
Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee OPEN MINUTES

Date: Thursday 23 February 2017
Time: 6.00pm
Venue: Avon Rowing Club
Kerrs Reach, Wainoni

Present

Chairperson	Arapata Reuben Tuahuriri Runanga
Deputy	Suzanne Furkert Community Representative
Chairperson	Councillor Pauline Cotter Christchurch City Council
Members	Tom Lambie Environment Canterbury
	Chris Kelliher Community Representative
	Robert Wynn-Williams Community Representative
	Kevin Brown Community Representative
	Lance Kenyon Community Representative

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Teoti Jarden opened the meeting with a mihi/karakia.

The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

1. Apologies

Committee Resolved CWZC/2017/00001

It was resolved on the motion of Member Reuben, seconded by Member Furkert that apologies from Herewini Banks and Councillor Debra Hasson, be accepted.

Member Reuben/Member Furkert

Carried

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Committee Resolved CWZC/2017/00002

Committee Decision

That the minutes of the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee meeting held on Thursday, 24 November 2016 be confirmed.

Note: There were no minutes from 26 January 2017 as the meeting was not held due to unforeseen circumstances.

Councillor Cotter/Member Kenyon

Carried

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Kevin Brown asked if an invitation had been sent to the Water Race Committee to attend the Zone Committee meeting, as noted on page 8 of the previous minutes. The Committee was informed that Murray England, Asset Manager Water Services, Selwyn District Council, would attend the March 2017 meeting.

The Committee members were informed that as part of an Environment Canterbury water conservation campaign launch, a notice was sent out with rates notices about conserving water.

It was noted that no feedback had been received in relation to the Five Year Integrated Work Plan.

4. Deputations by Appointment

There were no deputations by appointment.

5. Identification of Urgent Items

Lesley Woudberg will provide an update on the fire on the Port Hills later in the meeting.

6. Identification of General Public Contributions

Nil.

7. Working of the Zone Committee 2017

Each year the Committee is required to elect the Chair, Deputy Chair and the Committee's Regional Representative. Nominations were called for the positions.

Committee Resolved CWZC/2017/00003

Joint Committee Decision

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee elect:

2.1 Arapata Reuben as Chair for 2017

Suzanne Furkert as Deputy Chair for 2017

Les Wanhalla as Regional Representative for 2017, subject to his acceptance*.

2.2 Meet 6pm- 9pm on the fourth Thursday of the month as set out the following schedule:

- 26 January
- 23 February – Kerrs Reach (Lower Avon and Red Zone)
- 23 March – Fendalton Service Centre
- 27 April
- 25 May
- 22 June
- 27 July
- 24 August
- 28 September
- 26 October
- 23 November

2.3 Organise its work into the following working groups:

Urban Contaminants Working Group	Andrew Congalton – Chair Pauline Cotter Suzanne Furkert Tom Lambie
Cashmere Stream	Ken Rouse – Chair Arapata Reuben Herewini Banks Les Wanhalla
Liaison with community groups Styx Living Laboratory Avon /Ōtakaro Network Heathcote/Ōpāwaho network Estuary Ihutai Trust	Suzanne Furkert
Groundwater/Drylands	Chris Kelliher – Chair

	Robert Wynn-Williams Kevin Brown
Communication/Engagement	Arapata Reuben – Chair Suzanne Furkert
Biodiversity - Immediate Steps	Lance Kenyon – Chair Les Wanhalla Tom Lambie (Note Arapata Reuben stepped down from this working group)

* The Committee received advice following the meeting that Les Wanhalla accepted the nomination to the Regional Committee.

Member Wynn-Williams/Member Kelliher

Carried

8. Ōtākaro/Avon River Corridor Regeneration Plan

Comments

Robb Kerr and Eric Hennephof from Regenerate Christchurch spoke about the process underway to develop a plan for the redevelopment of the residential red zone along the Ōtākaro /Avon River corridor.

The Zone Committee can add value by holding a workshop with Regenerate Christchurch and communities of interest along the river.

Regenerate Christchurch will be providing material to the Zone Committee to review and provide comment on <http://www.regeneratechristchurch.nz/residential-red-zone/>.

There will be a number of events organised by Regenerate Christchurch for the Zone Committee to identify a representative for.

Committee Resolved CWZC/2017/00004

Joint Committee Decision

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Notes the process underway to develop the Ōtākaro/Avon River Corridor Regeneration Plan.

Councillor Cotter/Member Kelliher

Carried

9. Improving Recreation and River Health in the Lower Avon/Ōtākaro River

Comments

A memo from Nicolas Head to John Benn, Department of Conservation, was tabled and read at the meeting about Canadian Geese being beneficial in helping to maintain lake edge turf communities.

Committee Resolved CWZC/2017/00005

Joint Staff and Committee Decision

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

- 2.1 Note the report on issues, possible solutions and actions currently underway or planned to improve recreation and river health in the lower Avon River/Ōtākaro.
- 2.2 Agree to the following recommendations to the Christchurch City Council for short to medium term actions:
 - Multi-agency and community approach to getting rid of flag iris and other invasive weeds, and replacing with long exotic grass and native plantings in suitable locations. Provide advice on how volunteers can be involved effectively with removing these weeds.
 - Quick removal of large debris in river. Have a Christchurch City Council ranger, contractor or volunteer (if appropriate) go out 1-2 times a week in a motor boat and drag/lift the islands/debris and remove from the water (to above high tide mark or dispose appropriately).
 - Advertise “Snap Send and Solve” with recreational users.
 - Reduce weed in bottom of river, and floating on the top, to a greater extent and during more of the year so that the impact it has on water recreation is significantly reduced.
 - Support creation of a transitional dual cycle and walkway from Barbadoes Street to the Estuary. Include some park benches where possible.
 - Add public toilets at Kerrs Reach and at the Mahinga Kai exemplar site. These could be transitional facilities such as portaloos or container toilets that can be moved.
 - Provide more education to the public that Canadian Geese are a pest, like the possums of our rivers.
- 2.3 Agree that the Christchurch West Melton Zone Committee ask the Christchurch City Council to provide a report by 1 June 2017 of what is required to achieve these actions, including annual and long-term planning and budgeting requirements.
- 2.4 Agree that the Christchurch West Melton Zone Committee actively search for opportunities to support the above actions.

Member Furkert/Member Kenyon

Carried

10. Update Working Groups

The Committee received updates on the following Working Groups:

- Urban Contaminant
- Rural Catchment
 - A map was tabled showing the land affected by the Port Hills fire to March 2017 and Lesley Woudberg provided a verbal update about the affected areas
- Groundwater/Drylands

- A map of the Selwyn District Council water races was tabled at the meeting and will be emailed to the Committee members
- Communication and Engagement
- Biodiversity – Immediate Steps Funding
 - The Working Group has received around 12 applications to the Immediate Steps Funding
- Regional Committee
- Liaison with Community Groups

Committee Resolved CWZC/2017/00006

Joint Staff and Committee Decision

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Receives the information in the report.
2. Provides feedback on the activities of each Working Group.
3. Provides guidance on the next steps proposed by each Working Group.

Councillor Cotter/Member Brown

Carried

11. Facilitator Update

The Annual Report was reviewed and the following comments made:

- Suzanne Furkert requested an addition under Key Milestones to refer to work relating to brake pads that is being undertaken; and an addition under Key work programmes underway about brake pads and heavy metals.
- Robert Wynn-Williams requested under CWMS targets – “what have we achieved”, to be changed to “what has been achieved in the zone”.
- Any further comments about the Annual Report are to be provided to Lesley by Monday 27 February 2017.

A copy of the Ōpāwaho/Heathcote Stormwater Management Plan was tabled at the meeting and a copy will be made available to members if requested by them.

Paul Hulse advised the Committee that he has taken on the role of Zone Delivery Manager for a one year period. He introduced James Tricker to the meeting. James will be acting as Zone Committee Manager during that period.

Committee Resolved CWZC/2017/00007

Joint Staff and Committee Decision

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Notes the upcoming events.

2. Agrees that the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee approves the Christchurch West Melton Annual Report 2016 (Attachment A) subject to amendments as agreed at this meeting subject to the edits requested.
3. Notes that the Annual Report will be presented by the Zone Committee Chair to the:
 - a. Christchurch City Council - 23 March 2017
 - b. Environment Canterbury (Date TBC)
4. Notes landowners in the Selwyn Waihora Zone have been reminded of their responsibility to meet nutrient management limits and apply for consent to farm (7 February 2017).
5. Notes the area affected by the fires last week.
6. Notes the update on the Ōpāwaho/Heathcote Stormwater Management Plan.

Member Reuben/Member Kenyon

Carried

Teoti Jarden closed with a mihi/karakia.

Meeting concluded at 8.12PM.

CONFIRMED THIS 23RD DAY OF MARCH 2017

**ARAPATA REUBEN
CHAIRPERSON**