

**CHRISTCHURCH WEST MELTON WATER MANAGEMENT ZONE COMMITTEE  
23 MARCH 2016**

**A meeting of the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee was held in  
The Boardroom, Fendalton Service Centre on Wednesday 23 March 2016 at 6.03pm**

**PRESENT:** Arapata Reuben, Tūāhuriri Rūnanga (Chairperson)  
Suzanne Furkert, Community Representative (Deputy Chairperson)  
Councillor Pauline Cotter, Christchurch City Council  
Commissioner Rex Williams, Environment Canterbury  
Herewini Banks, Te Hapu o Ngāti Wheke/Rāpaki  
Kevin Brown, Community Representative  
Chris Kelliher, Community Representative  
Lance Kenyon, Community Representative  
Islay McLeod, Community Representative

**APOLOGIES:** Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor Debra Hasson, Selwyn District Council, Les Wanhalla, Te Taumutu Rūnanga, Andrew Congalton, Community Representative and Robert Wynn-Williams, Community Representative.

An apology for early departure was received and accepted for Commissioner Rex Williams, Environment Canterbury who departed the meeting at 6.36pm.

**1. KARAKIA**

The meeting opened with a Karakia from Peter Ramsden.

**2. APOLOGIES**

The apologies recorded were received and accepted by the Committee.

**3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

It was **decided** that the minutes of the meeting held on 25 February 2016 be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**4. MATTERS ARISING**

The following matters arose:

- CCC Integrated Water Strategy -
  - the integration of three infrastructure services of the Christchurch City Council (drinking, waste and stormwater)
  - Kevin Brown, Suzanne Furkert and Islay McLeod will provide comment once the draft is available.
- Meeting with CCC regarding shaving of riverbanks being attended by Paul Hulse who will report the outcome back to the Zone Committee.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil.

**6. IDENTIFICATION OF URGENT ITEMS**

Nil.

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**7. IDENTIFICATION OF ANY GENERAL PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS**

Nil.

**8. UPDATE FROM WORKING GROUPS**

**Report Joint Meeting CCC Councillors and ECan Commissioners (meet every 2 months)**

Reaffirmed the role of the Zone Committees to assist Councils' link with communities to improve water management. At some stage the Zone Committee may wish to consider "rebranding" to make the Committee more inviting/less threatening, and encourage committees to become more involved. There needs to be regular reporting to the ITE Committee of Christchurch City Council.

**Addington Brook/Riccarton**

The Committee **received** an update report from the Addington Brook/Riccarton Working Group on what the group is trying to achieve in the next five years and on the next steps which are to confirm presentations in future agendas and to prepare a draft surface water presentation to be finalised for the April Zone Committee meeting.

**Cashmere**

The Committee **received** an update report from the Cashmere Working Group on what the group is trying to achieve in five years, including reducing sediment getting into the Cashmere Stream and improved ecosystem health.

**Heathcote/Ōpāwaho**

The Committee **received** a verbal report from the Heathcote/Ōpāwaho Working Group.

**Groundwater/Drylands**

The Committee **received** an update report from the Groundwater/Drylands Working Group on what it is trying to achieve in the next two years and its next steps, e.g. a field trip to Otukiaikino on 31 March 2016, and from advice requested from the Christchurch City Council on what projects to work on into the future, groundwater quality and quantity and a map of groundwater protection zones to be overlaid with use.

**Communication and Engagement**

The Committee **received** an update report from the Communication Working Group on what it is trying to achieve in the next five years and activities undertaken since the previous meeting, including attendance at a Southern Environmental Trust public meeting on 16 March 2016 on urban water. Concerns about quarries were noted, along with the importance of education and public awareness.

A draft Communication Action Plan was tabled at the meeting.

Discussion was held about the timeframe for reporting to the Christchurch City Council's Infrastructure, Transport and Environment Committee. It was agreed these should be short and regular reports each month as well as being included on the Zone Committee and Councils' websites.

Any comments the Zone Committee members want to make on the Communication Action Plan should be forwarded to Lesley Woudberg.

[Commissioner Williams departed at 6.36pm.]

**Biodiversity - Immediate Steps**

The Committee **received** an update report from the Biodiversity - Immediate Steps Working Group on what it is trying to achieve in the next five years and its next steps, including to continue to receive and review project applications for Immediate Steps biodiversity funding.

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### Other - Regional Committee

The Committee **received** an update report on the field trip to Rangiora on 9 March to investigate urban water issues.

## 9. HOMEWORK FROM THE LAST MEETING

### *STYX AND HALSWELL DRAFT SURFACE WATER PLANS*

This report provided the Committee members with an opportunity to provide comments on the Styx and Halswell Draft Surface Water Plans, and the following comments were noted:

- Styx Plan, page 84 typographical error
- target audience not clear - public and Council
- very readable
- Styx Plan, page 74 limited space for stormwater
- Red Zone - our input?
- stormwater management
- stopbanks
- recreation rivers
- more specific plan for target audience
- Styx and Halswell Plans Executive Summaries increased to cover detail of report.

## 10. DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE COMMUNITY 2015

The Draft Annual Report highlights work the Zone Committee has carried out since its inception. The Committee members **approved** the Draft Annual Report subject amendments where required:

- cost of printing for distribution
- good photos and colour
- good key points
- Avon/Ōtākaro River stormwater global consent
- typographical errors
- addition of working with Council on Surface Water Plans and on Three Waters project
- addition of contact detail for public views, encourage public input and opportunity to join working parties
- removal of Water Festival reference
- addition of Zone Committee (community) photo (as thumbnails - to be provided next meeting)
- heading - Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee
- addition of the website link
- alignment with Christchurch West Melton Zone Implementation Programme (ZIP) and results? - targets reports and snapshot on page 25
- include link to previous report undertaken
- highlight explanation about ZIP and the Canterbury Water Management Strategy
- final paragraph before key events, sentence "this year, long serving members"

## 11. ESR - *E. COLI* TRACKING

A presentation by ESR, attached to the agenda, was provided to the Committee, "Update on the Avon and Heathcote Rivers".

The following points from the discussion were noted:

- the *E.coli* is possibly from a mix of wet weather overflows and leakage from stormwater, wild fowl and dogs
- pre/post earthquake comparisons are now similar - funding would be required to re-analyse pre-earthquake data to level of current analysis
- 2009 results to be forwarded to the Chair
- issue around Kerr's Reach - data does not align with public perception

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- what can be done by the community, e.g. around wild fowl/dog pollution and opportunity to request Ministry for the Environment funding
  - i.e. prick Canadian geese eggs when nesting
  - i.e. riverbanks planted in tussocks, wild fowl like short grass next to waterways, riparian planting has been used at the Groynes which has reduced bird numbers.

The Zone Committee will support ESR on working with the community regarding Kerr's Reach, liaise with the Rowing Association, wild fowl/dog pollution and investigation of mitigation options.

ESR will prepare an outline for possible joint funding by the Ministry for the Environment, and initially circulate this to Councils for possible joint funding.

**12. UPDATE - ZONE FACILITATOR AND MANAGER**

The Committee received an update by the Zone Facilitator on Freedom Camping sites and CCC response to close the sites and review the Freedom Camping Bylaw next year.

Islay McLeod shared her comments on the Government's *Next Steps for Freshwater*. The comments had also been passed to staff developing ECan's submission on the document.

An update by the Manager, Paul Hulse and a report will be provided to the next meeting.

**13. MEETING SUMMARY/ACTION POINTS**

The meeting concluded at 8.17pm and it was noted that the minutes/action points recorded at the meeting would be distributed to the Zone Committee members following the meeting.

A karakia was given by Peter Ramsden.

**CONFIRMED THIS 28TH DAY OF APRIL 2016**

**ARAPATA REUBEN  
CHAIRPERSON**