

MINUTES

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

Monday, 5 October 2020

**Minutes of Informal Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee Meeting
Held in the Council Chamber, Council Building, King George Place, Timaru
on Monday, 5 October 2020 at 9.30am**

Present: Lucy Millar (Chairperson), Phil Driver (Deputy Chairperson), Cr Elizabeth McKenzie, Cr Barbara Gilchrist, Cr Tom O'Connor

In Attendance: Bailey Lissington (via electronic link)

Lesley Woudberg (Team Leader Zone Facilitator), Michael Nolan (ECan Zone Delivery Team), Janine Roux (ECan Zone Delivery Team), John Benn (Department of Conservation), Joanne Brownie (Governance Support)

1 Opening Karakia

Cr Gilchrist opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cr Anne Munro, Suzanne Eddington, Luke Reihana and Glen Smith. As there was no quorum for the official meeting, an informal meeting was held.

3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

4 Identification of Items of Urgent Business

There were no urgent business items.

5 Identification of Matters of a Minor Nature

There were no minor nature items.

6 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest to declare.

7 Reports

7.1 Update Committee Members' Activities

The Committee considered an update from the Chairperson.

Combined Catchment Groups Organisation

In regard to the request to the Timaru, Waimate and Mackenzie District Councils and to Environment Canterbury for funding for resource for an overarching catchment group, an official reply has been received from the Mackenzie District Council with a letter of offer, Timaru District Council's Mayor is taking the request to his Council and Waimate District Council has informally discussed the request with a formal decision expected after its Council meeting on 13 October. The

Committee noted the time constraints, and emphasised the need for early decisions from the councils which have not yet responded.

In the meantime the group is doing some groundwork, including developing a constitution.

Pest Control

Cr O'Connor and Cr McKenzie reported on a recent combined Waimate District Council and Environment Canterbury meeting. While there was consensus at the meeting that some action needs to be taken in regard to pest control, Cr O'Connor and Cr McKenzie believe more action is needed than is currently taking place ie pest control outside the containment zone and before next winters planting.

Climate Change

Cr O'Connor advised that he did not agree with the symbolic climate change declaration. The meeting was advised that ECan is assisting with the climate change/coastal inundation modelling part of the Canterbury Coastal Plan Review.

7.2 Testing Bore Water

The Committee considered a report by Cr McKenzie on making it easy for property owners to test bore water. Options discussed included –

- Having an open community session where people can bring in samples for testing on the day/hold annual borewater workshops
- Investigate a quick triage method to test for ecoli and nitrates
- Do some public communication around the need to test regularly and advice as to how to collect samples correctly (eg video on facebook)

The Facilitator will prepare a proposal to bring back to the Committee.

7.3 Zone Delivery

Michael Nolan gave a presentation on zone delivery – the structure, activities happening, and achievements (long tail bat protection, regionally significant consents, farming at GMP, focus on wetlands, streams and lagoons, rock art sites, biodiversity.)

In regard to which OTOP members are on which catchment groups, it was agreed to await the establishment of the collective catchment group incorporated society, then review representation of OTOP members on the catchment groups.

Waitarakao

Michael explained the focus on the Waitarakao/Washdyke Lagoon and tabled an information flier on the checking of stormwater discharge activities. Nearly all the 40 consented industrial sites have been visited and good progress has been made on visits to the 190 non consented sites. Responses have generally been positive with people buying into the project.

John Benn (DOC) provided further background to the working group, its purpose and the work it has done since being established 3-4 years ago.

There was a suggestion made that there could be some sort of reward for compliance such as a notice at the site gate or a certificate. However the meeting was advised that this is not within the current scope of the project. Alternatively it was suggested that those industries performing well be promoted via the website/media. The Committee was conscious of not intruding on the work

of the Waitarakao group, therefore it was suggested that any media release be scripted from the angle of the OTOP Zone Committee supporting the working group's activities and acknowledging the results of the compliance work through promoting good performers.

It was agreed that the issue be referred to the Facilitator and Michael Nolan of the Zone Delivery Team to prepare a compliance good story and options for good management practice.

7.4 Facilitator's Update

The Committee considered the Facilitator's update.

Pest Control

Concern was again expressed at pest control and the need for more effective action, noting farmers cannot always afford to fund the control necessary and while one landowner may take sufficient action, a neighbouring property may not. Cr McKenzie agreed to follow up as to what is possible and the most effective place for pest control to fit.

Tree Planting

Tree planting and lizard habitat development has been planned for 11 October at the Eco Centre at Redruth for youth participation.

There is also a planting day planned for the Waihao/Wainono Catchment Group on 10 October.

Climate Change

A climate change workshop is being planned with a tentative date of 22 October at 5pm.

Cr O'Connor advised he has previously written a paper on climate change and offered it to the committee to read. The paper will be emailed to members.

8 Consideration of Urgent Business Items

There were no urgent business items.

9 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters

There were no minor nature items.

10 Closure Karakia

The Meeting closed at 10.40am with a karakia from Cr Gilchrist.

Minutes confirmed 2 November 2020.

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Lucy Millar
Chairperson