

**MINUTES OF THE 119th MEETING OF THE SELWYN WAIHORA ZONE COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE TAI TAPU COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 08 MAY 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 17 April 2023 • Public contribution • Correspondence
2	4.15 pm (5 min)	Zone Committee Action Plan Confirmation <i>Action Plan amendments for this year that were discussed at the April workshop are to be confirmed by the Committee.</i>
3	4.20 pm (20 min)	Zone Committee Action Plan initiatives – projects and review <i>An opportunity for the Zone Committee to consider a project for support using the Zone Committee Action Plan Budget; and review project supported to date with a view to confirm an approach for the remaining budget.</i>
4	4.40 pm (10 min)	Committee updates – for information <i>Includes the Our Freshwater 2023 report; Rakaia Catchment Environmental Enhancement Society; Environment Canterbury consents; Farm Portal unavailability; Finetuning Predator Control event; Living Water update – Te Ararira LII Catchment; Changes to Three Waters Reform announced; EDS 'Pivot Point' Papers online; and actions from previous meetings.</i>
5	4.50 pm (10 min)	General Business <i>Any item confirmed by the Committee for follow up or information.</i>
	5.00 pm	Meeting closed.
		<i>Workshop commences</i>
6	5.00 pm (55 min)	Zone Committee Priorities for the year <i>An opportunity for the committee to consider its priorities for the coming year in light of its action plan, environmental context and changes affecting the zone.</i>
	5.55 pm	<i>Workshop finished with karakia.</i>

PRESENT

Les Wanhalla (Te Rūnanga o Taumutu / Chair); Matt Dodson (Deputy Chair / community member); Councillor Vicky Southworth (Environment Canterbury Regional Council); Khan McKay (Community Member)

ONLINE

James Booker (Community Member); Councillor Sophie McInnes (Selwyn District Council); Benita Wakefield (Wairewa Rūnanga); Helen Troy (Community Member)

IN ATTENDANCE

Jaimee Grant (Facilitator, Environment Canterbury); Murray Griffin (Zone Committee Team Lead, Environment Canterbury); John Benn (DOC); Tom Koontz (University of Canterbury)

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

APOLOGIES

Cr Andrei Moore (Christchurch City Council), Tayla Nelson-Tuhūru (community member); Karaitiana Taiuru (Te Rūnanga o Koukourarata)

Moved – Matt Dodson; **Seconded** – Les Wanhalla

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

CARRIED

IDENTIFICATION OF URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS

No urgent business was noted.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No changes to the register were noted.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the 118th Meeting of the Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee (Water Management) held on Monday 17 April 2023

Moved – Les Wanhalla; **Seconded** – Khan McKay

‘That the minutes of the 118th meeting of the Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee (Water Management) held on Monday 17 April 2023 be confirmed as circulated.’

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil.

PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION

L Wanhalla welcomed Tom Koontz as a new meeting attendee, who provided a short overview of his current sabbatical at the University of Canterbury and current research focus on freshwater management in both the United States and here in Canterbury.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter received from Associate Professor Hamish Rennie, Lincoln University, was noted with J Grant providing an overview of the topics addressed in the letter. It was agreed this letter should be referred to Environment Canterbury, given its focus on the Regional Council's Planning Section.

REPORTS

1. Zone Committee Action Plan Confirmation

J Grant introduced this item and provided an overview of options for the remaining Zone Committee Action Plan Budget in 2022/23.

One of the options was the hiring of a Nitrate sensor to supporting the testing of private drinking water supplies in the District. L Wanhalla noted water testing was being undertaken at the Taumutu Marae the week following this meeting. Cr McInnes confirmed she would follow up with Murray Washington to get his views on this approach, from a WDC community infrastructure perspective.

M Dodson also confirmed he had spoken to Martha Jolly, from the Waimakariri Water Zone Committee, who had clarified some of the nitrate testing options she had investigated. She focused on those most easy to be managed by a 'non-specialist' group, like a community or catchment group, or a Zone Committee. She was happy to assist the Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee as required.

J Grant clarified there was \$6,274 remaining from the 2022/23 Zone Committee Action Plan Budget. There were two options being considered for utilising this remaining budget which J Grant explained again for the committee.

M Dodson confirmed he liked option A. In considering this option, J Booker noted it would be good to contact ESAI to see if they are available and keen to assist.

Cr Southworth noted her concern with allocating this budget to this ESAI project, just to address this shortfall in utilising funds. K McKay also expressed his concerns, noting by recommending support may automatically obligate the Zone Committee to provide the remaining funding for the next financial year.

B Wakefield noted she was all in favour of allocating the remaining budget and clarified that she felt the Zone Committee should be looking for opportunities to support those in the community undertaking initiatives that support the CWMS and the committee's Action Plan.

J Booker expressed his support for the ESAI project, noting it was a good strategic partnership for the committee with a leading group in the District with an established work programme to advance.

M Dodson queried if it was possible to add a statement to a Grant Agreement noting that support in one financial year doesn't guarantee a project or groups will be supported in the

next. J Grant confirmed this clause was already in the Grant Agreement. H Troy noted her support for the ESAI proposal based on the points J Booker had outlined.

Cr McInnes noted she was also fine with this approach, but also expressed her concern that this would likely mean Te Ara Kākāriki wouldn't get additional support this financial year. A general committee discussion endorsed this point made by Cr McInnes.

Following this discussion, J Grant proposed an option C, with J Grant to contact Te Ara Kākāriki and other parties to confirm details for what could be supported by the committee in this financial year from the Action Plan Budget. L Wanhalla confirmed his preference for this approach to be made.

M Griffin and Cr Southworth confirmed the committee could undertake a short decision-making session via MS Teams to confirm their final decisions on this year's Action Plan Budget, including additional information from Te Ara Kākāriki for review.

The committee were all in favour of this approach and confirmed Monday 29 May at 4pm as a preferred time for an online briefing session to conclude their Action Plan Budget deliberations for 2022/23.

2. Zone Committee Action Plan Initiatives – projects and review

J Grant introduced this item and directed the committee to the proposed changes to the committee's Action Plan as discussed at the committee's workshop on 17 April. A discussion on this was held with Cr Southworth and M Dodson providing clarification on two points.

Moved – Khan McKay; **Seconded** – Cr Vicky Southworth

'That the Zone Committee confirms the changes to the Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee Action Plan 2021-24 for this financial year.'

CARRIED

3. Committee updates – for information

J Grant read out the letter previously circulated from Associate Professor Hamish Rennie regarding an article recently published in the Farmers Weekly. K McKay suggested it wasn't the Zone Committee's role to challenge public opinion. M Dodson clarified that the letter's guidance was the committee should be aware of these community concerns and what scientific understanding, or analysis, there is on these issues.

This understanding of the science was reiterated and supported by Cr Southworth. J Booker agreed and noting it is of particular importance for the committee to understand these issues of high sensitivity and/or complexity.

i. Our Freshwater 2023 report - Ministry for the Environment and Stats NZ

No discussion followed on this item.

ii. Rakaia Catchment Environmental Enhancement Trust

M Dodson provided a short update and suggested the committee consider having an alternate representative for those occasions when he is unable to attend.

- James Booker confirmed he was happy to be the committee's alternate on the Rakaia Enhancement Trust. This was supported by the committee, all in favour.

M Dodson noted the Trust has a significant level of funding to allocate but has a limited number of groups applying for funding to support their projects or initiatives. A discussion followed on how to raise the profile of the Trust's funding within the wider community. L Wanhalla noted a change of brand, to Manawa Energy, has likely confounded public awareness.

iii. Environment Canterbury consents

J Grant provided an overview of this item also noting that Associate Professor Rennie's letter also addressed this topic. Cr Southworth noted she was happy to take the queries raised back to Environment Canterbury for a response, which was supported by Cr McInnes as a preferred approach. B Wakefield added she was not comfortable in responding to issues around consenting as a zone committee member.

Cr Southworth noted the consent backlog was now a priority to address for Environment Canterbury. M Dodson suggested this wasn't a good situation for the Council, noting the backlog had made it very difficult for several clients he is working with.

iv. ECan Farm Portal unavailable from 26 April for up to a month

No discussion followed on this item.

v. Predator Control with Cam Speedy – Rolleston on 8 May

No discussion followed on this item.

vi. Living Water – bringing back biodiversity to lowland waterways

No discussion followed on this item.

vii. Changes to 3 Waters Reform announced

No discussion followed on this item.

viii. EDS Pivot point Conference 2023 – papers online

No discussion followed on this item.

ix. Actions from Previous Meetings

L Wanhalla and K McKay will attend the upcoming Whakakōhanga Kōrero hui.

Moved – Les Wanhalla; **Seconded** – Cr Vicky Southworth

'That the Zone Committee received these updates for its information'

CARRIED

4. General Business

None noted.

Jaimee Grant led the karakia to close the meeting.

The meeting closed at 5.25pm



CHAIRPERSON

10-7-23

DATE