
Workshop - Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee NOTES

Date: Thursday 21 March 2024
Time: 6.09pm
Venue: Wharekotuia Room, Environment Canterbury, 200
Tuam Street

Present

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| Chairperson | Oscar Bloom – Youth Representative |
| Deputy Chairperson | Amber Moke - Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke/Rapaki |
| Members | Cailin Richardson-Hall - Community Representative |
| | Councillor Phil Dean - Councillor Selwyn District Council |
| | Arapata Reuben - Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga |
| | Vacancy - Te Taumutu Rūnanga |

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Karakia Tīmatanga: Amber Moke

The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

1. Apologies Ngā Whakapāha

There were apologies received for absence from Mike Patchett, Brynlea Stocks, Helen Rutter, Councillor Peters and Councillor Brynes. There was an apology from Councillor Dean for early departure.

2. Christchurch West Melton Zone Committee – feedback sought

The workshop began with staff laying out the background of the Zone Committee review.

The Committee inquired whether the Mayoral Forum had given any direction what direction they would like the Zone Committee Review to take.

The Committee noted the regulatory uncertainty in the freshwater management arena.

The Committee began the review feedback by discussing the context questions and making the following comments:

- Close to the ground leadership is important.
- Funding to engage with Communities is essential.
- Important to increase the Zone Committee's (ZC) awareness of who is working on what projects in the community.
- Accessible and approachable Committee members.
- Accessibility to people with existing skillsets and knowledge of funding processes.
- Clear lines of communication between community groups.
- Collaborative approach to leadership.

The Committee committed that it would be beneficial to have greater certainty around what the focus of the ZC is.

The Committee noted that there are lots of volunteering from community groups who are underfunded and lack knowledge of what the ZC's do and how they can help.

The Committee noted that their ZC's could be used as bridge between the wide variety of community groups and projects and then identify the different strengths of each group.

The Committee noted that there needs to be greater recognition and praise given to these groups and individuals and the excellent work they are doing in order to raise their profile.

The Committee noted that it was important to build the capacity of all members to effectively engage with Mana Whenua.

The Committee then discussed what the ideal leadership in the Water Management space would look like and made the following comments:

- Local environmental Committee which looks at a wide range of issues.
- Government level decision making capabilities.
- Access to contestable funds.
- Community hub for feedback.
- Recommendations from the Committee carry significant weight with Council.
- Clear targeted outcomes.
- Collaborative.
- Experienced based memory.
- Develops and grows relationships.
- Media support for Community groups.
- Committee members are required to do volunteer work in the community.

The Committee outlined the following desired outcomes and focus for 2024:

- Committee discussion be shaped by the Community and their needs.
- Committee funding shift focus to smaller scale funding and grants for specific goal focused projects.
- Decrease in formal Committee meetings.
- Briefer presentations from staff who are seeking regulatory required feedback from the Committee.
- Greater participation and engagement from Committee members both in their communities and on the Committee.

3. Christchurch West Melton 2021-24 Action Plan - Review

The Committee noted the need for alterations to the actions plan, which draw a balance between pinpoint specific goals and broad objectives.

The Committee noted that this topic would be addressed at a later workshop as alterations need to be made.

Councillor Dean left the Workshop at 7.02pm

Karakia Whakamutunga: Cailin Richardson-Hall

Meeting concluded at 8.03pm.