

Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Zone Water Management Committee

Minutes of an Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Zone Water Management Committee Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Timaru District Council, 2 King George Place, Timaru, on Monday 8 October 2018 at 2pm

Present Hamish McFarlane (Chairperson), Clr David Anderson, Phil Driver, Sue Eddington, Ivon Hurst, Clr Anne Munro, Clr Richard Lyon, James Pearse, Clr Lan Pham, Ad Sintenie, and Mark Webb

Apologies Proposed Clr Ann Munro
Seconded Clr Dave Anderson

“That apologies from Glen Smith, Herstatt Ullrich, and Kylee Galbraith be accepted.”

Motion carried

In Attendance Barb Gilchrist (Facilitator), Brian Reeve (Zone Delivery Lead), Lyn Carmichael (Senior Planner and Community Lead), Prue Thirkettle, Rhys Taylor (Community Engagement Officer), Lloyd McMillan

Karakia Clr Lan Pham opened the meeting with a karakia

1. Declaration of Interests

There were no conflict of interests declared.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

Proposed Mark Webb
Seconded Sue Eddington

“That the minutes of the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee meeting held on 17 September 2018 be confirmed.”

Motion carried

Fit for Future Project

It was noted that the OTOP Committee has not provided any input into the Fit for Future project although feedback has been received from other groups. It is an ongoing process and there may be another opportunity for engagement. The Committee requested a reminder for the next feedback opportunity. In the meantime, members are welcome to send feedback to the facilitator. The issue will be placed on the agenda for the next OTOP Committee meeting.

3. Activities and Actions around the Committee

The Committee noted the public drop in sessions being held to provide industry, NGO's and the public a chance to provide feedback on the ZIPA.

4. Community Forum

Rhys Taylor updated the Committee on a number of activities –

- The farming community is seeking information on Plan Change 5 and this is being prepared by ECan officers. This information will be provided to the November catchment groups.
- Catchment group activity in the OTOP zone has been relatively quiet. The Waihi and Te Moana Catchment Groups had a successful meeting a week ago, also including the Geraldine Community Board – flooding and stormwater issues were discussed in particular.
- A field trip is planned, and the OTOP committee will be invited.
- The Otupua Saltwater Creek catchment group will be launched on 29 October. This group will be distinctive as it is a rural/urban group.

5. Zone Delivery Update

Brian Reeves (Zone Delivery Lead) updated the Committee on work in his field of responsibility –

- Washdyke working group, delivery of a pollution prevention programme will be developed to identify relevant consented activity that influences the lagoon, farming activities are also being looked at, and thirdly non-consented activities will be investigated – all working towards enhancing water quality in the lagoon. It was suggested that Craighead student, Heidi Vogel, could be a valuable contact person for the younger sector to be an ambassador for change.
- Reference was made to the water shortage direction from OWL, and OFRAG's involvement.
- Complaints are being received from members of the public on over irrigation.
- Water date processing has commenced – 712 non compliant water users, there is now no tolerance for data gaps, these incidences will go straight to enforcement.
- In regard to data gaps in water usage monitoring, the question was asked as to how to get accountability for service providers? It was pointed out that it is not a service provider's job to monitor compliance.
- A review is being undertaken of how consents are monitored, an internal audit system is being implemented.

6. Facilitator's Report

Four applications have been received for positions on the OTOP Committee through the refresh process. It was suggested that it would be good to have an OTOP Committee member on the Waitarakao working group, to replace previous

representative John Talbot. Mark Webb volunteered and was supported by the Committee to be OTOP's representative on this working group.

7. Letter to Regional Committee

The Committee noted the letter to the Regional Water Management Committee relaying concerns regarding Farm Environment Plans and Farm Management Plans. It was suggested that the letter be forwarded to ECan full Council. It was also suggested it be referred to the appropriate task group.

8. Timeline and Next Steps for Sub-Regional Process

Next week there is a workshop at Arowhenua Marae. Feedback from the engagement period will be available for that workshop. 18 responses have been received to date.

The Economic impact report may be discussed at the workshop following this meeting.

The meeting concluded at 2.40pm with a karakia from Clr Lan Pham.

Chairperson