

# **MINUTES OF THE KAIKŌURA WATER ZONE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER 2023 AT 12.55 PM, AT THE KDC COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 96 WEST END, KAIKŌURA, AND ONLINE VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

**PRESENT:** Ted Howard (Chair), Gina Solomon, John Murray, Teri Sonal (by MS Teams), Maia Kahu, Desiree Bolton, Clint McConchie

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Jodie Hoggard (Environment Canterbury Zone Facilitator),  
Becky Makin (Kaikōura District Council – Minute Secretary),  
Bruce Apperley (Kaikoura District Council – Three Waters Engineer),  
Will Doughty (Kaikoura District Council – Chief Executive)  
Marco Cataloni (Environment Canterbury – by MS Teams)  
Jessica Hasley, Kate Monteath & Courtney Bosse (EOS / Wai  
Connection Project)

The meeting was opened with Karakia.

## **1. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

### **1.1 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillor Grant Edge, Nicky McArthur, Councillor Tony Blunt and Ari Boyd.

Moved: R Roche

Seconded: C McConchie

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **1.2 Urgent Business**

The waterways in the Kaikoura Flats were raised. It was offered that a representative from Te Taumutu Rūnanga present to the Committee regarding the work they are doing with their Zone Committee in Selwyn.

Stock crossing on roads instead of using underpasses on the Kaikoura Flats was raised. The Council roading team will look into (**ACTION**).

Maia's official last meeting is today. The Committee acknowledged Maia Kahu for her contribution. The Committee thanked Maia for her input, contribution and enthusiasm, and noted their appreciated how easily she became part of the team. They wished her all the best for her future endeavours.

### **1.3 Confirmation of Committee's Register of Interest**

The following errors on the register were noted; two items for T Sonal to be included, one for G Solomon to include and M Kahu's interests have not been included to date.

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## **2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK – Nil**

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## **3. INFORMAL Q AND A SESSION WITH KAIKOURA DISTRICT COUNCIL ON KDC WATER SYSTEMS**

Council Officer B Apperley, and Chief Executive W Doughty joined the table to provide an update to the Committee and answer any questions. Tabled to the meeting was a copy of the update which is attached to these minutes.

A discussion was held around the Facebook comments posted on discoloured water. B Apperley confirmed that all the Council's water supplies are water tested/ monitored and there is protection on all the schemes. He commented that there are rarely any complaints regarding taste or colour. An independent assessment was conducted for Audit NZ purposes, and they concluded that the water is safe. The water quality is set through Taumata Arowai and the Health Department. B Apperley clarified that the limits are set to whether it harms aquatic life, and the Council's limits are set below that. The Council are in the process of rewriting the stormwater activity management plan.

R Roche noted that information is received from the Council in the monthly W&S report (included in the Agenda) which includes water test results.

G Solomon suggested that the Committee put out communications that the water is regularly tested. W Doughty advised that the Council could include a status update in the next newsletter.

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#### **4. GENERAL BUSINESS**

##### **4.1 Meeting minutes dated 25 August 2023**

##### **RESOLUTION**

*THAT the CWMS Kaikōura Water Zone Committee confirms the circulated minutes of the CWMS Kaikōura Water Zone Committee meeting, held on 25 August 2023, as a true and accurate record, subject to amendments to:*

- *Item 4 – “Nature Heritage Fund” is incorrect – remove & replace with ‘Te Tau Wairehu o Marokura Predator Control Project’*
- *Page 9 – “Te Kuti Charitable Trust” be replaced with “Tukete Charitable Trust”*

Moved: J Murray

Seconded: D Bolton

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

##### **Matters arising:**

C McConchie confirmed that the memorial chair for David Bedford has been approved by Te Rūnanga o Kaikōura.

Also that the proposal for a *World Heritage* site is being presented at a hui at Te Rūnanga o Kaikōura on 10<sup>th</sup> November.

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#### **5. PRESENTATION – WAI CONNECTION**

Jessica Hansley, Wai Connection Canterbury Regional Manager, presented the Wai Connection project to the Committee. The presentation is included in the Agenda.

The Wai Connection Project would like to recommend Kaikōura as a priority project. The project would run to June 2025. The funding for the project is through the Government's Essential Freshwater package. Once the project is confirmed a workshop will be held with the Committee.

Two areas of primary focus are the Waiau Toa/Clarence and the Hapuku. There is scope to work in with EnviroSchools. Jessica indicated that any groups that want to be included (or missing off the list) can complete the online survey through the Wai Connection website.

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## 6. ZONE COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN – FUNDING PROPOSALS

On behalf of H Melville, J Hoggard presented the Tirohonga Wetland Protection Stage 2, noting the proposal meets the criteria set out in action plan. The landowner contribution is \$6,660.

### RESOLUTION

*That the Kaikōura Water Zone Committee receives information on the following initiatives to be considered for support using the Kaikōura Zone Committee Action Plan Budget:*

*a) Tirohonga Wetland Stage 2 - \$6160.00*

Moved: T Howard

Seconded: J Murray

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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## 7. STORMWATER CAMPAIGN & THE STORMWATER SUPERHERO'S TRAILER

ECAN have the Regional Stormwater Campaign package that can be localised to any district.

J Hoggard would work with ECan Comms, the Zone Committee and KDC on key messages to the community. The aim is to combine the Stormwater Campaign in the lead in to, and alongside Seaweeek in March 2024.

J Hoggard advised that the intention is for the Superhero trailer to go to each school presumably from Primary upwards, and she would clarify if the material/messaging is suitable for pre-schools (**ACTION**).

The Committee suggested that the fish signs could be installed on the drains at West End down to the Esplanade and its neighbouring streets. They would like to see schools take ownership of drains/blocks around them. Jodie to investigate further with KDC. (**ACTION**)

C McConchie queried the responsibilities of the businesses that boarder the Lyell Creek and the work ECan do with them. A suggestion was made to involve them in the Stormwater Campaign messaging.

### RESOLUTION

*That the Kaikōura Water Zone Committee:*

*1) Receives information on the following initiative to be considered for support & involvement;*

*a) Stormwater Campaign leading into and alongside Seaweeek 2024 (funded by ECan Regional Comms budget)*

*b) Hiring of the Stormwater Superheroes Trailer during Seaweeek 2024 for school visits (funding to be confirmed, but possibility also to be funded by ECan Regional Comms)*

*2) Confirms for initiatives 1a-1b, the Kaikōura Water Zone Committee:*

*a) Supports the initiatives being recommended for Kaikōura Zone Committee support & involvement.*

Moved: R Roche

Seconded: M Kahu

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

R Roche informed the Committee that Councillor Blunt is looking into water tanks for property owners to store extra rain water for emergencies (to purchase at reduced varying prices).

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## 8. COMMUNITY PROJECT UPDATES

### Update – Waiau Toa/ Clarence Community Hui

The Hui was well received. J Murray was thanked for the use of his shed.

There was some discussion that 2024 would be 10 years of collaborative work in the Waiau toa /Clarence Catchment – for some discussion to be had around recognising that in some way.

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## 9. COMMITTEE UPDATES

### Committee Treaty Training

Confirmed for June 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> at the Marae. Calender invites have been sent to the committee.

This is training specifically provided for Zone Committees and in this case, being coordinated close to home so as to reduce the need for travel etc.

### RPS Update – Regional Policy Statement/ consultation.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November – next stage of the Regional Policy Statement. For the committee to share the message with their community connections.

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## 10. WRAP UP/THINKING FORWARD

Upcoming field trips were discussed, and the following was suggested:

- A field trip to John Faulkner's and visit to the Lake at head of Clarence in early 2024. J Hoggard would liaise with the Chair around a field trip in February 2024 (**ACTION**).

Other items:

David Bedford's seat –

- noted it would overlook the Lyell Creek behind the I-Site area with a request for the area to be tidied up before this happens.
- J Hoggard would liaise with Sandra Bedford around encouraging the Bedford family to attend an unveiling session (**ACTION**).
- T Howard would enquire with the local Lions group around ordering a 'Lions seat'. (**ACTION**)
- A plaque would be required. An appropriate whakatoki to be used. G Solomon would arrange this (**ACTION**)
- G Solomon noted that the Zone Committee have previously agreed to fund this project.

Items for 2024:

Presentation from Ngai Tahu on aspirations around freshwater around what Ngai Tahu are doing in the freshwater space.

## 11. CLOSE MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.16 pm.

CONFIRMED \_\_\_\_\_ Chairperson  
Date:

## **Attachment: Three Waters Update**

27 October 2023

### **Water Zone committee 3W update**

#### **1. FB comments about water quality**

- a. Concerns noted on FB reviewed
  - i. 2 schemes
    - 1. Different sources
    - 2. Slight treatment differences
      - a. Kincaid chlorination liquid
      - b. Urban chlorination gas
    - 3. Very small number of complaints across long time period and wide area
  - b. Water quality in both schemes complies with regulatory requirements
  - c. Extremely unlikely to be KDC issue

#### **2. ECan Regulatory**

- a. Water supplies consents - flow and volume data being supplied. No specific concerns
- b. Abatement notices
  - i. WWTP: data supplied; ECan agrees existing consents inadequate, new site wide consents process under way.
  - ii. Urban SW: data supplied. No current concerns. Activity management and annual management plan updates underway
  - iii. Keeping runanga up to date

#### **3. Taumata Arowai**

- a. Continuous (1 minute) water supply data is being gathered, backed up by manual sampling and testing. Independent audit showed all water supplies safe. Technical issues including data continuity being addressed
- b. Combined provision of information to Taumata Arowai and 3W National Transition Unit

#### **4. 3W reform**

- a. Not expecting changes to effects on Kaikoura land or water resources
- b. Repeal of legislation – National and “Local Water Done Well”
  - i. Council ownership and control
  - ii. Water quality rules retained
  - iii. Rules and oversight for investment in infrastructure
- c. KDC developing long term plan with 10 year horizon based on current understanding of what will be needed