

## *Three Waters Committee – 25/06/25*

Minutes of the Three Waters Committee meeting held on Wednesday 25 June 2025, commencing at 9.30am, in the Hine Paaka Council Chamber, Te Whare Whakatere, 2 Baring Square East, Ashburton.

### **Present**

Mayor Neil Brown, Councillors Russell Ellis (Chair), Phill Hooper (*via Teams*), Lynette Lovett, Liz McMillan (*via Teams*) and Tony Todd.

Also present: Cr Rob Mackle and Cr Cameron [[amended 25/06/25](#)]

### **In attendance**

Hamish Riach (Chief Executive), Neil McCann (GM Infrastructure & Open Spaces), Toni Durham (GM Democracy & Engagement), Andrew Guthrie (Assets Manager), Hernando Marilla (Operations Manager), Ulrich Glasner (Water Services Manager) and Phillipa Clark (Governance Support).

### **1 Apologies**

Nil.

### **2 Extraordinary Business**

Nil.

### **3 Declarations of Interest**

Nil.

### **4 Confirmation of Minutes – 14/05/25**

**That** the minutes of the Three Waters Committee meeting held on 14 May 2025, be taken as read and confirmed.

Todd/Lovett

Carried

### **5.1 Three Waters operations & maintenance**

- **NE Ashburton water supply extension**

Appears to have majority support. Officers will report back to the next Committee meeting. A report will come to Council in due course with options for provision to NE Ashburton.

- **Montalto**

Feedback received will be circulated to elected members.

- **Advanced water metering trial**

Telehub metering trial information will be provided to elected members.

- **2025/26 pipeline renewal**

The Committee asked for details on the length of pipework being replaced and what percentage of the network this is. Officers will report back with this statistical information.

- **Drinking water compliance**

Hakaterere water supply is not meeting requirements for pH levels and some work is being done internally to determine what will be required to address this issue.

Taumata Arowai's Drinking Water Regulation report is due to be released and will be the subject of a report to the Committee on 30 July.

Cr Wilson joined the meeting at 10.15am.

Officers reported that Taumata Arowai are reviewing Level 3 of the drinking water quality assurance rules and targeting the range that Council is currently required to meet for protozoa. While some testing exemptions will likely come in the new rules, officers would expect Council to continue with UV treatment as the primary approach. Class 1 bore testing will provide an additional level of protection.

The Committee adjourned from 10.35am to 10.53am.

## **8 RMA Consent Compliance**

- **Ocean Farm**

ECan require a revised action plan and a first draft has been provided which includes investigation around wetlands (to determine whether it can be bypassed, partially or fully).

### **Stormwater Detention**

Officers provided an update on the issues that arose with stormwater detention ponds in Tinwald during last week's heavy rain event. Of particular concern is the pond adjacent to the Proctor Park playground and the Tarbottons Rd pond, both of which are impacted by the high water table.

To mitigate safety issues at the playground it is proposed that a pool fence will be constructed between the playground and the pond. A downstream pumping regime and a syphon option to remove water from the pond, as well as different discharge points, are also being considered.

### **Wastewater – Catherine/Grove Streets**

Officers reported on the overflowing wastewater issue. Council's contractor is investigating and officers are looking at monitoring for an early warning/alarm system when wastewater levels rise. The Committee will be updated with the outcome of the contractor's investigations.

The meeting concluded at 12.02pm.