Does not support** the project be recommended for funding using the Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee Action Plan Budget.~~

Initiatives (each voted on separately):

- 1) Boat Creek Reserve - \$12,000 (Moved – Councillor McInnes / Seconded - Khan McKay)
- 2) Te Ara Kākāriki Kids Discovery Plantout Day – Te Motu o Ahuriri - \$8,756 (Moved – Councillor Southworth / Seconded – Allanah Kidd)
- 3) ESAI Project Coordination Support - \$10,000 (Moved – Les Wanhalla / Seconded – James Booker [Councillor Southworth abstained])
- 4) ESAI Corbetts Wetland Restoration Project - \$12,970 (Moved Khan McKay / Seconded – Karaitiana Taiuru)

CARRIED

4. Committee Updates – for information

M Griffin told the Committee they would be part of the CWMS Committees Northern Forum meeting scheduled for Monday, 27 March 2023 at Rāpaki Marae.

Councillor Southworth noted to the Committee that Environment Canterbury's Draft Annual Plan was now open for community feedback until 3 April. She talked about what funding was proposed to be increased slightly. L Wanhalla handed out a document from

a member of the Ashburton Zone Committee with a list of what sponsorships were available for biodiversity.

J Benn from Department of Conservation and Councillor McInnes from Selwyn District Council both indicated there was a lot of information already available on websites. Councillor McInnes agreed to have a first cut at creating something similar for the Selwyn Waihora zone.

In response to a query, J Grant noted the CWMS Regional Committee would be stood up in the future once some issues have been addressed. Rūnanga representatives will be appointed in due course and a work programme set.

Councillor McInnes said that Selwyn District Council will soon release its Draft Annual Plan.

M Dodson noted the interesting meeting he had on 28 February with the Rakaia Enhancement Fund Committee. Because they have a very high level for a quorum (i.e. 6 out of 8 agencies having to be present to even consider funding) it was difficult to find a suitable date for everyone and suggested an alternate be appointed. James Booker said that he would be willing to be Matt's alternate.

Moved - Les Wanhalla / **Seconded** – Matt Dodson

'That James Booker be agreed as alternate to Matt Dodson on the Rakaia Enhancement Fund Committee.'

CARRIED

J Grant said that Hamish Jones was quite keen to get the committee up to Boat Creek to see what they're doing.

Action: J Grant to do a survey with different options and dates for the committee to choose from. This could include having the site visit to Boat Creek between 2pm – 4pm and then the formal meeting at the Little Rakaia Huts Community Hall, all on the same day.

Moved - Matt Dodson / **Seconded** - Les Wanhalla

'That the Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee receives these updates for its information and approval.'

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

Action: staff to follow up with Christchurch City Council representative as to meeting attendance.

Jaimee Grant led the karakia to close the meeting.

The meeting closed at 5.48pm



CHAIRPERSON

17-04-23
DATE