

Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the **Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee** held on Tuesday 29 August 2023, commencing at 1.00pm in the Council Chamber, 137 Havelock Street, Ashburton.

Present

Mayor Neil Brown, Councillor Richard Wilson, Chris Allen, Clare Buchanan, Angela Cushnie, and Bill Thomas (Chair).

Online

Adi Avnit and Genevieve de Spa

In attendance

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

4 members of the public in attendance

1 Welcome

Dave Moore opened the meeting with a Karakia.

2 Apologies

That apologies for absence be received on behalf of Sidinei Teixeira, Les Wanhalla and Councillor Ian Mackenzie.

Bill Thomas/Chris Allen

Carried

3 Extraordinary Business

Nil.

4 Register of Interests

Angela Cushnie

Remove: Freelance writer Latitude and Country Copy

Add: Secretary for Hekeao Hinds Lowlands Catchment Group

5 Confirmation of Minutes

Amendment

2022/23 Season Water Quality update for Ōtūwharekai/Ashburton Lakes topic:

Lake Heron reworded to: Lake Heron is of most concern in Ōtūwharekai given the trajectory of algal growth. However it is not the highest of any lake in NZ.

That the minutes of the Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee meeting held on 23 May 2023, incorporating the above amendment, be taken as read and confirmed.

Bill Thomas/Chris Allen

Carried

5.1 Matters Arising

Nil.

6 Correspondence

Inward:

Mid Canterbury Vision

Following extensive engagement with the Mid Canterbury Community a Mid Canterbury Vision report has been prepared as a submission for Ecan's Regional Policy Statement consultation.

The Vision document will be presented to Ecan at a hearing scheduled to be held on Thursday 28 September at 1.00pm.

That the Zone Committee write to Ecan advising their support of the Mid Canterbury Vision document and request that the Regional Council continue engaging with community groups and the Zone Committee in developments/implementations going forward.

Thomas/Wilson

Carried

Carters Creek Catchment Group

Letter of appreciation for the recently received funding allocation of \$15,000

Concerned Tinwald Residents re: Carters Creek

Carters Creek flooding issues will be discussed later in the meeting.

Outward:

Nil.

7 Public Contributions

Nil.

8 Hekeoa Hinds Water Enhancement Trust update

Brett Painter and Peter Low (1.23pm to 2.25pm)

There are plans to expand the scheme to conclusively prove that in parts of catchment, making positive difference and in some cases a significant improvement, in conjunction with on farm nutrient leaching reductions and MAR.

Brett is to put report together a report outlining barriers that HHWET are facing and what will inhibit this project from continuing.

It was agreed that the Zone Committee will write to Ecan to confirm their continued support of this project.

9 Carters Creek Catchment Group Update

Willy Leferink, Janine Holland and Keith Gundry (2.26pm to 3.01pm)

Following the significant rainfall in July, Tinwald residents adjoining Carters Creek were inundated with water from excessive storm water flows from Carters Creek. The creek does not have capacity to handle the water flow

Catchment groups members want to understand who can help them stop their homes and buildings from flooding as they clean up rubbish and debris, attempt to repair eroded creek banks, assess damage to gardens/infrastructure and prepare for next storm event. Would like to establish a way that Ecan, ADC and the residents can work collaboratively to fix these issues.

It was noted that Carters Creek upkeep is included in the Zone Committee Action plan 2021/24. Environment Chair Peter Scott has asked Cr Mackenzie to look into possible solutions.

That the Zone Committee write to the Ashburton District Council and Environment Canterbury requesting that they both liaise with Carter Creek Catchment group to establish a maintenance plan for Carters Creek.

Allan/Wilson

Carried

10 **Wai Connection Overview**

Jessica Halsey (Wai Connection Regional Manager) (3.02pm to 3.24pm)

Wai Connection – Tatai Ki Te Wai is a Mountains to Sea Conservation Trust community catchment group engagement project. The project offers on the ground support to assist with catchment issues through tailored, catchment specific change.

11 **Ashburton Lakes Catchment Group funding request**

Judith Earl-Goulet (3.24pm to 3.35pm)

That the Zone Committee recommend funding of \$10,000 from the Action Plan fund be allocated to the Ōtūwhareka/Ashburton Lakes Catchment group for the purchase of a portable nitrate sensor, with the proviso that the Ōtūwhareka Ashburton Lakes Catchment Group consult with Environment Canterbury to confirm the appropriate model sensor is purchased and a robust monitoring regime is designed.

Allen/Buchanan

Carried

12 **Zone Committee Update**

- Te Tiriti Treaty of Waitangi Training

Environment Canterbury are to host workshops for Zone Committee members over the next few months. The Facilitator is seeking feedback on location and date preferences.

The Mid Canterbury Catchment Collective have also scheduled a Treaty Training day on 30 October. An invitation will be circulated to members.

It was agreed that information on the central Zones' te tiriti training will be shared with the Committee and members who wish to attend can nominate themselves.

- Action Plan

It is proposed that a review of the current Action Plan be undertaken. The Facilitator to provide an update on the progress of the projects on the current Action Plan

- Ashburton River Consent

An update on the current state of the consent on the Ashburton River is to be provided at the September meeting.

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 26 September 2023.

The meeting closed at 3.47pm with a Karakia by Dave Moore.

Dated this 26th day of September 2023 _____ (Chair)