
Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee OPEN MINUTES

Date: Thursday 23 May 2019
Time: 6.06pm
Venue: Environment Canterbury,
200 Tuam Street

Present

Chairperson

Arapata Reuben - Tūāhuriri Rūnanga

Members

Kevin Brown - Community Representative

Helen Caley - Community Representative

Annabelle Hasselman - Community Representative

Gareth Oddy - Community Representative

Abbie Wilson - 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

In Attendance: Jackie Curtis, Cherry Red; Gill Jenkins, Environment Canterbury; and Ash Campbell and Shane Kelly, Ngai Tahu Farming.

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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 Decision

That apologies from Councillor Hasson and Carly Sluys, be accepted.

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Committee Resolved CWZC/2019/00008

That the minutes of the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee meeting held on Thursday, 28 March 2019 be confirmed.

Annabelle Hasselman/Helen Caley

Carried

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Page 7, Item 8 – Ravensdown – Verbal Update – it was confirmed that the information about copper free brake pads on trucks had been forwarded to the company.

Les suggested this matter should be promoted to other heavy vehicle industries also. If Committee members have contacts, please forward the details to Lesley.

Page 10, Item 12 – Zone Facilitator’s Update – a letter has been sent to the Minister of Health and notification that it had been received. A copy was included under Item 7 of the 23 May 2019 agenda, titled Correspondence. We are waiting for a response.

4. Deputations by Appointment

A deputation was given by Adrianna Hess MSc titled “How Our Soil Will Save Our Waterways”. This related to research into the difference between petroleum-based fertiliser and organic fertiliser, and how nitrogen persists in the environment as a result of each type of application. The poor water quality of Te Waihora/Lake Ellesmere was referred to.

The meeting noted an invitation to members had been received from the Selwyn-Waihora Zone Committee to attend their meeting on 6 August 2019 to discuss water related issues. This would be an opportunity to ask the Selwyn-Waihora Zone Committee what farming practises are in place around Te Waihora/Lake Ellesmere and whether some of the suggestions presented by Adrianna had potential.

5. Identification of Urgent Items

Lesley reminded members to email Liz Ryley if they have any additions to the Committee’s Register of Interests.

6. Identification of General Public Contributions

John Benn, Department of Conservation

John referred to a lack of regional rules in the Christchurch West Melton zone relating to drain clearance and eels left on the river bank to die. The regional rules need to be tightened in this regard. Les advised that Te Taumutu Rūnanga does get notification of drains and dredging to ensure fish recovery, and this may be the case also for some of the other Rūnanga.

Lesley will follow this matter up with Compliance staff and John Benn.

7. Correspondence

Committee Comment

1. In addition to the correspondence included in the agenda to the Minister of Health, the meeting had earlier noted an invitation members had received from the Selwyn-Waihora Zone Committee to attend their meeting on 6 August 2019 to discuss water related issues.
2. Les suggested that the organisers of the Super Heroes should be involved in that meeting.

Committee Resolved CWZC/2019/00009

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Note the correspondence sent to Hon Dr David Clark on research on nitrate in drinking water and colorectal cancer risk.

Arapata Reuben/Pauline Cotter

Carried

8. Community Water Partnership Activities

Committee Comment

1. Clive Appleton, Team Leader Natural Environment at the Christchurch City Council, presented to the meeting on the Community Water Partnership Activities. Feedback to date on the partnership has been receptive.
2. Clive outlined the KidsFest Competition being undertaken from 6-20 July 2019 relating to blue fish about water from the roads washing straight into the river via the drains. He responded to queries from Committee members. He advised that it was important to improve communications, e.g. replicate the source to the sea bus trip to communicate to people in other catchments.
3. There will be opportunity to include community groups in future. Groups could be given blue fish to place around their areas. Clive noted that the Volunteer Army wanted to put together a pack about stormwater to distribute to schools, and if that went ahead a blue fish could be included in each pack.
4. Lesley tabled a document about volunteers on the Wairarapa Stream and an article on the Linwood fields, as referred to on the Christchurch City Council's website, Newline.

Committee Resolved CWZC/2019/00010

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Receive the update on the Community Water Partnership Activities.
2. Provide advice on how to share information about the gold fish competition.

Pauline Cotter/Arapata Reuben

Carried

9. Ngāi Tahu Farming - Implementing Good Management Practices

Committee Comment

1. Shane Kelly, General Manager Dairy, and Ash Campbell, Ngāi Tahu Farming gave a presentation to the Zone Committee on the farming practices carried out by Ngāi Tahu Farming.
2. The farming operation uses less water and leaches less nitrate in order to push the boundaries of best practice. This is about the impact on the environment and about looking after people and providing them with adequate training.
3. Shane and Ash responded to questions from members about the farming practices, that include the use of Ecotain pasture designed to lessen nitrate leaching from cows, and a range of biodiversity projects being carried out.
4. Shane advised that the Zone Committee members would be welcome to visit the farm.

Committee Resolved CWZC/2019/00011

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Receive the verbal briefing by Ngāi Tahu Farming on Good Management Practices.

Herewini Banks/Kevin Brown

Carried

10. Update from Committee Members on Zone Activities

Committee Comment

1. Kevin Brown thanked Olivia Smith for her organisation of the “What’s Happening Under Our Feet” field trip. The trip went well and was very popular. He suggested organising a similar trip during the summer months, with plenty of advertising beforehand.
2. Les Wanhalla referred to the Regional Committee trip to a dairy farm on the north bank of the Rakaia River relating to Farm Environment Plans and the Auditing process. He had learned a lot from the trip with the auditors asking farmers questions about their plans.
3. Kevin and Annabelle Hasselman attended the Waterwise Hui and prize-giving and met with the Estuary Trust who are looking for support from the Zone Committee as they move towards RAMSAR status.
4. Annabelle advised that the hui with students covered issues such as water, its use, mahinga kai and working groups.

5. Diane Shelander will follow up about organisation of the Christchurch City Council Councillors undertaking the same bus trip.
6. The Zone Committee members noted that the stormwater display held at the Westfield Mall, Riccarton was well attended.

Committee Resolved CWZC/2019/00012

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Consider the feedback from the 'What's Happening Under Our Feet Field Trip' and discuss ideas for further engagement opportunities for 2019, to include the organisation of a Councillor bus trip in February 2019 to coincide with the Water Forum.
2. Receive briefings on the recent Farm Audit Field Trip, Regional Committee Meeting and Waterwise Hui.

Helen Caley/Annabelle Hasselman

Carried

11. Facilitator's Update - 23 May 2019

Committee Comment

1. Lesley Woudberg spoke to her report, noting in (c) the good work on the Copper Brake Pad Remit; and the STORMINATOR device that was being trialled on some roofs.
2. Discussion was held about both Councils Declarations of a climate change and ecological emergency.
3. Les advised that a new person had been appointed as the CWMS Tangata Whenua Facilitator.
4. Gareth Oddy referred to the Stormwater 2019 Conference held on 1-3 May 2019 in Auckland. He advised that a stormwater innovation award had been presented.
5. Tom advised that the Ōtūkaikino Reserve required a co-ordinated planting plan. He suggested if members had the opportunity they should visit The Willows and Weedons Forest that sat alongside the Dryland Park, where there was a good partnership with the Selwyn District Council.
6. Annabelle advised that the Ōpāwaho Heathcote River Network community groups would be giving a presentation this Saturday 26 May 2019 at 1pm in the South City Library. This would relate to the whole catchment including stormwater, an overview display of dredging and a predator free display.
7. The meeting noted there would also be presentations given next week by the Avon Heathcote Estuary Ihutai Trust about birds, the estuary and earthquake resilience, and benthic microalgae.

Committee Resolved CWZC/2019/00013

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Note the upcoming events and updates.

Arapata Reuben/Kevin Brown

Carried

Arapata Reuben closed the meeting with a Karakia/Whakamutunga.

Meeting concluded at 8.02pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 20TH DAY OF JUNE 2019

**ARAPATA REUBEN
CHAIRPERSON**