

# MINUTES OF THE KAIKŌURA WATER ZONE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 28 APRIL 2023 AT 13.00 PM AT KAIKŌURA DISTRICT COUNCIL CHAMBERS

**PRESENT:** Ted Howard (Chair), Gina Solomon, Des Bolton, Nicky McArthur, Clint McConchie, Tony Blunt & Maia Kahu.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Jaimee Grant, Jodie Hoggard, Murray Griffin (Environment Canterbury Zone Facilitators), Gayle McMillan (Kaikōura District Council - minutes), Teri Sonal via Microsoft Teams as well as David Hill from North Canterbury News

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## 1. ORDER OF BUSINESS

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Grant Edge (Environment Canterbury), Robby Roche, John Murray & Ari Boyd

## REGISTER OF INTEREST

- G Solomon property shares in Beaton Farm, Oaro, Kaikōura to be removed.
- T Howard & N McArthur both had changes to make and will send through.
- LAMIA threshold was discussed.

**ACTION** – Nicky and Ted to send appropriate changes through to Jodie for amending.

## 2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK

No public in attendance

## 3. GENERAL BUSINESS

### MATTERS ARISING AND ACTIONS:

The Matters Arising and Actions were reviewed by the Committee. There were no comments from the Members.

## CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

## RESOLUTION

*THAT the Committee:*

- (a) *Confirms as a true and correct record, the circulated minutes of the meeting of Kaikōura Water Zone Committee held on 24 February 2023.*

Moved: Cr T Blunt

Seconded: D Bolton

(Subject to correcting the typo, third to last paragraph).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Jodie also briefly discussed an update on the **relationship with the Water Zone committee and Kaikoura District Council** and welcomed Gayle to the meeting for taking the minutes.

- KDC are happy to continue to provide the minute taking function and provide the meeting room etc. However due to staff capacity etc, 2 – 2.5 hours maximum is available for minute taking, for meetings only, not workshops.
- Food is to be eaten in the Kawakawa room only, no food in the chambers.

J Hoggard also noted a thank you to Jaimee Grant and Murray Griffin for their support to date and acknowledge the extra workload they would have been carrying as she transitioned into the role.

G Solomon raised a discussion around **mahinga kai** and that there are several families who gather from the local rivers, still using mahinga kai gathering techniques as an everyday part of life. Rising living costs were noted, making collecting/foraging more of a realistic means of getting food for the family. Sadly, there will be areas that are subject to spray programmes/weed control. It was talked about how raising the awareness of mahinga kai methods would encourage a wider community understanding of this particular cultural way – for some, it's just like going to the supermarket. There is a need to protect the importance of the water resource by sharing the stories. G Solomon talked about a local whanau who promote this way of life and might be open to educating further – 'Kaelah's Wild Kai Kitchen' on facebook.

It could be good to make use of snippets of info in the 'Minute with Marco' & 'Ted Talks'.  
Is there scope to deliver something to the community, to connect Kaelah & Makarini?  
The watercress garden was again discussed.

**ACTION** – Jodie to ascertain timeframes of these set comms outputs. When is the next one due?

**ACTION:** Jodie to follow up with Makarini on mahinga kai and the watercress garden concept - work with A Boyd.

C Mc Conchie noted he would really appreciate having Makarini Rupene, ECan's Pou Matai Ko come and deliver his **mahinga kai talk to the committee**. He is aware some will have heard him deliver his talk before, however Clint has not. He acknowledges the big role Makarini has and some push back he gets, so would like to see where the Runanga can support Makarini more in his role.

**ACTION** – Jodie to arrange Makarini to present to the committee.

**Kaikoura Dark Skys** – an upcoming week long programme was discussed, around the Plan Change coming up for consultation soon.

**ACTION** – Nicky to send Jodie the electronic programme for inserting into the minutes and for distribution where able.

#### 4. ZONE COMMITTEE YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENT 2023

The Committee agreed to the appointment of Maia Kahu.

#### RESOLUTION

*That the Kaikōura Water Zone Committee appoints Maia Kahu as the Youth Representative on the Kaikōura Water Zone Committee for 2023.*

Moved: Cr T Blunt

Seconded: T Howard

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Welcome to Maia, we look forward to having her on board.

#### 5. ZONE DELIVERY ACTION PLAN INITIATIVES

- Puhi Peaks Funded Trapping update – taken as read, not further info to add.
- Waiau Toa/Clarence River Rafting Trapline
  - H Melville noted the project was progressing and has had some good catch ups with Jordie. He is looking to put all catch data in trap.nz app. H Melville has finalised the traps to use and spoken to the KK Men's Shed who will construct them. Keen to try the cat traps where they come in through the roof which are being used successfully in Waiau Toa and the Charwell.
- Hāpuku Catchment Collective – year 2
  - M Melville noted progressing at joining the dots up in Hāpuku area. Looks like will have buy in on private land so there is capacity for more \$\$ to be received.
  - J Hoggard is able to help coordinate with Heath, where able
  - Cathedral Bells vine found in DOC reserve which would be a bad thing if allowed to establish. DOC are addressing but sounds like there will need to be a lot of follow up work.
- Seaweek and Beach clean ups
  - Reduced output as Sport Tasman did not have a coordinator this year to produce the amazing programme as was on offer last year.
  - J Hoggard noted she has emailed all those involved last year to see if there is interest in a more coordinated approach again for next year.
  - T Blunt noted that KDC has funding in place for a new full time Sports Tasman staff person, so likely more input available again
  - Desiree noted it was better having the schools BBQ after the day then on the beach.
  - N McArthur noted the Seaward Lions were involved and had a data base

**ACTION:** N McArthur will get Seaward Lions data to J Hoggard

#### RESOLUTION

*That the Kaikōura Water Zone Committee receive these updates for its information and in consideration of the Kaikōura Zone Committee's 2021-2024 Action Plan.*

Moved: T Blunt  
Seconded: T Howard

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **6. COMMUNITY PROJECTS UPDATE**

An update was provided to the Committee by J Hoggard & H Melville.

- Opportunity for industry collaboration
  - o J Hoggard discussed the opportunities going forward to collaborate with industry partners around water quality and the messages each industry is trying to get out to farmers & landowners
  - o Just for the committee's information but opportunities will be sought where able
  - o G Solomon noted a good example of DOC & Runanga collaboration
  
- Mill Road staged riparian planting project
  - o J Hoggard outlined the project as per the paper on the agenda
  - o The Committee noted their interest in the project outline and happy to receive a paper at the following meeting.
  - o **ACTION – P Bradshaw / J Hoggard to provide a proposal to the May committee meeting**
  
- School House Rd / KK Suburban School project opportunity
  - o Again, for information, but J Hoggard discussed the project proposal and benefits/connections it could make
  - o The Committee noted their interest in the project outline and happy to receive a paper at the following meeting.
  - o **ACTION – P Bradshaw / J Hoggard to provide a proposal to the May committee meeting.**

## **RESOLUTION**

*That the Kaikōura Water Zone Committee receive the updates provided by Zone Committee members on community projects.*

Moved: T Howard  
Seconded: T Blunt

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **7. COMMITTEE PROJECT UPDATES**

J Hoggard provided updates.

- Disposal of building industry polystyrene
  - o The ability to dispose of building industry polystyrene particularly was raised as an issue at the Feb 24<sup>th</sup> Zone Committee meeting, as it can't be recycled here locally and is finding its way into the environment. Part of the concern is around if it's too difficult to dispose of locally that it may lead to dumping on river reserves etc.
  - o Feedback was sought from KDC.

- It was advised there have been some hold ups with the new site redevelopment and a new compactor – the new compactor will be able to crush and pack right down, and then it will be transported to Kate Valley.
- Are there any building industry regulations etc, or even BC conditions, around waste management/disposal on site?
- It was noted in Seaview for example, with new house builds, loose polystyrene was an issue in the area
- How to make builders more responsible and accountable
- How are KDC able to communicate such messages to the building industry?

**ACTION** – Jodie to check for further clarification from KDC on the process and how to get the messages out to the community

- KDC Works & Services Committee meeting
  - noted minutes were not available at the time, however, will be on line in the near future should the committee wish to visit the KDC website.
  - T Blunt provided a quick update, of note was that there are now, no ‘boil water notices’ in the Kaikōura District currently. Kincaid Water Scheme is still having minor issues with alternatives being investigated. E.coli still poses an issue in the waterways in the district.
  - It was noted that Ben Wilkins, Ground Water Scientist at Environment Canterbury has been invited to do a presentation to the Committee in the May meeting. It was suggested to invite the relevant Kaikōura District Council staff along to attend.
  - ‘Water aging data’ was discussed – the presentation from Ben will be valuable for both KDC & ECan

**ACTION** – J Hoggard to extend the invitation to KDC staff to attend.

**ACTION** – to continue to arrange Ben Wilkens to the May meeting.

- Document - Nitrate lag – how long will it take?
  - It was noted that Environment Canterbury had tried to stop dairy conversion but Environment Court overturned decisions. Environment Canterbury now having to deal with outcomes of those decisions. A lot of work being done e.g. genetics but as found in Europe, can stop all intensive farming but the effects felt long way down the road.
  - Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) system to flush nitrates out a little bit quicker - ambulance at the bottom of the cliff
  - T Howard noted from a wider catchment context - definitely a problem. But locally given our steep catchment and mountains close, deeper soils that retain nutrients and give plants opportunity to use and grow; flushes often.
  - But overall, a huge issue for Canterbury to be dealing with.
  - Worth summarising the article in the next ‘Ted Talk’
  - T Sonal found the article ‘are we ready for the long game’ really interesting – she believes E.coli are still an issue in our waterways even if we think that nitrates aren’t here locally.
- ECan comms report
  - Comms - work with Emily
  - Kōrero around time lags - good to have in TedTalks
  - Mahinga kai in Kaikōura
  - Ngāi Tahu farms - what regen farming will be able to tell us, the benefits.

**ACTION** – J Hoggard to work with Emily on Comms opportunities.

- Multi chairs & Deputies forum – Rapaki
  - o Attended by Ted on the day, and online, Nicky & Jodie
  - o M Griffin noted that in terms of timeframes going forward, there will be further hui throughout 2023.
  - o T Howard the big issue really is nitrates.
- ‘Managing wetlands as farm assets’ Symposium
  - o J Hoggard noted she was attending on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, in Chch, all welcome.
  - o She can update the committee at the next meeting.

When looking at the calendar of upcoming events, the previously ear tagged field trip to Lake Rotoiti was discussed. G Solomon had concerns that as a committee who had committed to the Lake as part of the action plan etc, why had we not been yet and were there conversations that needed to be had around fencing or sections where the fencing was down. Weather was certainly a factor getting there now, for this time of year.

Maia had noted when she was there recently, there was a whole new section of fencing. There was some discussion around the responsibilities around fencing, it was suggested it was 50/50 with DOC & the landowner.

There was some discussion also as to compliance with ECan, due to the Lake being within the ‘sensitive lake’ zone.

J Hoggard - Seems like a good opportunity to get some clarification around roles and responsibilities of the Lake, the ECan relevant rules, what role DOC plays, what role the landowner plays etc and package that up for the committee – to provide clarification. (For Jodie’s benefit too). As a committee let’s look to see where we might be able to work alongside the various parties and assist where able, funding for willow removal or similar?

**ACTION:**

- o M Kahu to check in on current status of fencing surrounding the lake
- o Who is responsible for the fences
- o J Hoggard - Aim for a November field trip
- o Clarification and package info around the Lake for the committees benefit and means of collaborating going forward.

*Move that the Kaikōura Water Zone Committee receive the updates provided by Zone Committee members on community projects.*

Moved: T Howard  
 Seconded: T Blunt

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**8. CLOSE MEETING**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.15pm