

# **MINUTES**

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

**Monday, 13 February 2023**

**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, 13 February 2023 at 1pm**

**Present:** Glen Smith (Chairperson), Chris Konings (Deputy Chairperson), Clr Tom O'Connor, Clr Michelle Pye, Clr Deon Swiggs, Clr Phillipa Guerin

**In Attendance:** John Benn (Department of Conservation), Rhys Taylor (Community Engagement Facilitator, Environment Canterbury), Andrew Oliver (Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Zone Water Committee & Upper Waitaki Zone Facilitator, Environment Canterbury), David Moore (Zone Facilitator, Environment Canterbury), Gina Slee (Southern Zone Lead, Environment Canterbury), Nicki Jenkins (Senior Land Management Advisor, Environment Canterbury), Jessica Kavanaugh (Governance Advisor, Timaru District Council)

## **1 Opening Karakia**

*Andrew Oliver conducted the opening Karakia*

## **2 Apologies**

### **2.1 Apologies**

### **Resolution 2023/1**

Moved: Glen Smith

Seconded: Clr Michelle Pye

That the apology of Bailey Lissington, Bryan Bassett-Smith, John Henry and Suzanne Eddington be received and accepted

**Carried**

## **3 Public Forum**

Rhys Taylor (Community Engagement Facilitator, Environment Canterbury) spoke to the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee to update the Committee on the Biodiversity Project through the Sustainable South Canterbury Trust. There has been discussion with the Ministry of Environment who are interested in funding a one year pilot project and the potential interest in the Zone Committee due to the connections of the groups.

## **4 Identification of Items of Urgent Business**

Tom O'Connor (Well water checks) discussed at item 9.5.

## **5 Identification of Matters of a Minor Nature**

No matters of a minor nature were raised.

**6 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

No conflicts of interest were declared.

**7 Chairperson's Report****7.1 Chairperson's Report**

No report was provided.

**8 Confirmation of Minutes****8.1 Minutes of the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee Meeting held on 5 December 2022****Resolution 2023/2**

Moved: Clr Phillipa Guerin

Seconded: Chris Konings

That the Minutes of the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee Meeting held on 5 December 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting and that the Chairperson's electronic signature be attached.

**Carried**

**9 Reports****9.1 Te Ahi Tarakihi – Habitat Survey**

Andrew Oliver (Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Zone Water Committee & Upper Waitaki Zone Facilitator, Environment Canterbury) spoke to the report to discuss with the Committee the allocation of half of the \$10,492.80 (\$5,246.40) from the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee budget to Environment Canterbury for Te Ahi Tarakihi.

It is advised the Te Ahi Tarakihi has also found another funding stream since the last meeting held on 05 December 2022, therefore only requires half of the funding amount.

Discussion included; Testing the water at the source, the cost of the tests, importance of correct signage to promote education, targets required to enable measurable success.

**Resolution 2023/3**

Moved: Clr Tom O'Connor

Seconded: Clr Michelle Pye

That the OTOP Zone Committee receives this report.

**Carried**

## 9.2 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 to discuss with the Committee the allocation of \$3,000 from the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee budget for two sessions at Te Ana Maori Rock Art Centre and associated field trip to a Rock Art Site for committee members, public and invited Catchment Collective South Canterbury members.

Discussion included the advertisement of the trip to get the material communicated done by each member providing 3-5 contacts to make a data base. Also, the benefit of this compared to the benefit of some of the other projects that are brought to this Committee, the discussion around the ability to make more context for decisions around this area if members are aware of the background in relation to mana whenua.

### Resolution 2023/4

Moved: Glen Smith

Seconded: Chris Konings

That the OTOP Zone Committee receives this report.

**Carried**

## 9.3 Te tiriti Course

Andrew Oliver (Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Zone Water Committee & Upper Waitaki Zone Facilitator, Environment Canterbury) spoke to the report to discuss with the Committee the allocation of \$6,000 from the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee budget to sponsor four, one day community treaty workshops during May to July for individuals and organisations primarily associated with our Action Plan goals.

Discussion included that a one day course is supported due to two days being more constraining for people to attend, importance of community engagement and relationship building, Feedback from previous courses has been positive.

### Resolution 2023/5

Moved: Clr Deon Swiggs

Seconded: Clr Phillipa Guerin

1. That the OTOP Zone Committee receives this report.

**Carried**

## 9.4 Kakahu Phosphorus Management Project

Rhys Taylor (Community Engagement Facilitator, Environment Canterbury) spoke to the report to discuss with the Committee the allocation of \$11,500 - \$16015 from the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee budget towards the Kakahu Phosphorus Management Project.

It is advised there is a second study being done by Tim Davie (Environment Canterbury) which includes Opuha Water and the infrastructure they use.

Background for this report is the consents used to be held with the land owners, and Environment Canterbury are having to take over before the consents expire, The committee is not comfortable

for this being fully funded as the land owners benefit greatly from this. These sediment traps have worked well in the Otago region as long as they can be maintained. It is confirmed the Ministry or Primary Industries mapping project will include Kakahu.

### **Resolution 2023/6**

Moved: Clr Michelle Pye

Seconded: Chris Konings

That the OTOP Zone Committee receives this report.

**Carried**

## **9.5 Well Water Checks**

Andrew Oliver (Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Zone Water Committee & Upper Waitaki Zone Facilitator, Environment Canterbury) spoke to the report to discuss with the Committee the allocation of \$2,000 (depending on the number of approved events) for timetabled 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 run conjointly with the Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee.

It is discussed amongst the Committee the importance of using this as an educational event alongside the water testing to engage with the wider community, it is suggested this could include guest speakers. Also, this to be recorded as a webinar to have a long standing resource.

### **Resolution 2023/7**

Moved: Clr Tom O'Connor

Seconded: Clr Deon Swiggs

That the OTOP Zone Committee receives this report.

**Carried**

Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Zone Water Committee adjourned for a break at 2.23pm

Resumed at 2.44pm

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

Mark Adams (Catchments Collective South Canterbury and Rhys Taylor (Community Engagement Facilitator, Environment Canterbury, speaking as an advisor to Catchments Collective South Canterbury Society) spoke to the report to discuss with the Committee the allocation of \$10,000 from the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee budget to the Catchments Collective South Canterbury.

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

It is advised to the committee that there are nine catchments and one emerging catchment, there are various funding bids currently being worked on, the importance of working together to understand the characteristics of the catchments. The reason the previous fund allocation was not picked up is due to the constraints that were reliant on landing other funding. The Catchment Collective South Canterbury is wanting to engage approximately three farmer leaders from each catchment to go through training to better engage with local Runanga.

It is discussed this funding is not required on top of the eDNA kits in item 9.7.

**Resolution 2023/8**

Moved: Clr Michelle Pye

Seconded: Chris Konings

That the OTOP Zone Committee receives this report.

**Carried**

**9.7 eDNA kits**

Mark Adams (Catchments Collective South Canterbury and Rhys Taylor (Community Engagement Facilitator, Environment Canterbury, speaking as an advisor to Catchments Collective South Canterbury Society) spoke to the report to discuss with the Committee the allocation of \$8,000 from the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee budget to Environment Canterbury for E-DNA testing kits to be used as part of the Catchment Collective South Canterbury water evaluation and management alongside a MP funded project.

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

The E-DNA testing kits identifies the families of species that are present in the water and provides snapshots of the area being tested. It is a way to engage with the rural communities regarding what is in their waterways. Interacting with schools to help educate the next generation. An indication of the water quality though these tests can be done by the composition of the steam and species that are identified.

Based on other areas who have successfully undertaken this testing it can help communities understand increased nitrogen in the water which some farmers have reconsidered their farming system.

**Resolution 2023/9**

Moved: Chris Konings

Seconded: Clr Michelle Pye

That the OTOP Zone Committee receives this report.

**Carried**

**9.8 Committee Update**

Andrew Oliver (Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Zone Water Committee & Upper Waitaki Zone Facilitator, Environment Canterbury) spoke to the report to provide an update to the Committee.

Councillors' and Environment Canterbury discussed the potential allocation of the budget.

It is discussed the importance of Iwi engagement and that there should be budget tagged, and the importance of the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Zone Water Committee facilitating this. The funding options for the Kakahu Phosphorus Management Project and the benefit of allocating the full funds required.

It was noted that Glen Smith is the Vice Chair and Treasurer of the CCSC group and stepped down as Chairperson, Chris Konings took over as chair for the discussion and decision on the budget allocation for item 9.6 and 9.7.

Discussion included the allocation to be made and amendments to the project description to include E-DNA kits, also that the training should not replicate the training to be facilitated by Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Zone Water Committee.

Further discussions in the around the members included; Climate Change Advisory Group, Coastal inundation, Contact for engagement, 2023 Calendar and unavailability of the Timaru District Council Chambers to be held elsewhere possibility Arowhenua Marae and the workshop on 06 March, Taumatakahu Stream update.

An update from Waitarakou Wasdyke Working Group was provided by Chris Konings.

### **Resolution 2023/10**

Moved: Chris Konings

Seconded: Clr Phillipa Guerin

1. That the OTOP Zone Committee receives this report.

**Carried**

### **Resolution 2023/11**

Moved: Glen Smith

Seconded: Clr Michelle Pye

That the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Zone Water approve the recommendation to allocate \$5,246.40 to Environment Canterbury for the Te Ahi Tarakihi project.

**.Carried**

### **Resolution 2023/12**

Moved: Glen Smith

Seconded: Chris Konings

That the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Zone Water approve the recommendation to allocate \$16,025 for the Kakahu Phosphorus Management Project.

**Carried**

### **Resolution 2023/13**

Moved: Chris Konings

Seconded: Clr Michelle Pye

That the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Zone Water reconfirm the recommendation to allocate \$10,000 to the Catchments Collective South Canterbury and amend the project description to include E-DNA kits.

**Carried**

**10 Consideration of Urgent Business Items**

Tom O'Connor (Well water checks) discussed at item 9.5.

**11 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters**

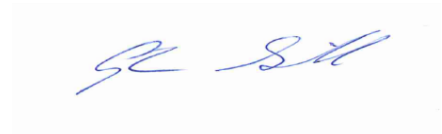
No matters of a minor nature were raised.

**12 Closure Karakia**

*Clr Tom O'Connor conducted the closing Karakia.*

**The Meeting closed at. 4.15pm**

Minutes Confirmed 03 April 2023



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**Chairperson**