

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CANTERBURY WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGY WAIMAKARIRI ZONE COMMITTEE HELD IN THE RAKAHURI ROOM, 215 HIGH STREET, RANGIORA ON MONDAY 1 JULY 2024 COMMENCING AT 4.10PM.

PRESENT

C Latham (Chairperson), J Cooke (Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga representative), E Harvie (via Teams until 5.13pm), C Aldhamland, M Jolly, R Gill-Clifford (Youth Representative)

IN ATTENDANCE

S Allen (WDC Water Environment Advisor), M Griffin (ECan CWMS Facilitator) and A Smith (WDC Governance Coordinator), J Recker (WDC Stormwater and Waterways Manager) J Fraser (WDC Infrastructure Planner), J Benn (Department of Conservation), L Cardenas (WDC 3 Waters Compliance Officer), S Stewart (Deputy Chair Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board), M Bate (Kaiapoi resident), J Ensor (Chair Mandeville Residents Association),

KARAKIA

Ruby Gill-Clifford provided a karakia to open the meeting.

1. BUSINESS

1.1 Apologies

Moved Carlyne Latham Seconded John Cooke

THAT apologies for absence be received and sustained from Ecan Councillor C McKay, WDC Councillor T Fulton and A Reuben.

CARRIED

1.2 Welcome and Introductions

1.3 Register of Interests

There were no changes advised to the Register of Interest.

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK

M Bate

M Bate expressed his concern at the loss of bird life on Kaiapoi Lakes and referred to Council report.

M Bate advised he had recently conducted a survey of fish life in Kaiapoi River, Cam Rivers, and at Skew Bridge, reporting that there was very little fish life at all to be seen. There was virtually no trout in the river, and he suggested that whatever was currently being done to fix the water environment was not working. Chemicals were having an impact on animal life. M Bate noted that there had been no discussion on this matter and believed this was a significant issue.

James Ensor

J Ensor spoke on nitrate levels in water and believes there were higher levels being recorded. Properties tested in 2023 near the Eyre River had shown levels of nitrate which were a concern.

James referred to minutes of recent meeting of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board which included comment on the future of Water Zone Committees. Carlyne advised that all the Zone Committees were under review by the Canterbury Mayoral Forum. It was noted that there were different views in different Councils on the relationship they had with the Zone Committees in their areas and the benefit of them continuing.

3. REPORTS

The input of the public was valued by the Waimakariri Zone Committee, and to allow the public to ask questions on the reports presented, the Chairperson put the following recommendation.

Moved Carlyne Latham

Seconded John Cooke

THAT the CWMS Waimakariri Zone Committee

- (a) **Agreed** that Section 9.4 of the Standing orders be suspended for Items 3 and 4 to allow members of the public to ask questions prior to the item being moved.

CARRIED

3.1 WDC Stormwater Drainage Watercourse Protection Bylaw Consultation – Update – Murray Griffin (CWMS Facilitator- Waimakariri)

Jason Recker and Janet Fraser (WDC) presented this report and provided an update on the upcoming review of the WDC Stormwater Drainage Watercourse Protection Bylaw Consultation. The Bylaw was the mechanism that the Council can meet the requirements of the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan and would reduce a lot of consent costs. The Council would assume responsibility for the quality and quantity of all stormwater discharges into and from its reticulated stormwater systems. Industry discharging into urban areas would no longer need consents from Ecan. Council would be relying on Schedule 2 of the Bylaw for consenting, which had increased the role of the Council and reduced the role of Ecan as part of the consenting process.

Public Consultation opened on the Bylaw Review on 20th June and closes 29th July 2024.

C Latham asked was there doubling up between the Bylaw and the Land and Water Regional Plan. J Fraser provided an explanation of how the bylaw rules apply, with the Councils Bylaw coming under Environment Canterbury's legislation through the RMA.

C Latham expressed concerns that the rules of the Bylaw may add costs to developments and therefore the cost of housing.

C Latham asked if the Bylaw could make provisions for the inclusion of Catchment Management Plans? Sophie Allen suggested that any such plan would need to be endorsed by either Ecan or Waimakariri District Council. C Latham said it would be an opportunity to keep any Catchment Groups involved.

J Recker advised that a district wide rate would apply for the Bylaw and the main matter being considered was educating people on the Bylaw, what it covers, and the

responsibilities of property owners.

If there was flooding issues in drains, J Recker said there was a small budget available for other drains that aren't rating specified.

M Bate noted the impact of the housing developments in the district that have occurred in recent years, and that the runoff from housing roofs goes straight into drains and the rivers.

Sophie Allen and Jason Recker responded to comments on recent flooding in the Cam River. Being a resident of Revells Road, J Cooke spoke on the flood which was caused by the bridges and when flooding occurs, the water breaks over either side of the bridges.

Moved Martha Jolly

Seconded John Cooke

THAT the CWMS Waimakariri Zone Committee:

- (a) **Receives** this update with consideration to the Committee's 2021-2024 CWMS Acton Plan and Community Engagement Priorities.

CARRIED

4. COMMITTEE UPDATES – M GRIFFIN (CWMS FACILITATOR, ECAN)

4.1 Waimakariri Water Zone Committee Working Groups.

Biodiversity Working Group

The second Environmental Awards are to be held in conjunction with WDC community awards. The Application and communications went live two weeks ago. Still to determine a judging panel and judging to commence in August.

Lifestyle Working Group

An event was planned to take place at the Sefton Hall, on Tuesday 9 July, 7 – 9pm, co-hosted by the Sefton Saltwater Creek Catchment Group. This would include a talk to be conducted by Dr Charles Merfield, head of the BHU Future Farming Centre, Lincoln University. If people brought water samples along, there would be an opportunity for nitrate testing to be undertaken. It was stressed that the samples need to be brought in clean containers. Sophie Allen would be present at this evening to offer advice and information on this matter.

Monitoring Working Group

Erin provided an update on the group activities relating to the nitrate water testing in Mandeville. A possible date would be Thursday 11th July, from 9am to 11am. A venue was still to be arranged. Publicity of this testing would be done through the Mandeville Residents Association, Ohoka Group (through Niki Mealings) and Oxford-Ohoka Community Board members. Erin agreed to book the venue (Mandeville Sports Club).

There were offers of help from Zone Committee members on the day from Martha, Carolyne and Ruby. Sophie Allen has agreed to provide large maps of the areas. Murray to bring clean containers if still available.

4.2 Environment Canterbury Reports.

27 June was the final Land and Water Committee meeting. Included at this meeting

was a report on all the Water Zone Committees and their projects.

There was also a June update on the Zone Committee review. Murray agreed that this review update could be provided to members.

A report would be going to the Mayoral Forum, probably in August with options for the future of the Zone Committees. There could be approximately five options. It was expected a decision would be made by the Mayoral Forum in November.

Regional Policy Statement – a dedicated online session for all Zone Committee members would be on Friday 12 July at 12pm – 1pm. This was an early opportunity on what would be put forward, and for discussion at a workshop session in August. The formal public consultation process was being scheduled for November 2024.

4.3 **Waimakariri District Council Updates.**

Sophie Allen spoke on the publishing of an item on the impact of copper on the environment.

Murray to forward an update from Councillor Tim Fulton.

4.4 **Ministry for the Environment – Our Land 2024 Report.**

4.5 **Parliamentary Commission for the Environment – Going with the grain: Changing land uses to fit a changing landscape.**

Murray spoke on Items 4.4 and 4.5 which are complementary reports for reference of the Committee members.

4.6 **Action points from the previous Zone Committee meetings.**

Murray still to follow up on the analysis of the data from Kaiapoi River and hoping to provide something more substantial for the September meeting.

Moved John Cooke

Seconded Martha Jolly

THAT the CWMS Waimakariri Zone Committee:

(a) **Receives** these updates for information.

CARRIED

5. **REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

5.1 **Soil Health and Water Quality Workshop invite – 9 July.**

5.2 **Water Quality Gap Analysis in the Waimakariri – Report by Aqualinc.**

ECan had been testing deep wells in the Oxford Area.

5.3 **Our Land and Water Case Study Overview – Waimakariri Landcare Trust.**

5.4 **Private Well Study Results 2023.**

5.5 **Rangiora stormwater monitoring programme 2021-23 annual report.**

5.6 **Rangiora stormwater monitoring programme 2022-23 water quality results.**

5.7 **Zone Implementation Programme Addendum (ZIPA) Capital Works Programme 2024-25.**

Moved Claire Aldhamland

Seconded Ruby Gill-Clifford

THAT the CWMS Waimakariri Zone Committee:

- (a) **Receives** these reports for information.

CARRIED

6. **COMMITTEE SCHEDULE AND PRIORITIES FOR 2024**

6.1 **Zone Committee Schedule and Priorities – Review Discussion– Murray Griffin (CWMS Facilitator- Waimakariri)**

It was planned to schedule a Workshop session on the Regional Policy Statement in August. This was an opportunity for any matters that members would want the Committee to discuss.

Carolynne had attended a meeting with Mayor Dan Gordon, Gerard Cleary (General Manager Utilities and Roading) and Ecan staff and Councillor Claire McKay on the future of the Zone Committees. The committee has a role as a “Connector” and that the Committee could work better with the local groups. Possibly the committee could work better as an entire group rather than split into different working groups.

Murray made mention of the community budgets at Ecan and would this have an impact on Zone funding. The Budget had been “consolidated”. At this stage, this was not known, and needed to be clarified.

It was also noted that there could be an urban field trip arranged on sites around Rangiora. Members were encouraged to make suggestions on items that the committee could discuss at the August workshop.

Moved Ruby Gill-Clifford

Seconded Claire Aldhamland

THAT the CWMS Waimakariri Zone Committee:

- (a) **Review** its schedule and confirm priorities for the remainder of 2024.

CARRIED

7. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

7.1 **Minutes of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Waimakariri Zone Committee Meeting – 6 May 2024**

Moved Ruby Gill-Clifford

Seconded Claire Aldhamland

THAT the CWMS Waimakariri Zone Committee:

- (a) **Confirms** the Minutes of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Waimakariri Zone Committee meeting, held on 6 May 2024, as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

Ruby advised that she had contacted the Youth Representatives at the other Zone Committees. To date she had heard back from two of the representatives and had planned to meet both these to discuss their roles in their Zone Committees. As Ruby would be stepping down from the committee at the end of 2024, she had also met with a working group from the Waimakariri Youth Council about her role and the work of the Zone Committee. She had already received feedback from a Youth Council member interested in the Youth Representative role on the Zone Committee. This would have to wait until the future of the Zone Committees was confirmed later in the year.

KARAKIA

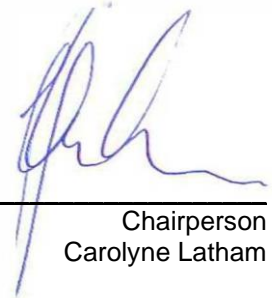
Ruby Gill-Clifford provided a karakia to close the meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the CWMS Waimakariri Water Zone Committee is scheduled for Monday 2 September 2024 at 4pm. There would be a workshop on 5th August 2024.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 5.52pm.

CONFIRMED



Chairperson
Carolyne Latham

2 September 2024
Date