
Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee OPEN MINUTES

Date: Thursday 24 May 2018
Time: 6.03pm
Venue: Environment Canterbury,
200 Tuam Street

Present

Chairperson	Arapata Reuben - Tūāhuriri Rūnanga
Deputy Chairperson	Lance Kenyon - Community Representative
Members	Kevin Brown - Community Representative
	Helen Caley - Community Representative
	Gareth Oddy - Community Representative
	Suzanne Furkert - Community Representative
	Councillor Pauline Cotter - Christchurch City Council
	Councillor Tom Lambie - Environment Canterbury
	Herewini Banks - Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke/Rapaki
	Les Wanhalla - Te Taumutu Rūnanga

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Tioti Jardine opened the meeting with a Karakia/Timatanga.

The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

1. Apologies

Committee Recommendation

That the apologies from Councillor Hasson, Robert Wynn-Williams and Carly Sluys, be accepted.

Deputy Chairperson Kenyon/Member Brown

Carried/Lost

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Committee Resolved CWZC/2018/00017

Committee Decision

That the minutes of the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee meeting held on Thursday, 26 April 2018 be confirmed.

Member Wanhalla/Member Furkert

Carried

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Deputations

4.1 – Ōpāwaho Heathcote River Network

At the previous Zone Committee meeting it was requested that a letter be sent to the Christchurch City Council recommending a single point of contact for community groups. Olivia Smith advised that she and Steve Firth would be the first points of contact at Environment Canterbury for the River Network and other organisations. Diane Shelander noted there was not one single point of contact for the Christchurch City Council, however Keith Davison, Manager of Land Drainage would be able to assist with water related enquiries.

Discussion held about the Zone Committee receiving responses to communications it sends to the Christchurch City Council. Arapata Reuben, Olivia Smith and Diane Shelander will work on the best way to achieve this outcome. It was suggested writing to the Councils to request their support of the community initiatives, such as the benefit to the Ōpāwaho Heathcote River Network and the Avon-Ōtākaro Network of the Councils being aware of their activities, and vice versa. The Zone Committee supports these groups and community initiatives.

4.2 – Young Leaders

Olivia Smith informed the Committee that the “Smart Seeds” Young Leaders Group had won with its proposal that gives urban residents the opportunity to recognise clean waterways. The Committee will be provided with a future update on this matter.

Item 8 – Potential Future of the Selwyn District Council Water Race Network

The Environment Canterbury and Christchurch City Council submissions to the Selwyn District Council referred to water races and the sustainability and maintenance of the waterways recognising the ecological habitats, and Tangata Whenua with the Runanga.

Item 9 – Working Group Updates

There was agreement to ask staff from Environment Canterbury Reserves team to attend the next Zone Committee meeting to inform the Committee about their activities, e.g. the Canterbury Plains Grassland Park.

Item 12 Recommendation 5

At the previous Zone Committee meeting a member requested that a letter be sent to the Christchurch City Council regarding the maintenance of the recreational and access structures on the Ōpāwaho Heathcote River. Consideration will be given to the most effective way to influence the Christchurch City Council on including these as part of regular maintenance.

4. Deputations by Appointment

There were no deputations by appointment.

5. Identification of Urgent Items

Copper Brake Pads

Councillor Lambie reported that the issue of the use of copper free brake pads had been sent through to the Local Government Conference and to all councils, then hopefully onto Central Government. The Committee congratulated Suzanne Furkert for raising this matter, and acknowledged Environment Canterbury and the Christchurch City Council, particularly Paul Dickson, regarding modelling of this.

Christchurch City Water Chlorination

Subsequent to the meeting, Diane Shelander provided the Zone Committee members with the following information:

- Three Waters and Waste Report, March 2018
- Well Head Security Improvements

This was in response to these issues raised at the meeting.

6. Identification of General Public Contributions

Nil.

7. Heathcote/Ōpāwaho River Flood Protection Works

The Zone Committee was informed that Clay Griffin was unable to attend the meeting, so this item would be added to a future agenda.

8. Update by Avon-Ōtākaro Network

Teoti Jardine and Evan Smith of the Avon-Ōtākaro Network updated the Committee about its activities via a Power Point presentation, including:

- The Mahinga Kai Exemplar
- Indigenous plantings on waterways that link to the Travis Wetlands
- Te Ara Ōtākaro Avon Trail
- Meet in the Middle event

Committee Resolved CWZC/2018/00018

Joint Committee Decision

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Receive the information in the Update by Avon-Ōtākaro Network report.
2. Agree there are opportunities for the Committee to support the Network by:
 - (a) Advocating to support the Network by encouraging a Council point of contact;
 - (b) Broadcasting through the Councils' Facebook events, e.g. Mother of all Clean Ups.

Deputy Chairperson Kenyon/Member Wanhalla

Carried

9. Cultural Historical Perspective on Freshwater Species

Arapata Reuben provided the Zone Committee with some history of Ngāi Tūāhuriri, the settlement of his ancestors at Kaiapoi, and the gathering of freshwater species from the rivers that has changed and declined over time, in part due to farming practises and urbanisation.

Committee Resolved CWZC/2018/00019

Joint Committee Decision

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Receive the information in the Cultural Historical Perspective on Freshwater Species report.

Member Wanhalla/Councillor Lambie

Carried

10. Working Group Updates - 24 May 2018

Urban Contaminant Working Group

Gareth Oddy updated the Committee with a presentation on the Addington Brook workshop that was held on 20 April. Issues included being able to visit the rivers, clean rivers, and use of the rivers for food collection. The vision "Teeming with Life" artwork was displayed at the meeting.

Discussion was held about an exemplar site. e.g. runoff from a warehouse and a suggestion of inviting community groups to a session on the Storminator.

Cashmere Catchment Working Group

The report was taken as read.

Groundwater and Drylands Working Group

It was suggested that a workshop is held for the Committee on issues and impacts on land users, the general community and inter-zone, including scientific information.

Communication and Engagement

The report was taken as read.

Biodiversity and Immediate Steps

The report was taken as read.

Recreation

It was noted that the “Red Zone Futures” exhibition will run from 26 May to 30 June 2018 in the Cashel Mall. The Zone Committee members agreed with the suggestion of a guided tour of the exhibition and staff will arrange this.

Regional Committee

The report was taken as read.

Liaison with community groups

The report was taken as read.

Committee Resolved CWZC/2018/00020

Joint Committee Decision

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Receive the information in the Working Group Updates report.

Member Banks/Deputy Chairperson Kenyon

Carried

11. Facilitator's Update - 24 May 2018

The Facilitator's report was taken as read, with the following matters noted.

Under the heading “Issues raised at Zone Committee Meetings”, jetty maintenance Avon and Heathcote Rivers, this is being investigated as noted earlier under Matters Arising to include these as part of the City Council's regular maintenance.

An update on the trial of the shaving of riverbanks will be presented to the July Zone Committee meeting.

Staff to follow up on a report on mussel harvesting.

The Committee was informed about an initiative by the Christchurch City Council, the Avon Heathcote Estuary Ihutai Trust and the Ōpāwaho Heathcote River Network about Steam Wharf Stream. A map of the stream is available.

Committee Resolved CWZC/2018/00021

Joint Committee Decision

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Receive the information in the Facilitator's Update report.
2. Note the upcoming events.
3. Update the status of issues that have been raised during previous meetings.
4. Note the letter of support for the Christchurch City Council Award nomination for their river catchment vision and values report.
5. Note the media articles.

Member Furkert/Member Caley

Carried

Arapata Reuben closed the meeting with a Karakia/Whakamutunga.

Meeting concluded at 8.54pm.

CONFIRMED THIS (xxx) DAY OF (xxx) 2018

**ARAPATA REUBEN
CHAIRPERSON**