

CHRISTCHURCH WEST MELTON WATER MANAGEMENT ZONE COMMITTEE

Thursday 28 February 2013

A meeting of the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee was held in The Boardroom, Fendalton Service Centre, on Thursday 28 February 2013 at 6pm

PRESENT: Ian Fox, Community Representative (Chairperson)
Councillor Sally Buck, Christchurch City Council
Deidre Francis, Community Representative (Deputy Chairperson)
Jon Harding, Community Representative (from 6.25pm)
Councillor Debra Hasson, Selwyn District Council
Arapata Reuben, Tūāhuriri Rūnanga
Yvette Couch-Lewis, Rāpaki Rūnanga
Hugh Thorpe, Community Representative
Robert Wynn-Williams, Community Representative
Ann Winstanley, Community Representative
Commissioner Rex Williams, Environment Canterbury

APOLOGIES: Apologies for lateness were received and accepted for Councillor Debra Hasson and Jon Harding

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was **decided** that the minutes of the previous meeting of 28 November 2012, as circulated, be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman advised that in the company Matthew Ross he met with some Becca consulting engineers where two matters of interest had been dealt with:

- (i) Groundwater Use – Its use as a heat exchange medium for ventilation systems (such as used at Christchurch International Airport)
- (ii) Micro refuges – not directly connected to rivers.

It had enabled him to get a better feel on how matters are dealt with before they are considered by the full Council. It was an opportunity to ensure that rebuild projects were still alive

3. REGIONAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Matthew Ross advised that there two key items considered:

- (i) Natural Environment Recovery programme
- (ii) Communicating with Urban audiences

These were dealt with at a higher level, with particular interest being taken in the topic of stormwater discharge

A similar presentation will be made to this Committee, on how best it can progress matters coming before it.

The Regional Committee was making progress in parallel.

4. FINALISING DRAFT ZONE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

This is set down for finalising by the 13th March 2013 with a hard copy going to the Committee.

The Chairman added that so far the works had gone through in orderly f. It was also commented that so far, the submissions received appear to support the programme.

5. NATURAL ENVIRONMENT RECOVERY PROGRAMME

Reference was made to the report on pages 10 to 12.

It was **decided** that the Zone Committee support the Natural Environment Recovery Programme because it is consistent with the priorities for the Canterbury Water Management Strategy in Christchurch West Melton Zone.

6. BRIEFING – LATEST WASTE WATER PROBLEM ON AVON/OTAKARO

Mike Bourke (CCC) advised the situation of the Christchurch Rebuild where some \$50 million was being spent monthly. Most of the emphasis was going on sewage pipes. Waste water repairs/replacement would account for \$30 million out of an all up cost of \$3 billion. A huge amount of betterment to the system would however occur

Last November the discharge to rivers had finally stopped apart from spillages caused by collapsing pipes. A lot of groundwater was still seeping into the system.

While it was considered that there was need to talk directly to Government Ministers about the seriousness of the situation, it was advised that the Zone committee has no direct line of communication.

The Greater Christchurch Urban Devolvement Implementation Committee could be another organisation to push the funding need.

7. IMMEDIATE STEPS FUNDING

A Power Point presentation by Mimouk Hannan and Jo Abbott (Ecan) of four projects for the Committees' consideration:

1. Styx River Esplanade
2. Otukakino Stream Enhancement
3. Te Rauakaaka Nature Reserve, Brooklands
4. The Sanctuary Wetlands, Coutts Island

Three of the four projects were on public land.

It was **agreed** that the Committee:

- (a) Endorses all of the projects for Immediate Steps funding
 - (b) Note that the proposed projects will help to meet the targets and goals of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy
- © Notes that the selection of the proposed projects is based upon the projects scoring a medium or high ecological score and because they will progress biodiversity targets in the zone immediately.

The Waimakariri River Corridor Concept report was held over to a further meeting

8. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The opportunity was taken to have a further look at the Draft Terms of Reference before this is finalised. The Committee split into two groups to discuss the Terms, before returning to the table to report back.

Matthew advised that the outcome could form the basis of the Chair's report back to Environment Canterbury. A letter from the Chair would be prepared and emailed to all members.

9. MATTERS FOR REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION

Workshop 13 March 2013 – The following matters might be referred to the Regional Council for consideration

- Protection of Groundwater resources (as receiving environment)
- Avon Estuary, Heathcote/Ihutai Estuary (e.g. ecosystems, biodiversity)
- Dry land ecosystems (protection and management)
- Waimakariri River (including braided river birds)
- Regional Parks Planning: is there a long term recreation plan that includes water?
- Land use changes in the Upper Waimakariri basin and potential downstream impacts on surface water quality
- Signal concerns that additional challenges of earthquake recovery may impact negatively on implementation of CWMS targets and ability to meet them
- Is there a need for consistency of performance across all zones and/or equity of effort in meeting specific targets?

The meeting concluded at 9.00 pm

CONFIRMED THIS 21ST DAY OF MARCH 2013

**IAN FOX
CHAIRPERSON**