

MINUTES

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

Monday, 6 November 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, 6 November 2023 at 1pm**

Present: Glen Smith (Chairperson), Chris Konings (Deputy Chairperson), Suzanne Eddington, John Henry, Michelle Pye, Deon Swiggs, Phillipa Guerin, Sharyn Cain, Rynnee de Garnham

In Attendance: Dave Moore (Zone Facilitator, Environment Canterbury), Rachel Scarlett (Governance Advisor, Timaru District Council), Jessica Kavanaugh (Corporate Planner, Timaru District Council) Kate Brown (Land Management Advisor, Environment Canterbury), Gina Slee (Southern Zone Delivery Lead, Environment Canterbury)

1 Opening Karakia

John Henry conducted the opening Karakia

2 Apologies

2.1 Apologies Received

Resolution 2023/42

Moved: Sharyn Cain

Seconded: Suzanne Eddington

That the apology of Bailey Lissington and the apology for the lateness of Deon Swiggs be received and accepted.

Carried

3 Public Forum

There were no public forum items.

4 Identification of Items of Urgent Business**4.1 Identification of Items of Urgent Business****Resolution 2023/43**

Moved: Sharyn Cain

Seconded: Clr Phillipa Guerin

Chairperson Glen Smith requested that the late funding application from Orari River Protection Group and an update from Living Landscapes be discussed.

Carried

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 Presentation of Chairpersons Report****Resolution 2023/44**

Moved: Chris Konings

Seconded: John Henry

No report was provided by Chairperson Glen Smith. Deputy Chairperson Chris Konings provided an update on the Waitarakao Washdyke Catchment Strategy.

Carried

8 Confirmation of Minutes**8.1 Minutes of the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee Meeting held on 7 August 2023****Resolution 2023/45**

Moved: Chris Konings

Seconded: Clr Michelle Pye

That the Minutes of the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee Meeting held on 7 August 2023 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 Environment Canterbury Zone Priorities Presentation

Gina Slee (Environment Canterbury) provided the Orari Temuka Opihi Pareora Water Zone Committee with an update. The update included the following projects;

- Coastal Lagoon restoration
- Ohapi Creek willow control
- Horseshoe habitat sampling
- Surveying for phalaris at the Orari catchments
- Te Ahi Tarakihi
- Kakahu phosphorus management project
- Waitarakao project

It is requested that core samples be taken of the Waitarakao lagoon bottom. These are to provide historical data of what was there and create a historical benchmark along with the current data.

It was suggested that some way of capturing the progress made be thought of and installed, eg Camera or live Video stream, to monitor the progress made at the Lagoon over time for history and publicity purposes.

9.2 Orari Temuka Opihi Pareora Te Kopi-O-Te Opihi (Burkes Pass) Wetland and Riparian Restoration Funding Application

Dave Moore (Zone Facilitator, Environment Canterbury), spoke to the report to discuss with the committee the consideration of whether to recommend Action Plan funding for Te Kopi-O-Te Opihi (Burkes Pass) Wetland and Riparian Restoration and the amount.

The Committee discussed that there has been no allocation of the budget this financial year and if they could allocate some today and some in the future to this project. The field trip by the Committee highlighted the amount of work that has been undertaken to date.

Deon Swiggs arrived at 1.22pm.

There is further discussion on how projects in general are followed up after the funding has been allocated including ongoing maintenance. The lifespan of the Te Kopi-O-Te Opihi project is discussed and succession planning is to continue the maintenance of the project.

Phillipa Gurien expressed a conflict of interest in this item.

It is noted that the testing of the water from the beginning would have been beneficial to see the improvement. The committee discussed the priorities of this project including the mulching, the benefits of planning the right plants in the area, the biodiversity of the area,

There is an importance to link this project to the catchment group in Mackenzie. The committee agreed to focus on preserving the existing work undertaken on this project which includes release of the mulch and supplementary planting of grasses.

Resolution 2023/46

Moved: Sharyn Cain

Seconded: Chris Konings

1. That the OTOP Zone Committee receives this report.
2. That the OTOP Zone Committee recommends Action Plan funding for Te Kopi-O-Te Opihi (Burkes Pass) Wetland and Riparian Restoration to the expenses supplementary planting of grasses stage 1 and 2 for \$7,720 and release and mulch stage 0 and 1 \$4,620.

In Favour: Suzanne Eddington, John Henry, Glen Smith, Chris Konings, Michelle Pye, Deon Swiggs, Sharyn Cain and Rynee de Garnham

Against: Nil

Abstained: Phillipa Guerin

Carried 8/0

Carried

9.3 Orari River Protection Group (Urgent Business)

Chairperson Glen Smith spoke to this application on behalf of the Orari River Protection Group. It is noted that funding for education for children and adults would be beneficial.

The importance of the protection and the understanding of the species is important. Also, the use of Environment Canterbury communications to the public to highlight this project.

Resolution 2023/47

Moved: Sharyn Cain

Seconded: Cllr Deon Swiggs

That the OTOP Zone Committee recommends Action Plan funding for the Orari River Protection Group of \$4,850

Carried

Attachments

- 1 OTOP Funding for the Orari River Protection Group Long Tailed Bat Research

9.4 Living Landscapes South Canterbury Update

Michael Bennett spoke to the committee, to discuss the purpose of the Living Landscapes South Canterbury, which supports different catchment groups with the first project being supported by the Ministry of Primary Industries.

Chairperson Glen Smith noted a conflict of interest as the vice chair of the CCSC Group.

Discussion included the ability for catchment groups to be successful and the link between the OTOP Committee and the catchment groups. The future review of Zone Committees undertaken by the Mayoral forum. The collective management approaches that have previously been successful were discussed and the reason for their success was acknowledged.

9.2 Orari Temuka Opihi Pareora Water Zone Committee Update

Dave Moore spoke to the report to update the Committee on actions from the previous meeting, relevant information, and upcoming engagement opportunities.

Noted is the error in the 2024 meetings the 11 February should be the 12 February. The ability of the Environment Canterbury team to advertise the funding available from the Orari Temuka Opihi Pareora Water Zone Committee.

Importance of RPS consultation and ability to target the right mix of people to get involved in the public sessions.

Resolution 2023/48

Moved: Cllr Phillipa Guerin

Seconded: Suzanne Eddington

That the OTOP Zone Committee receives this report.

Carried

10 Consideration of Urgent Business Items

Urgent Business items were discussed in the reports section.

11 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters

No matters of a minor nature were raised.

12 Closure Karakia

John Henry conducted the closing Karakia

The Meeting closed at 2.50pm.

Minutes confirmed 11 March 2024.



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Glen Smith
Chairperson