



MINUTES

Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee Meeting

13 September 2023

**MINUTES OF WAIMATE DISTRICT COUNCIL
LOWER WAITAKI SOUTH COASTAL CANTERBURY ZONE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT WAIHAO MARAE, 26 MAORI ROAD, MORVEN 7980
ON WEDNESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2023, COMMENCING AT 1:08PM**

- PRESENT:** Deputy Chair Jakki Guilford, Deputy Mayor Waimate District Council Sharyn Cain, Cr Waitaki District Council Jim Hopkins, Community Member Jen Fellowes, Community Member Victoria Magazinovic, Community Member Brent Packman, Community Member Jonnie Rutherford, Community Member Bruce Murphy, Waihao Rūnaka Representative Suzanne Eddington
- APOLOGIES:** Arowhenua Rūnanga (Chair) Michael Mcmillan, Cr Environment Canterbury David East,
- IN ATTENDANCE:** ECan: Dave Moore (Facilitator), Kennedy Lange (Southern Senior Biodiversity Advisor), Heather McCarron (Communications & Engagement Advisor), Waihao Wainono Catchment Community Group: Andrew Rollinson, DoC: John Benn; Jeanette Packman
- ONLINE:** Community Member Fraser McKenzie, Trudy Heath, Executive Officer Te Rūnanga o Waihao, Committee Secretary: Sandy Bowman

OPENING

1. WELCOME & KARAKIA

Deputy Chair Jakki Guilford opened the meeting with a karakia.

2. APOLOGIES

APOLOGY

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/27

Moved: Jim Hopkins

Seconded: Suzanne Eddington

That apologies received from ECan Councillor David East and Chair Michael McMillan be received and accepted.

CARRIED

3. VISITORS

John Benn, Heather McCarron, Kennedy Lange, Trudy Heath, Andrew Rollinson

4. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest

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5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 MINUTES OF THE LOWER WAITAKI SOUTH COASTAL CANTERBURY ZONE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 09 AUGUST 2023

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/28

Moved: Cr Jim Hopkins

Seconded: Jen Fellowes

That the Minutes of the Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee Meeting held on 09 August 2023 be adopted as a true and correct record, with the below amendments.

CARRIED

Amendment:

- Page 2, apologies the word “received” in twice.
- Page 5, 5.4, first paragraph ‘Our land and water science challenge has commissioned Perrin Ag to focus on how we transform and deliver- remove () and ?
- Page 5, 5.4, paragraph 9 - Councillor Jim change to *Councillor Hopkins*
- Page 6 5.5 spelling correction – “duel” change to “dual”
- 5.4 Heading spelling incorrect should be ‘*Our Land and Water Catchment Synthesis Project*’

REPORTS

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS REGISTER

The Committee Secretary will circulate the Declaration of Interests Register to all members, for any updates and inclusion of new members.

Fraser McKenzie was advised by Dave Moore that his name has been removed from the Conflicts of Interest Register as Independent Chairman of Waitaki Irrigators Collective.

6.2 TE REO WORDS

Deputy Chair Jakki Guilford informed the Committee that it is Māori language week and is something to be celebrated and encouraged. Suggested to try to weave te reo Māori into conversations this week, keeping the language alive. The theme is **Kia Kaha Te Reo Maori** – making the language stronger.

Kupu (words) for this meeting:

Parihaka Traditional name for waituna/deep creek which flows into Wainono hapua.

Rauwiri Eel weir - also means to be interwoven or interlaced.

Koukoupapa Giant kōkopu

Lucky to have Michael McMillan on the committee to support us in Māori language.

Encouraged to learn and practice kupu.

6.3 COUNCILLORS UPDATE-ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY/WAIMATE/WAITAKI

Waimate Deputy Mayor Sharyn Cain

- Not a lot to update since last meeting, in a little bit of a holding pattern particularly 3 waters.
- Work is start/stop due to the upcoming general election.
- A lot of uncertainty, 3-year electoral cycle so disruptive.
- Visited the Opihi Wetlands restoration with OTOP Zone Committee earlier in the month. This is a Jobs for Nature project \$230K across 3 years. Outstanding what has been achieved. A lot can be achieved when secure funding is gained and assists in setting long-term goals. Not sure how much long-term thought has gone into planting that is at risk of sea inundation with climate change. A note for all of us to consider. Really interesting field trip.
- Further discussion to come re bird numbers at Wainono.
- Jonnie Rutherford commented to Sharyn regarding a date for a proposed field trip, which has been tossed around in the last few meetings. Suggested that OTOP be involved and communicate with them what date would suit. Dave to check with OTOP Chair and email committee outcome. Dave mentioned In the New Year Treaty of Waitangi workshop involving 3 southern zone committees. Another opportunity to share.
- Lower Waitaki Zone Committee involved in Strawberry Fair in December.
- Dave look at tying in a visit to Opihi lagoon with a visit to Arowhenua Nurseries, perhaps with OTOP Zone Committee. Really good chance to connect with them. Dave to discuss with OTOP the possibility of members attending the OTOP field trip to Burkes Pass.
- Jonnie Rutherford requested a field trip to the Arowhenua nursery and Opihi lagoon be penciled in. The Chair, Deputy and Facilitator will look at scheduling opportunities for joint working. This is likely to be early 2023.

Deputy Chair Jakki Guilford

- A lot of contract and work stuff on hold and the next couple of months a state of flux.
- Not a lot of news same situation as Jakki Guilford.

- Suggest a visit to Arowhena Nursery for next field trip and combine with OTOP zone committee. It is good to have collaboration with other zone committees.

Waitaki Councillor Jim Hopkins

- Agrees with Cr Cain and Jakki re pre-election a lot up for grabs and a lot could change.
- Other things could impact / have an indirect bearing on what we do such as National Policy Statement on Highly Productive Land.
- Started engagement on rural water schemes.
- Development on highly productive land. District Plan complex between Forest & Bird, farming, biodiversity, use of land. Real conflict and debate and a tricky area.
- Busy with District Plan and Long Term Plan coming out next year next year, public consultation is a relatively unfriendly process, community don't engage, Press on in current circumstances.

Fraser McKenzie

- Question whether Ecan has done any analysis on what will alter under climate change. He believes it will create some opportunities with land use etc. Understanding what is going to happen over what time. Dave Moore offered to investigate and obtain an update.
- Jakki Guildford commented that this would be important for the district and mapping as well. Perhaps Andrew Oliver could be part of it in his new role and could speak to the committee. Will work on this and place into our schedule for the next few months to see opportunities and understand better. We will look to have a meeting focused on climate change in the next few months.
- Sharyn Cain said it is important to better understand opportunities around climate change. Councils have climate change and biodiversity champions.
- Trudy Heath important to be able to predict what crops can be grown with climate change.
- Suzanne discussed Nga Tahu visiting marae a few years ago talking about climate change and changing land use. Trudy will look into this. Will look for documentation on this subject held by the Rūnanga report.

6.4 COMMITTEE UPDATES

Dave Moore, Facilitator

- Suggested having a Te Tiriti (Treaty of Waitangi) workshop January/February 2024.
- Committee to look at tentative dates for 2024 meetings/field trips/workshops set out in Agenda 13 September 2023, 6.4 Committee Updates/Report, Item 2. and to raise any objections to the dates set.

Waka Project

Suzanne Eddington asked whether the planned Waka to be sited at Waihao Box is sanctioned by the Rūnanga and whanau. Trudy Heath responded that the Rūnanga endorsed the project and are looking at putting in a pontoon at some point, which will require a Resource Consent. The idea is that the waka is for the use of everyone such as school groups etc. A naval architect is designing the waka and will also cover off Health & Safety issues. This is something the committee could be involved in and include Michael McMillan. Dave Moore to place as an item on the next agenda.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/27

Moved: Councillor Hopkins
Seconded: Suzanne Eddington

That the Zone Committee receive the report.

CARRIE

6.5 General Business

Facilitator to place "Rūnanga Updates" (all 3 Rūnaka reps) into the agendas from now on alongside Councillor updates as an item on the next agenda if Rūnaka reps would like this to happen. Facilitator to ask the reps.

MEETING CLOSURE -

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at **1:58 pm**

REFRESHMENT BREAK

WORKSHOP SESSION – Wainono Catchment

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CHAIRPERSON