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## Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee OPEN MINUTES

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**Date:** Thursday 23 March 2017  
**Time:** 4.30pm  
**Venue:** Fendalton Service Centre  
Cnr Clyde and Jeffreys Roads

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### Present

Chairperson	Arapata Reuben Tūāhuriri Rūnanga
Members	Councillor Pauline Cotter Christchurch City Council
	Councillor Debra Hasson Selwyn District Council
	Tom Lambie Environment Canterbury
	Herewini Banks Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke/Rapaki
	Chris Kelliher Community Representative
	Robert Wynn-Williams Community Representative
	Kevin Brown Community Representative
	Lance Kenyon Community Representative

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Arapata Reuben opened the meeting with a Karakia/Timatanga.

The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

## **1. Apologies**

### **Committee Resolved CWZC/2017/00008**

That apologies for absence from Suzanne Furkert, Les Wanhalla and Andrew Congalton, and an apology for lateness from Pauline Cotter, be accepted.

Member Reuben/Member Kenyon

**Carried**

## **2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

### **Committee Resolved CWZC/2017/00009**

#### **Committee Decision**

That the minutes of the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee meeting held on Thursday, 23 February 2017 be confirmed.

Member Kelliher/Member Kenyon

**Carried**

## **3. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising.

## **4. Deputations by Appointment**

There were no deputations by appointment.

## **5 Identification of Urgent Items**

Election of a Regional Representative for 2017

At the 23 February 2017 meeting elections were held for the Chair, Deputy Chair and Regional Representative. Les Wanhalla was unable to attend the meeting but was nominated as Regional Representative subject to his acceptance following the meeting. He has subsequently declined the position.

Nominations were called for the appointment of Regional Representative.

### **Committee Resolved CWZC/2017/00010**

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee elect:

Lance Kenyon as Regional Representative for 2017.

Councillor Hasson/Member Brown

**Carried**

## 6. Identification of General Public Contributions

Ken Rouse, Chair of the Cashmere Stream Care Group Committee addressed the Committee on the post fire situation on the Port Hills fire. He tabled a newsletter from the Group titled The Stream regarding the immediate issues of erosion and sediment runoff that are facing the Cashmere Stream and Opawaho/Heathcote River catchments. Copies of the newsletter will be forwarded to Committee members.

## 7. Water Races - Selwyn District Council

Murray England, Asset Manager Water Services for the Selwyn District Council, provided a powerpoint on “The Future of Water Races Everything BUT Stock Water” and responded to questions. Discussion included information about the closures of water races and the cost to maintain them. It was noted there was a consultation process before closure of any water races. The powerpoint will be forwarded to Committee members.

### **Committee Resolved CWZC/2017/00011**

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Receive the report on the water race system managed by Selwyn District Council.

Member Reuben/Councillor Hasson

**Carried**

## 8. Groundwater/Drylands Working Group

Chris Kelliher reported to the Committee on the progress the Groundwater/Drylands Working Group has made to achieve its objectives to:

- Know how much water is available to use
- Understand the landownership pattern within the “protection zone”
- Understand the threats to Christchurch’s groundwater system
- Identify how the Working Group can protect this resource for future generations.

This included an inspection of the zone, checking a number of Overseer nutrient budgets in the zone, and indicated possible ways forward including managed augmentation of the groundwater and streams.

Discussion was held about whether the current regulations and rules in the Plans achieve the Zone Committee’s objectives and policies. It was noted that after five years a review of the Land and Water Regional Plan was required to determine its efficiency and effectiveness (i.e. 2022).

### **Committee Resolved CWZC/2017/00012**

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Receives the Groundwater/Drylands Working Group report.
2. Agrees as the next step to safeguard the groundwater quality and flows for multiple uses (as per the Christchurch West Melton Zone Implementation Programme Priority Issue 4.1).

Member Kelliher/Member Reuben

**Carried**

## 9. Port Hills Fire - Recovery

The Committee received an update on the fire recovery work on the Port Hills. James Tricker reported that meetings will be held during the week of 27 March 2017 with affected landowners about their issues and how to minimise erosion etc.

Lance Kenyon and Tom Lambie reported on the outcome of a workshop they attended on 18 March 2017 about the Port Hills fire.

The Committee discussed the implications of the fire on the health of waterways and how they could assist recovery through biodiversity funding.

Councillor Cotter arrived at 5.45pm.

### Staff Recommendation

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Receives the report on the Port Hills Fire - Recovery.
2. Agrees to make the fire affected catchments in the Christchurch West Melton zone a priority for 2017/18 Immediate Steps allocation (\$100,000) for the zone.

### Committee Resolved CWZC/2017/00013

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Receives the report on the Port Hills Fire - Recovery.
2. Agrees to make the fire affected catchments in the Christchurch West Melton zone a priority for 2017/18 and 2018/19 Immediate Steps allocations for the zone.

Member Kelliher/Member Brown

Carried

## 10. Update Working Groups - 23 March 2017

The Committee received an update report from the Working Groups:

- Urban Contaminant
- Rural Catchment
- Cashmere Catchment
  - Kevin Brown reported on a programme by Canterbury University to monitor water quality in relation to the Port Hills fire.
- Groundwater/Drylands
- Communication and Engagement
  - Lesley Woudberg advised that a draft Engagement Strategy would be available in due course.
- Biodiversity – Immediate Steps Funding
- Regional Committee
- Liaison with Community Groups

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**Committee Resolved CWZC/2017/00014**

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Receives the report.

Member Reuben/Member Banks

**Carried**

**11. Facilitator's Update - 23 March 2017**

Lesley Woudberg's report provided the Committee with information on upcoming events. She reported that the Team Leader Facilitator for the Zone Committees, Barbara Nicholas, had resigned from her role. Lesley advised that she had been appointed the new Team Leader.

**Committee Resolved CWZC/2017/00015**

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Receives the Facilitator's report.
2. Notes the upcoming events.

Member Banks/Member Kenyon

**Carried**

Arapata Reuben closed the meeting with a Karakia/Whakamutunga.

**Meeting concluded at 6.04pm.**

**CONFIRMED THIS 27TH DAY OF APRIL 2017**

**ARAPATA REUBEN  
CHAIRPERSON**