

MINUTES

**Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone
Committee Meeting**

Monday, 4 November 2024

**Minutes of Timaru District Council
Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee Meeting
Held in the Council Chamber, Council Building, King George Place, Timaru
on Monday, 4 November 2024 at 1pm**

Present: Suzanne Eddington, Glen Smith (Chairperson), Chris Konings (Deputy Chairperson), Cllr Michelle Pye, Cllr Deon Swiggs, Sharyn Cain

In Attendance: Nigel Bowen, Trudy Heath

1 Opening Karakia

Performed by Dave Moore

2 Apologies

2.1 Apologies Received

Resolution 2024/21

Moved: Cllr Michelle Pye

Seconded: Chris Konings

That the apologies of Bailey Lissington and John Henry be received and accepted

Carried

3 Public Forum

There were no public forum items.

4 Identification of Items of Urgent Business

Recent oil spill in Saltwater Creek.

5 Identification of Matters of a Minor Nature

No matters of a minor nature were raised.

6 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

7 Chairperson's Report

7.1 Chairperson's Report

The Chairperson's report included:

Attendance at an ECan workshop to support better catchment groups.

Attendance at An online meeting with Chris Konings (CK) for an update on the review of Zone Committees with ECan. A working group with Mayor Nigel Bowen, Mayor Munro of the MacKenzie District and three rūnanga representatives has now been formed.

Query (CK) - Asked if funding had been confirmed for this year?

Response (Chair) – Funding for current year is confirmed.

Resolution 2024/22

Moved: Glen Smith

Seconded: Chris Konings

The Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee receive and accept the Chairperson's report as presented.

Carried

8 Confirmation of Minutes

8.1 Minutes of the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee Meeting held on 2 September 2024

Resolution 2024/23

Moved: Suzanne Eddington

Seconded: Cllr Michelle Pye

That the Minutes of the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee Meeting held on 2 September 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting and that the Chairperson's electronic signature be attached.

Carried

9.1 Action Plan Fund Applicant Presentations

There were five applications presented for funds to be allocated to, details of the applications are included in the Agenda.

- i. Craigmore Station Site planting
- ii. Normanby Lagoon Native Planting
- iii. Strathconan Stream Restoration Project
- iv. Tengawai River Plantings
- v. Kakahu Robinson Wetland Restoration Project

Clr Michelle Pye noted that the Agenda stated that the Recommendation references the “Ashburton Zone Committee” and that they should reference the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee

Resolution 2024/24

Moved: Clr Michelle Pye

Seconded: Glen Smith

That the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee receives the applicants' presentations

Carried

9.2 Consideration of Action Plan Funding applications

The Chair confirmed that the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee had the authority on its own cognisance to recommend allocation of up to \$50,000 to the applications as it felt appropriate.

Query (Deon Swiggs (DS)) – Asked if there was a staff recommendation

Response (DM) – Confirmed that there was no staff recommendation

General discussion around the allocation of the funds available, debating the merits of each case and their relevance to the published stated aims of the committee

Discussions centred around the value of each project: the likelihood of whether they would continue with/without funding; the cost and value for money to the ratepayer & local community; the long-term maintenance requirements; stakeholder engagement and benefit to the local area.

A number of options were discussed, and it was noted that the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee members were not comfortable providing funding for labour

Support for all of the applications was voiced

Concern noted at the lack of a proper quote for the price of plants within the application from the Normanby Lagoon Application, and it was agreed to offer funding subject to a suitable quote being received, and this would be reflected in a revised recommendation.

Resolution 2024/25

Moved: Clr Michelle Pye

Seconded: Chris Konings

That the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee receives the applications, and supports each project being recommended for funding as follows:

1. \$5,000.00 – Craigmere Station Site planting
2. \$23,725.00 – Normanby Lagoon Native Planting (subject to the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee receiving quotation to back up the planting plans presented)

3. \$10,164.00 – Strathconan Stream Restoration Project
4. \$6,111.00 – Tengawai River plantings
5. \$5,000.00 – Kakahu Robinson Wetland Restoration project (subject to provision of an acceptable detailed quote for the plants)

Carried

9.3 OTOP Water Zone Committee Update

The Chair invited DM to speak to the Report, and he noted the \$1,000.00 for the Rock Art Tour, which he attended, along with 18 other people (19 in total).

Spoke to PC8, and noted that the rules had changed, and the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee will be notified about this later this calendar year.

Query (DS) – Asked about impact of Resource Management Act (RMA) Changes

Response (DM) – Noted that the Wetlands Construction might go through , as change doesn't touch on FM22

Comment (Clr Michelle Pye) – noted serious flaws and deficiencies around proposed new rules regarding Dairy Farms and dairy support

Comment (Chair) – Noted that Council Officers Report had noted the proposal was contrary to council policy of dealing with effects rather than specific activities

DM spoke to the Water Allocation Report, and noted that they were trying to get responses back in time for the meeting of the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee on the 25th November for clarification

Comment (Clr Michelle Pye) – Spoke to allocation as a major concern, felt that the focus should be on usage, not on allocation

Response (DS) – Noted that ECan were happy to look at one river as an example to prepare a report on usage, and would take the Waihi River as that example.

Comment (Chair) – Noted that the data was there, but the quality of the data was poor

Comment (DS) – Noted that ECan were looking at the monitoring side

Comment (DM) – Confirmed that he would source a simple report to be presented to the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee; ideally a snapshot of the reality of usage

Comment (CK) – Noted the dynamic nature of water supply and subsequent issues with reporting.

Query (SE) – Raised the issue of Gravel extraction by industry

General discussion around the impacts of gravel extraction, and it was noted that there was a new Working and Steering Group to look at this which is going through the Council and ECan to develop a strategy.

Comment (DS) – Recommended getting ECan to report to the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee on the matter of Gravel Extraction

Comment (SE) – Noted that the effects at the river mouth and along the coast should also be considered

Comment (DS) – Noted that there were very strict ecological responsibilities, but some extraction is required for flood control purposes.

General discussion about the need for Water meters on Downlands Supply, and noted that meters were in the Timaru District Council (TDC) Long Term Plan (LTP).

Comment (DS) – Noted that Ecan had just released the monitoring results around Water Quality, and suggested that a report be presented to the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee, specific to the areas that were covered.

Comment (Clr Michelle Pye) – Noted that if Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee was still in place, this could affect funding and knowing of any hotspots would be useful.

Resolution 2024/26

Moved: Clr Michelle Pye

Seconded: Glen Smith

That the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee receives this report and provides feedback.

Carried

10 Consideration of Urgent Business Items

10.1 Oil Spill in Saltwater Creek

Query (Suzanne Eddington (SE)) – Was this the same cause as the previous leak from the metal recyclers, or due to the lack of spend on the pump house?

Response (Paul Cooper (PC)) – Noted that the leak is not the same as the leak from the recyclers a couple of years ago; it is being investigated, and remedial work is being done. Further noted that there is no definitive conclusion about what is being done about the earlier leak.

11 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters

No matters of a minor nature were raised.

12 Closure Karakia

Performed by Dave Moore

The Meeting closed at 3.10pm.

Minutes Confirmed 07 April 2025



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Chairperson