

MINUTES

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

Monday, 2 September 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, 2 September 2024 at 1pm**

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

In Attendance: Nigel Bowen, Grant Hall, Paul Cooper, Zella Smith, Steph Forde, Steve Compton

1 Opening Karakia

Dave Moore conducted the opening Karakia.

The passing of past OTOP Zone Committee member and Waimate District Councillor Dave Anderson was noted. He will be greatly missed in the Waimate District, and a moments silence was observed.

2 Apologies

Rynee de Garnham (Te Rūnanga o Waihao).

3 Public Forum

There were no public forum items.

4 Identification of Items of Urgent Business

There were no Urgent Business items.

5 Identification of Matters of a Minor Nature

Reference was made to the email from Cameron Smith which will be discussed under item 9.2.

6 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

7 Chairperson's Report

No report was provided.

8 Confirmation of Minutes

8.1 Minutes of the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee Meeting held on 8 July 2024

Resolution 2024/17

Moved: Glen Smith

Seconded: Chris Konings

That the Minutes of the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee Meeting held on 8 July 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting and that the Chairperson's electronic signature be attached.

Carried

9 Reports

9.1 OTOP Environmental Flow and Allocation

To update the Committee on the Flow and Allocation limits and described in the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan for the OTOP Zone.

Refer to the Report presented by Zella Smith (ECan)

Discussion around the report held and noted that we are currently in the midst of developing an integrated Regional plan, with the Regional Policy Statement scheduled to be notified in 2024/25. PC7 was recently made operative so no results are available as yet.

Confirmation that new Allocations and Flow Limits are set at either the renewal of consent stage, or if a consent is being reviewed.

New flow limits are mostly due from the 1/1/2025, although for the Opihi FMU, Consent renewals are mostly due anywhere out to October 2030.

Questions

Query: Is data on actual usage available?

Response (Zella Smith): Users are required to provide data as part of their consent agreement, but quality of data varies considerably, but is considered (along with environmental and social factors) during the consent renewal process.

Query: about visibility of any long term trends in data

Response (Zella Smith): responded that difficult to see with such patchy data.

Request for actual usage data to be made available for the committee, over a period of time, and perhaps for one FMU only initially to gauge the value of the report – suggested that they focus on usage in Opihi FMU

ACTION POINT: ECan to provide Usage data for one FMU, possibly Opihi FMU

Query about availability of data on water quality, and correlation noted between Health of a body of water and Flow rate.

Response (Zella Smith): Referred to LAWA website, and noted that ECAN Science teams monitor this, and reports show trends and identify issues. Dave Moore suggested the *Water quality for contact recreation: Annual summary* report also has useful water quality information.

ACTION POINT: Dave Moore to circulate report

Query: What is the reason behind different limits above and below Pareora Huts?

Response (Zella Smith): To do with the Dam and local administrative boundaries.

Glen Smith thanked Zella for the presentation of the report.

Clr Deon Swiggs requested an update on the Dry Strategy be provided to the Committee to understand the impact on water allocation.

Resolution 2024/18

Moved: Clr Deon Swiggs

Seconded: Clr Michelle Pye

That the OTOP Zone Committee receives this report.

Carried

9.2 Action Plan Fund

To provide an update on the 2024/25 Action Plan fund and propose the timetable for considering funding requests.

Dave Moore referred to the email from Cameron Smith outlining the \$50,000 available in the Action Plan Budget, to be ideally distributed by the end of the calendar year.

Dave Moore proposed getting as many applications as possible by Mid-September to be reviewed in October's meeting. The Committee's general feeling was that this time frame was too short and they recommended that the closing date for applications be the 14th October, to be reviewed in the November 4th meeting.

This was agreed, and further discussion occurred around advertising and communications.

Dave Moore then referred to the previous meetings request for plan to show money spent and opportunities and referred to the supplied plan. It was noted that the first Action Plan objective was favoured, and there was no context for why other plans were not. An example was given where money was set aside for a Rock Art project, but it turned out that a similar project was being run by a separate body (ECan) so the funds were held over - it was noted that more context would assist with any public enquiries, and Dave Moore agreed to update.

ACTION POINT: Dave Moore to update Spending Plan as discussed.

Resolution 2024/19

Moved: Glen Smith

Seconded: Clr Phillipa Guerin

That the OTOP Zone Committee receive this report and agrees a timetable for recommending funding requests.

Carried

9.3 Committee Updates

To update the Committee on actions from the previous meeting, relevant information and upcoming engagement opportunities.

Discussion around Catchment Groups - It was noted that some Catchment Groups were at risk of being turned into Zoning Committees, undermining their purpose to operate in a deregulated space, which was generally seen as their greatest strength. This gave scope for their main

positive attribute of being tailored to local groups able to effect non-statutory changes beyond legislation frameworks (without straying into illegality).

Resolution 2024/20

Moved: Sharyn Cain

Seconded: Chris Konings

That the OTOP Zone Committee receives this report and provides feedback.

Carried

10 Consideration of Urgent Business Items

No items of urgent business were received.

11 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters

No matters of a minor nature were raised.

12 Closure Karakia

Dave Moore conducted the closing Karakia

The Meeting closed at 1.56pm.

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Chairperson