

# **MINUTES**

**Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone  
Committee Meeting  
Monday, 3 April 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, 3 April 2023 at 1pm**

**Present:** Glen Smith (Chairperson), Chris Konings (Deputy Chairperson), Suzanne Eddington, Clr Michelle Pye, Clr Deon Swiggs, Clr Phillipa Guerin, Clr Sharyn Cain

**In Attendance:** Andrew Oliver (Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Zone Water Committee & Upper Waitaki Zone Facilitator, Environment Canterbury), John Benn (Department of Conservation), Mayor Nigel Bowen, Kate Doran (Principal Communications and Engagement Advisor – Southern, Environment Canterbury), Lucy Millar (Environmental Consultant, Opuha Water), Julia Crossman (Environmental and Regulatory Manager, Environment Canterbury), Justin McLaughlin (General Manager South Canterbury Environment Canterbury), Chris Fauth (Regional Council Natural Hazard Scientist), Jessica Kavanaugh (Governance Advisor, Timaru District Council)

**1 Opening Karakia**

*Andrew Oliver conducted the opening Karakia*

**2 Apologies**

Nil

Chairperson Glen Smith thanked Clr Tom O'Connor for his time on the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Zone Water Committee.

**3 Public Forum**

There were no public forum items.

**4 Identification of Items of Urgent Business**

Suzanne Eddington requested a discussion around the state of the Orari, Temuka, Opihi and Pareora rivers.

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

No matters of a minor nature were raised.

**6 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

The following conflicts of interest were declared:

- Clr Michelle Pye declared an interest in 9.2 due to being a shareholder in Opuha Water.
- Clr Phillipa Guiren declared a conflict of interest in item 9.3.

## **7 Chairperson's Report**

### **7.1 Presentation of Chairperson's Report**

#### **Resolution 2023/14**

Moved: Glen Smith

Seconded: Chris Konings

The Chairperson attended a meeting at the Waihao Marae, which was a good opportunity to meet with other zone committees and hear Environment Canterbury's possible plans for implementing the new fresh water national policy statement in partnership with Mana Whenua.

**Carried**

## **8 Confirmation of Minutes**

### **8.1 Minutes of the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee Meeting held on 13 February 2023**

#### **Resolution 2023/15**

Moved: Glen Smith

Seconded: Clr Phillipa Guerin

That the Minutes of the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee Meeting held on 13 February 2023 be amended to correct John Benn's name and 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 Ana Maori Rock Art Centre**

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 \$1k from the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Zone Water Committee budget for four sessions at the Te Ana Maori Rock Art Centre for committee members, public and invited Catchment Collective South Canterbury members associated with the mauri and management of water.

Bailey Lissington entered the meeting at 1.07pm

Discussion included the administration of allocating the budget and the opportunity to make submissions to Environment Canterbury regarding delegations to Zone Committees.

#### **Resolution 2023/16**

Moved: Suzanne Eddington

Seconded: Sharyn Cain

That the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Zone Water Committee receives this report and allocates \$1000 for four sessions at the Te Ana Moari Rock Art Centre.

**Carried**

## **9.2 Opuha Water Limited Biodiversity Plan Implementation**

Lucy Millar (Environmental Consultant, Opuha Water), Julia Crossman (Environmental and Regulatory Manager, Environment Canterbury) spoke to this report and provided a presentation for the committee to consider a request from Opuha Water Limited for three years of funding, at \$20,000/year from the OTOP ZC's Action Plan budget to increase the available pool of funds available to support shareholders in the implementation of their Biodiversity Plans for the remainder of 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25.

The presentation included the Biodiversity programme components, funding request, Opuha Water Limited Board commitment, Biodiversity Plans, Biodiversity Sites, Action Plans for the multi stage approach, Mātaitai and Waipuna Protection Zone, Bat Roosting Habitat and Rock Art Protection Zone.

Further discussion included the location of the example action plans are on private property, planned field days on shareholder land, consultation with Arowhenua, quantity of work being undertaken for regulation, obligations for shareholder to check consents required for work, overlap of work being undertaken at Kakahu, ability for shareholders to apply to Environment Canterbury independently, ability to specify targets for the funding and approach, administration costs being covered by Opuha Water Limited, distribution of funding to shareholders.

It is requested the next steps document guide to be distributed to the committee.

### **Resolution 2023/17**

Moved: Chris Konings

Seconded: Clr Phillipa Guerin

That the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Zone Water Committee receives this report.

**Carried**

## **9.3 Te Kopi-O-Te Opihi (Burkes Pass) Wetland and Riparian Restoration**

Andrew Oliver (Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Zone Water Committee & Upper Waitaki Zone Facilitator, Environment Canterbury) spoke to the report for the committee to consider a request from *The Burkes Pass Heritage Trust* to continue to support the Te Kopi-O-Te Opihi (Burkes Pass) Wetland and Riparian Restoration by contributing \$15,728.60 to for that purpose.

Discussion included the Committee's knowledge of the history of the project and previous funding approved by the committee, the status of the land the work is being done on, the fact a major portion of the last funding as not been spent.

Further discussion amongst the committee was the process of allocation of funds, the process of the community applying for funding and the communications around this. Ability to have funding considerations twice a year. accountability of applicants spending their allocated funds.

It is requested by the committee that the applicants speak to their request and provide a written detailed report.

**Resolution 2023/18**

Moved: Glen Smith

Seconded: Chris Konings

That the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Zone Water Committee receives this report.

**Carried**

**Attachments**

- 1 Attachment to minutes- Te Kopi O Te Opihi (Burkes Pass) Wetland and Riparian Restoration

**Resolution 2023/19**

Moved: Glen Smith

Seconded: Sharyn Cain

That the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Zone Water Committee requests the Batchelors to attend and present a report on the progress to date.

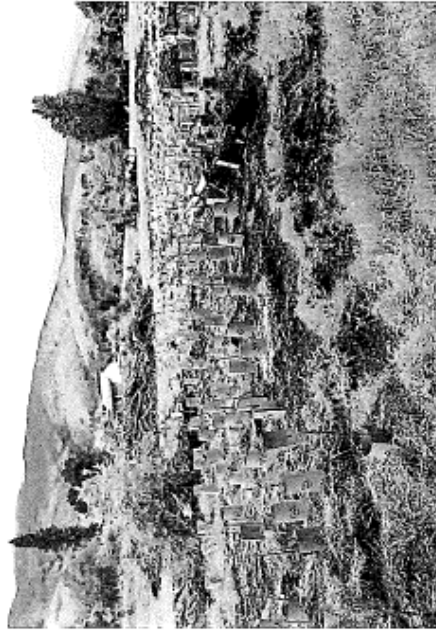
**Carried**

Finances as at 12 March 2023  
 Ophi Restoration account summary 12/03/2023

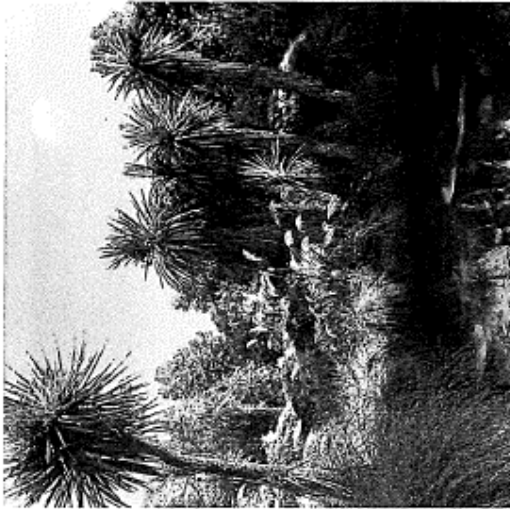
Date	payment	amount	total
5/10/2022	ECAM grant OTO	13844	13844
15/10/2022	plant protectors	-3007.25	10836.75
15/10/2022	phosphate	-330.75	10506
31/10/2022	interest	5.59	10511.59
7/11/2022	water fitting	-9.06	10502.53
7/11/2022	tractor fuel for cleaning up site	-59.8	10442.73
7/11/2022	rabbit protectors	-152.15	10290.58
14/11/2022	donation (Batchelor)	308	10598.58
14/11/2022	rabbit protectors	-308	10290.58
30/11/2022	interest	6.8	10297.38
30/11/2022	interest	10.58	10307.96
31/01/2023	interest	11.3	10319.26
28/02/2023	interest	9.9	10329.16
<b>Spending forecast for 2023</b>			
	fencing	-8000	2329.16
	fuel for scrub cutter and tractor	-100	2229.16
	Plant protectors	-3000	-770.84
	porting mix	-150	-920.84
	mulching	-4000	-4920.84
<b>Spending forecast for 2024</b>			
	fencing	-8000	-12920.84
	fuel for scrub cutter and tractor	-100	-13020.84
	Plant protectors	-3000	-16020.84
	porting mix	-150	-16170.84
	mulching	-4000	-20170.84

Work to be completed 2023

Date	Task	Who	Est Time
Mar/April	Growing on seeds and cuttings	Arowhenua / BPHT	?
June/July	Deal with 5 large piles of slash. Most likely need to be burnt in removing sections of fence to do so. May be mulch if feasible.	BPHT	Several days
July/Aug	Stock proofing (replacing 5 wire electric fencing with netting on one boundary and adding rabbit netting on other. Placing a temporary netting fence and floodgates at downstream exit of current clearing of willows.)	Contractor or BPHT	Several days
Aug/Sept	Preparation for Sept plantings (spot spraying and/or scrub cutter)	BPHT	2 days
Sept	Planting days	Arowhenua and BPHT volunteers	2 days
Dec	Releasing days	Arowhenua and BPHT volunteers	2-4 days



Progress Report on  
Te Kōpiti-O-Te Opihi (Burkes Flax) Wetland and Riparian Restoration  
12 March 2023



River maintenance removing willows	ECCAN	1 week
Cleanup of slash in hay paddock	G Batchelor	2 days
Planting, placing protectors and mulching using BPFT plants	Arowhenua and BPFT volunteers	1 day
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Planting Carex. Scots using Arowhenua stock	Batchelors	1 day
Releasing by scrub cutter	G Batchelor	2 days
2023		
All plantings released from long grass using scrub cutter - Jan	G Batchelor	3 days
Rotary sketched access track along fence - Jan	G Batchelor	2 hours
All plantings spot sprayed with glyphosate - Feb	J Batchelor	3 days
Start of hand weeding new plantings - Feb	J Batchelor	1 day
Cut and plant sycamore and willows - Feb	J Batchelor	3 days
Collection of seeds	Arowhenua	½ day
Collection of seeds and cuttings	J Batchelor	½ day
Growing on plants	Arowhenua and BPFT	?
Repaired fence after digger operations -Feb	G Batchelor	½ day
Cleared foot access track of slash	G Batchelor	2 hours
Requested fencing quotes and estimated materials	Roberson/ Pudney in progress	3 hours
Request and visit for mulching large piles of slash - Jan	Andy Rutherford, Carterbury Woodchip Supplies	In progress



On site summary work completed or in progress

Date	Task	Who	Est Time
2020 and prior	Planning and maintenance of first section	Batchelors	Many days
	Preparation of Management Plan	Batchelors	Many hours
2021	Removal of 5 willows	Bunckenburg/Batchelor	4 days
	Relocating fence and floodgate	G Batchelor	2 days
	Spot spraying and releasing	BPFT Volunteers	2 days
	Planting... protectors and mulch	BPFT Volunteers	2 days
2022	Collection of seeds and cuttings	Arowhenua and BPFT	1 day
	Growing on plants	Arowhenua and BPFT	?
	Spot spraying for new plantings and releasing	G Batchelor	1 day
	Negotiating with ECCAN, MDC, Aires, Arowhenua etc	BPFT	?

#### **9.4 Engagement: Information Sessions**

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 \$2k to sponsor an annual series of information workshops and evenings that support the health and mauri of our water.

The committee discussed securing lecturers, promoting communication and engagement, having presence at field days which could tie into Environment Canterbury's field day presence, requirement to understand the target audience for workshops, co-ordination with catchment groups and industry with the dates to be confirmed.

#### **Resolution 2023/20**

Moved: Glen Smith

Seconded: Chris Konings

That the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Zone Water Committee receives this report

**Carried**

#### **9.5 Allocation of Budget**

The committee discussed further the applications presented to the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Zone Water Committee the budget that is not allocated for the financial year, possibility of increased funding in the next financial year, the importance of structuring the framework for funding proposals to align the goals and targets, the benefit of having more smaller projects rather than one larger project that is being done due to regulations, and committing to funding over multiple years, following up on the projects once it is complete.

#### **Resolution 2023/21**

Moved: Sharyn Cain

Seconded: Glen Smith

That the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Zone Water Committee requests the Batchelors and Opuha Water Limited to attend and present a report, with projects identified that will be ready to go within the next 12 months.

**Carried**

#### **9.6 Facilitator Update**

Chris Fauth (Regional Council Natural Hazard Scientist) and Kate Doran (Principal Communications and Engagement Advisor – Southern, Environment Canterbury) spoke to the committee and provided a presentation regarding an update to the Waitarakao Strategy Development. The presentation outlined the engagement overview, which is a phased approach, Seaweed at Waitarakao. Also, how the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Zone Water Committee can help the project which could include hosting an event, hosting a talk with experts. It is suggested to talk to Venture Timaru regarding sustainable attainable Timaru.

It is requested as a zone receiving the e-newsletter.



Andrew Oliver (Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Zone Water Committee & Upper Waitaki Zone Facilitator, Environment Canterbury) reminded the committee about the conflict of interest register. Community engagement process which came out of the workshop in March a unique identifier about our water. Lake Opuha water quality no update available. Rakitata Field trip conflict with the next committee meeting, which will require the next meeting date to be amended. Follow up on letter to the Timaru District Council for the Urban water meters, Mayor Nigel Bowen advised it was deferred to the following year in the annual plan, it is still in the Long Term Plan and trials are ongoing.

### **Resolution 2023/22**

Moved: Glen Smith

Seconded: Suzanne Eddington

That the OTOP Zone Committee receives this report.

**Carried**

### **10 Consideration of Urgent Business Items**

Suzanne Eddington requested a discussion around the state of the Orari, Temuka, Opihi and Pareora rivers. It is established that the committee does not get updates from Environment Canterbury staff regarding work programmes. In the Upper Waitaki Zone they request this information which comes back to the committee. The Lower Waitaki they have a Councillors report section on the agenda to provide verbal updates to the committee. Also, the opportunity for members to update the committee on connections in the community. If there is a state of the nation report to be provided before hand to work through substantive information.

### **11 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters**

Deon Swiggs advised that Environment Canterbury now has Biodiversity groups and funding catchment collectives, and the great oppurty for the Zone Committees to bring the groups together and help facilitate the outcomes including reporting to the zone committees.

### **12 Closure Karakia**

*Andrew Oliver conducted the closing Karakia.*

**The Meeting closed at 3.14pm.**

Minutes Confirmed 10 July 2023.



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**Glen Smith**  
**Chairperson**