

Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the **Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee** held on Tuesday 22 November 2022, commencing at 1.00pm in the Council Chamber, 137 Havelock Street, Ashburton.

Present

Councillor Rodger Letham, Councillor Ian Mackenzie, Bill Thomas (Chair), Chris Allen, Clare Buchanan, Angela Cushnie, James Meager, Genevieve de Spa and Les Wanhalla.

MS Teams – Adi Avnit, Sidinei Teixeira

In attendance

Environment Canterbury: Dave Moore (Facilitator), John Benn (DOC) and Carol McAtamney (minutes)

3 members of the public in attendance (via MS Teams)

5 members of the public in attendance (in person)

1 Welcome

James Meager opened the meeting with a Karakia.

A special welcome was extended to Councillor Rodger Letham who has been appointed as Council's representative following the recently held Local Body Elections.

2 Apologies

That apologies for absence be received on behalf of Mayor Neil Brown and Araparta Reuben

Thomas/Allen

Carried

3 Extraordinary Business

Nil.

4 Register of Interests

Nil.

5 Confirmation of Minutes

It was noted that at the conclusion of the August 2022 meeting the Chair had extended thanks and appreciation to Stuart Wilson for his time and dedication to the Zone Committee as the Ashburton District Council representative. His vast knowledge and input will be greatly missed.

That the minutes of the Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee meeting held on 23 August 2022, be taken as read and confirmed.

Wanhalla/Allen

Carried

5.1 Matters Arising

6 Correspondence

Inward:

Mid Canterbury Catchment Collective

Outward:

Nil.

7 Public Contributions

Nil.

8 Introduction to Hekeao Hinds Science Collaboration Group

Brett Painter and Peter Lowe

Provided an introduction to the Zone Committee of the Hekeao Hinds Science Collaboration group.

Requested feedback on:

- Potential additions or subtractions from the draft priority list
- Potential additions or subtractions from the draft list of consultation parties
- Interest from Zone Committee in collaboration, consultation and/or updates on specific workstreams

9 HHWET Biodiversity Funding Request

Brett Painter

Requesting a funding contribution from the Zone Committee for native planting and maintenance at NRR1 (South Hinds) and MAR17 (Lennies Rd) sites.

Zone Committee requested a further report be submitted outlining specific details of the amount of funding required, where other funds maybe coming from and a breakdown of expenditure

10 Mid Canterbury Catchment Collective Update

Angela Cushnie

- Purpose - to encourage and coordinate an integrated catchment by collective approach to intergenerational land and water stewardship between the Rakaia and Rangitata Rivers from mountains to seas
- Next steps – engage with stakeholders, develop a long-term strategy and support catchment communities
- Community led and solution focused built on collaboration and trust
- Current Catchment Groups/Communities
 - Foothills
 - Hekeao Hinds Hill Country
 - Hekeao Hinds Lowlands
 - Existing Landcare groups – Upper Rangitata Landcare group and Whitcome Landcare group in the Rakaia gorge
- Carters Creek still facing challenges – would like to get Ecan staff to walk parts of the creek (get them up to speed as there are many new staff – Henry Winchester to assist in arranging), followed by another community meeting
- Have engaged a summer student to assist the Catchment Collective group

11 Ōtuwharekai Working Group Update

Judith Earl-Goulet

Presented the second Ōtuwharekai Update on the work underway to address declining water quality and ecosystems values.

- A meeting is to be scheduled in the near future to build action plan (medium and long term action plan), followed by a time-frame and funding plan
- A Public Day is to be scheduled to be held in February – Zone Committee would like to be joint hosts of this day.

12 Professor Pablo Gregorini

Unable to attend meeting due to illness.

13 Committee Updates

- May meeting is scheduled for 23 May, not 26 May as circulated
- It was advised that Henry Winchester has been appointed Ashburton/Hakatere Zone Delivery lead for Environment Canterbury. A request was made for Henry to provide a report to be included in each agenda.

14 Other Business

Staveley Camp

It was agreed to hold a Zone Committee meeting on site at the Staveley Camp, late summer/early spring and that a working bee be incorporated on the same day.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the Ashburton Water Zone Committee will be held in the Ashburton District Council Chamber at 1:00pm on Tuesday 24 January 2023.

The meeting closed at 2.56pm with a Karakia by James Meager.

Dated this 24th day of January 2023 _____ (Chair)