

## 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 7 MAY 2018 AT 2PM

**PRESENT** John Talbot (Chairperson), Sue Eddington, Cllr Anne Munro, Cllr Richard Lyon, Hamish McFarlane, Kylee Galbraith, James Pearce, Ad Sintenie and Mark Webb, Herstatt Ullrich, Glen Smith

**APOLOGIES** Proposed Sue Eddington  
Seconded Mark Webb  
“That the apologies from Cllr David Anderson, Ivon Hurst and Cllr Lan Pham be accepted.”

Motion carried

**IN ATTENDANCE** Barb Gilchrist (Facilitator), Barbara Nicholas (Facilitator Craig Davison (Senior Planner), Dan Clark (Senior Hydrology Scientist and Technical Lead), Lyn Carmichael (Senior Planner and Community Lead), Peter Constantine (Principal Planning Officer), Rhys Taylor (Community Engagement Coordinator), Lochiel McKellar (ECan), Cllr Peter Scott (ECan), Chris Eccleston (ECan), Mark Geddes (TDC District Planning Manager), John Benn (Department of Conservation), Dermott O’Sullivan, Prue Thirkettle  
Opihi Flow and Allocation Working Party - Andrew Mockford, Georgina Hamilton, Murray Bell, Julia Crossman, Greg Ryder, Justin Geary, Judy Blakemore for item 6

#### **1 DEATH OF COMMITTEE MEMBER MANDY HOME**

The Chairman acknowledged the recent death of committee member Mandy Home. Her contribution and the loss of her input to the committee was noted.

#### **2 REGISTER OF INTERESTS**

There were not items of interest declared.

#### **3 COMMUNITY FORUM**

There were no members of the public wishing to speak at the community forum.

#### **4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

a Proposed Hamish McFarlane  
Seconded Anne Munro

“That the minutes of the OTOP meeting of 26 March 2018 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.”

MOTION CARRIED

b Proposed Mark Webb  
Seconded Sue Eddington

“That the minutes of the Orari-Temuka-Orari-Pareora Water Zone Committee meeting of 16 April be confirmed as a true and correct record, subject to correction of the date.”

MOTION CARRIED

## **5 TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL BIODIVERSITY PROGRAMME**

The Timaru District Council District Planning Manager presented on TDC’s biodiversity programme which began with a comprehensive Significant Natural Area survey across the District. As a result of the SNA survey, there are now well informed land owners, many of whom are very receptive to maintaining the significant biodiversity areas on their properties.

A Steering Group has been established and District Plan provisions will be recommended to Council, together with non statutory measures being implemented. Provision will be made in Timaru District Council’s Long Term Plan.

Despite the challenges, it is a positive situation with a comprehensive knowledge base, buy-in from almost all parties, good policy and funding available.

Mr Geddes referred to TDC’s view of the OTOP ZIP Addendum, being generally supportive around biodiversity but Council would prefer a less directive approach, as the same outcome could be achieved through other means. However the Chairman advised that OTOP does not agree with this view.

Clr Peter Scott commented that TDC is an exemplar compared with other local authorities across the region and on behalf of ECan he thanked Council for its work in this area.

TDC is going to enhance biodiversity areas through non statutory measures – education, possibly carry out some of the work by council and continue with parks and recreation endangered species work. Council policy is for SNA’s but this policy may be reviewed, given the additional funding available.

In regard to consistency between different districts/authorities, TDC has looked at Mackenzie District Council’s rules and found they are not inconsistent, although it is difficult to totally align the rules, however there is a statutory responsibility to be consistent. Further, Timaru District Council now has an ECan officer working in the TDC building two days a week to increase the collaborative approach.

It was noted that there would have been benefit in bringing the work of TDC on biodiversity and the biodiversity work of OTOP into line at an earlier stage.

## **6 OPIHI FLOW AND ALLOCATION WORKING PARTY**

Murray Bell, representing the Opihi flow and allocation working party, introduced the presentation.

Andrew Mockford explained that the Working Party had significant challenges in its work, including shortcomings in the economic assessment and assumptions made in that assessment. The working party has put in a great deal of time in preparing its final recommendations to meet OTOP’s timing and has had to make compromises in order to present a collaborative package.

The team wanted to provide reliability figures, balancing availability with demand. The working party will continue to work with ECan and may revise some of the figures arrived at.

Greg Ryder detailed the ecological investigation and ramifications of the recommended regime. Justin Geary explained how the working party arrived at the economic aspect of its recommendation and the effect on the farming sector and the wider community from an economic perspective.

There is still ongoing work in regard to other aspects of the flow and allocation regime.

Proposed Herstatt Ullrich  
Seconded Kylee Galbraith

“That the work of the working party, carried out within a short timeframe in order to present recommendations to the OTOP committee, be formally acknowledged.”

MOTION CARRIED

**7 RESIGNATION OF CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBER JOHN TALBOT**

Consistent with his earlier indications to the committee, John Talbot confirmed that today is his last day on the committee and in the chair. Comments of appreciation for his work were made by members and officers, acknowledging John’s guidance through a difficult process, his statesmanlike leadership, thoughtful manner and calm and quiet approach.

Proposed Mark Webb  
Seconded Hamish McFarlane

“That the Committee formally acknowledges John Talbot’s expertise, dedication, leadership and significant input into the work of the OTOP Committee.”

Motion carried

The meeting concluded at 4pm.

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Chairperson