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**CHRISTCHURCH WEST MELTON WATER MANAGEMENT ZONE COMMITTEE
2 November 2011**

**A meeting of the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee was held in
Heathcote Room, Cashmere Club, 88 Hunters Terrace
on Wednesday 2 November 2011 at 2.50pm**

PRESENT: Councillor Sally Buck, Christchurch City Council
Ian Fox, Community Representative
Jon Harding, Community Representative
Councillor Debra Hasson, Selwyn District Council
Craig Pauling, Rununga Te Taumutu
Herena Stone, Te Hapu o Ngati Wheke/Rapaki
Hugh Thorpe, Community Representative
Robert Wynn-Williams, Community Representative
Commissioner Rex Williams, Environment Canterbury
Ann Winstanley, Community Representative

APOLOGIES: An apology for absence was received and accepted from Arapata Reuben and Deidre Francis .

An apology for lateness was received and accepted for Craig Pauling, who arrived at 4.47pm and was absent for clause 1-8.

1. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM CHAIRPERSON

The Committee were asked to consider the appointment of an interim Chairperson, until such time when the Committee appoint a permanent Chairperson.

The Committee **decided** to appoint Rex Williams, Environment Canterbury Commissioner, as the interim Chairperson.

2. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

Nil.

4. IDENTIFICATION OF URGENT ITEMS

Nil.

5. IDENTIFICATION OF ANY GENERAL PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS

Nil.

6. WORKING TOGETHER: DEVELOPING WAYS OF WORKING

The Committee considered their initial ideas on ways of working together and discussed key areas of focus relating to planning, partnership, learning and integration.

The Committee considered the key values to be relating to:

- Developing collaborative approaches;
- Flexibility;
- Openness and respect;
- Accepting differences;
- Being prepared.

7. WORKING TOGETHER: SHARING INITIAL IDEAS

The Committee were asked to consider what they believed were the priority areas that needed to be focused on when considering water management in the Christchurch West Melton Zone.

The Committee identified 5 priority areas (*not in priority order*): (*amendment made at the 24 November 2011 Committee meeting, during the confirmation of minutes item, clause 2.*)

- Economic growth / Recreational Use / Heath;
- Flooding (both urban and the Waimakariri River);
- Quality and quantity of drinking water;
- Surface water/ fresh water bio diversity;
- Water quantity, abstraction and land use.

The Committee agreed that cultural values was an important overarching value that impacts upon all aspects of water management, and that this needed to be taken into consideration for all issues.

The Committee identified the need for a strategy for how the Committee engages with the community and stakeholders effectively to ensure it receives feedback and other perspectives on local issues. It was suggested that this should be an ongoing issue to consider alongside these values.

8. UPDATE ON WORK PLAN

Matthew Ross, Zone Facilitator, presented the Committees draft work plan for the year.

The Committee discussed the potential implementation any outcomes recommended by the Committee, and were advised that as a Joint Committee, the Committee could make recommendations to any relevant organisation, not limited to the Councils involved, however it was at the discretion of the Councils to adopt the recommendations.

The Committee commented on the Zone Implementations Plans (ZIPS) for neighbouring areas which could have relevance to the issues for the Christchurch West Melton Zone. Staff suggested that the Committee have an opportunity to formulate their thoughts on what the relevant issues were for this zone and form a common position on key matters, prior to having the discussions with the neighbouring Zone Committees on the cross over areas. The Committee highlighted key crossovers with the Waimakariri Zone Committee and were keen to engage in dialogue with this Zone Committee in particular.

Committee Members **requested** that the order of the work plan be considered, and potentially altered, to allow for discussion on where the key areas of interest were, prior to the second field trip.

The Committee discussed potential conflicts of interest, acknowledging that the Committee Members are not required to declare conflicts of interest due to the nature and role of the Committee. The Committee suggested that it would be prudent to advise of any interest to be recorded for information purposes only, and that this be included as an item on future agendas. Hugh Thorpe advised the Committee of his role as Hearings Commissioner as a interest.

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9. WORKING TOGETHER: MEETING LOGISTICS

The Committee discussed suitable meeting times and dates for the next few months.

The Committee **decided** to hold meetings at 6pm on the fourth Thursday of the Month, at Christchurch City Council Civic Offices on Hereford Street, with every fourth meeting being *held on a Wednesday* an offsite in an alternative venue. (*amendment made at the 24 November 2011 Committee meeting, during the confirmation of minutes item, clause 2.*)

The Committee **agreed** that next meeting of the Committee will be held on Thursday 24 November at 5.30pm in Civic Offices on Hereford Street.

10. STATE OF WATER RESOURCE

The Committee received a presentation from Tim Davie regarding the state of the Water Resource (refer **attached**). Key areas of consideration were an overview of the types of Monitoring undertaken and information on the water quality and ecosystem health including current conditions and trends.

Key issues discussed included:

- Natural Resources Regional Plan (NRRP) standards for water quality – the Committee asked to be provided with a list of the NRRP for the rivers discussed in the presentation.
- The Committee questioned the reasons for above average levels of surface water nitrogen in the rivers within the zone. The Committee were advised that this is likely to be as a result of the ground water source and industrial land use.
- The Committee were advised that the high levels of phosphorus in the Heathcote area is likely to be caused by the location of the river in the run off from the port hills, which was volcanic and naturally rich in phosphorus. Other likely causes were industrial land use and sediment control.

The Committee **decided** to defer the second section of the presentation relating to biodiversity until the Committee's next meeting due to time constraints.

11. REGIONAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Committee received an update on the work of the Regional Committee.

The Committee **requested** to be provided with copies of the Zone Implementation Plans for Waimakariri and Selwyn-Waihora.

The Committee noted the link between the water quality of the Waimakariri River and the impact on the water being fed into the Christchurch West Melton Zone, and agreed that a future discussion with the Waimakariri Zone would be of value to discuss this and other cross over issues.

The meeting concluded at 5.54pm

CONFIRMED THIS 24 DAY OF NOVEMBER 2011

**REX WILLIAMS
INTERIM CHAIRPERSON**