

Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the **Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee** held on Tuesday 23 July 2024, commencing at 1.06pm in the Council Chamber, Te Whare Whakatare, 2 Baring Square East, Ashburton.

Present

Councillor Richard Wilson, Councillor Ian Mackenzie, Chris Allen, Clare Buchanan (Acting Chair), Angela Cushnie, Jess Hobbs, Sidinei Teixeira (via MS Teams) and Bill Thomas.

Non attendance

Arapata Reuben.

In attendance

Environment Canterbury: Jaimee Grant (Facilitator) and Carol McAtamney (minutes)
John Benn – DOC .

2 members of the public in attendance.

1 Welcome

Jaimee Grant opened the meeting with a Karakia.

Chairman Bill Thomas advised that he was intending to vacate the Chair for this meeting and appoint Clare Buchanan as the acting chairperson,

That the Chair vacate the Chair for the meeting and that Clare Buchanan be appointed acting chairperson for the meeting.

Thomas/Mackenzie Carried

2 Apologies

That apologies for absence be received on behalf of Mayor Neil Brown and Adi Avnit and for lateness on behalf of Chris Allen.

Buchanan/Thomas Carried

3 Extraordinary Business

Nil.

4 Register of Interests

Nil.

5 Confirmation of Minutes

Amendment

It was noted that the project details for the Wakanui Beach Crew Group funding application were recorded incorrectly in the circulated minutes, the resolution should have read:

- **Wakanui Beach Crew Group**

That the Ashburton Water Zone Committee recommend that the application for funding from the Wakanui Beach Crew Group to assist with a feasibility study on refilling the Wakanui Creek be declined.

Buchanan/Thomas

That the minutes of the Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee meeting held on 23 April 2024, incorporating the above amendment, be taken as read and confirmed.

Thomas/Wilson

Carried

5.1 Matters Arising

Nil.

6 Correspondence

Inward:

Environment Canterbury Chair Stefanie Rixecker.

Outward:

Environment Canterbury Andrew Parrish w. ZC feedback

7 Public Contributions

Nil.

8 Balmacaan Stream Diversion to Lake Camp Proposal

Vanessa Wright (presented on behalf of the Lake Camp Hut Holders), Tony Moore (Aquatic Club Chairperson), Geoff Hyde (Chair of Hutholders Association).

Presentation to provide the Zone Committee with information on a proposal and gain advice from the Committee on how to re-instate the diversion from the Balmacaan Stream into Lake Camp.

Resolved:

That the Zone Committee write to the Ashburton District Council, Environment Canterbury and Arowhenua seeking their support for the Lake Clearwater Hut Holders Association's proposal of reinstating the diversion of water from Balmacaan Stream to Lake Camp to address the low water levels.

Thomas/Cushnie

Carried

9 Mixed Protection Assets Installed in the Ashburton Catchment

Greg Stanley, Regional Lead – Braided Rivers Revival (slideshow circulated separately to the agenda)

Provided an update on the works installed as part of the berm transition project between December 2020 and December 2023.

Chris Allen joined the meeting at 2.25pm

Resolved:

That the committee receive the presentation on the Berm Transition project.

Cushnie/Wilson

Carried

10 Zone Committee Updates

Progress reports for four projects that have received funding from the Zone Committee Action Plan budget were circulated with the agenda

- HHWET native plant maintenance project – Hekeoa Hinds Water Enhancement Trust
- Adele Webb Ashburton River Planting – Adele Webb
- Pudding Hill Stream Weed Control – ADC
- Wairuna run-off project – Hekeoa Hinds Lowland Catchment Group

Waitaha Action to Impact Funds

It was agreed that advertising for grant applications be undertaken advising of a closing date. A workshop to allocate the funds is to be scheduled for September/October and the funds paid to successful applicants in November.

Resolved:

That the committee receives the updates.

Allen/Thomas

Carried

11 Other Business**Rakaia Catchment Environmental Enhancement Society**

That Angela Cushnie be appointed as the Zone Committee representative on the Rakaia Catchment Environmental Enhancement Society.

Buchanan/Allen

Carried

The Rakaia Catchment Environmental Enhancement Society are holding their AGM on 22 August, if members have any items they would like included on the agenda to advise Angela.

Ashburton/Hinds Rivers

That an approach be made to Environment Canterbury to see if they have an archivist who could investigate/source the historical records for the Ashburton/Hinds rivers to enable their accuracy to be reviewed.

Allen/Cushnie

Carried

Next meeting

The next meeting of the Ashburton Water Zone Committee will be held in the Ashburton District Council Chamber Hine Paaka at 1:00pm on Tuesday 27 August 2024.

The meeting closed at 3.20pm with a Karakia by Jaimee Grant.

Dated this 27th day of August 2024 _____ (Chair)