

CHRISTCHURCH WEST MELTON WATER MANAGEMENT ZONE COMMITTEE
Thursday 26 January 2012

**A meeting of the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee was held in
Linwood Service Centre on Thursday 26 January 2012 at 6pm**

PRESENT: Commissioner Rex Williams, Environment Canterbury (Interim Chairperson)
Deidre Francis, Community Representative
Ian Fox, Community Representative
Jon Harding, Community Representative
Councillor Debra Hasson, Selwyn District Council
Craig Pauling, Taumutu Rūnanga
Herena Stone, Rāpaki Rūnanga
Hugh Thorpe, Community Representative
Ann Winstanley, Community Representative

APOLOGIES: An apology for absence was received and accepted from Robert Wynn-Williams and Councillor Sally Buck.

An apology for lateness was received and accepted for Craig Pauling, who arrived at 6.19pm and was absent for Clauses 1–4.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 24 NOVEMBER 2011

It was **decided** on the motion of Jon Harding, seconded by Hugh Thorpe, that the minutes from the Committees meeting on 24 November 2011 be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

2. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

Nil.

3. IDENTIFICATION OF URGENT ITEMS

Nil.

4. IDENTIFICATION OF ANY GENERAL PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS

Nil.

5. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON, DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON AND REGIONAL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

It was **decided** on the motion of Ian Fox, seconded by Deidre Francis, that the Committee adopt to use the System B method of voting, as outlined in the agenda, to elect a Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and Regional Committee Representative.

It was **decided** on the motion of Ian Fox, seconded by Herena Stone, that the Committee defer the appointment of the positions of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson until the Committees next meeting on 23 February 2012.

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The Committee proceeded to call for nominations for the position of Regional Committee Representative.

Jon Harding was nominated by Ann Winstanley, seconded by Hugh Thorpe.

Ian Fox was nominated by Jon Harding and Councillor Debra Hasson.

On a show of hands, Jon Harding was **declared** elected Regional Committee Representative of the Zone Committee.

6. WHERE DOES THE ZONE COMMITTEE FIT IN? EXISTING STRATEGIES AND PLANS

6.1 WATER SUPPLY

The Committee **received** a presentation from Diane Shelander, Christchurch City Council, on the Water Supply Strategy.

The Committee identified the following key areas for further consideration:

- water use and charging
- threats to water sources, both in terms of quality and quantity
- the example of the Kapiti Coast Plan change, and generally the benefit of water use strategies
- water efficiency as an alternative to increase in quantity
- cross zone impacts with Banks Peninsula
- climate change planning
- total water volume, including private and public wells
- city drinking take rules
- earthquake and an up to date understanding of the impact of this on the water supply, water quality (including chemicals present), industry and machinery etc.
- change in demand for water in Christchurch post earthquake.

6.2 SURFACE WATER STRATEGY

The Committee **received** a presentation from Mel Renganathan, Christchurch City Council, on the Surface Water Strategy.

The Committee identified the following key areas for further consideration:

- how this strategy fits into draft management plan
- discussion on whether to lower the standards or insist to maintain
- stormwater management – urban basins, land use, including who pays for it
- differences between the surface water strategy and what the people actually want, and how these are interrelated with Environment Canterbury
- storm water management, work to look at cost effectiveness and water quality results, comparisons of different ways of management and tools and other benefits e.g. biodiversity
- liquefaction management
- spring management, protection and enhancement
- swimming opportunities
- wetland habitats
- city vision – ‘garden city’ verses ‘city in a garden’.

Owen Southern, Christchurch City Council, spoke briefly about the removal of earthquake silt from rivers and tributary waterways and undertook to give a presentation at the next meeting to further informal Zone Committee discussions.

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6.3 **CANTERBURY EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY AUTHORITY (CERA) AND CANTERBURY EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY (CER) ACT RECOVERY TOOLS**

The Committee **received** a presentation from Viv Smith from CERA, on CERA and CER Act recovery tools.

The Committee identified the following key areas for further investigation:

- red zone land management including pest control
- service water link – specifically relating to the lower Avon River, and also the land being made available for development to the west.

7. **LOCAL RUNANGA AND WATER MANAGEMENT**

The Committee **received** a presentation from Committee Member Herena Stone, on the cultural values in relation to water management.

8. **BIODIVERSITY: DECIDING OUR 'IMMEDIATE STEPS' APPROACH**

The Committee split up into focus groups to workshop the key priority outcomes in relation to biodiversity.

The Committee highlighted the following as possible key priorities:

- wetlands:
 - remediation or creation
 - named sites and others
 - consider remediation from natural event and whether this is appropriate
 - creating a habitat to encourage biodiversity.
 - links to stormwater management
- protection of freshwater species, quality habitat, emphasis on urban streams
 - protect what is already there
 - prevent decline (threatened significant habitats)
 - improve/restore/enhance what has been degraded
 - consider targeting existing groups/projects verses starting new ones
 - protection of springheads
 - protecting/improving the habitat of fresh water mussels and fresh water crays

These will be discussed further at the next meeting before considering how these relate to use of Immediate Steps funding.

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9. COMMITTEE MEETING DATES 2012

The Committee confirmed the following meeting dates for 2012:

- Thursday 23 February, 6pm–9pm at Linwood Service Centre
- Wednesday 28 March , 6pm–9pm at a venue to be confirmed
- Thursday 26 April, 6pm–9pm at Civic Offices, Hereford Street
- Thursday 24 May, 6pm–9pm at Civic Offices, Hereford Street
- Thursday 28 June, 6pm–9pm at Civic Offices, Hereford Street
- Wednesday 25 July, 6pm–9pm at a venue to be confirmed
- Thursday 23 August, 6pm–9pm at Civic Offices, Hereford Street
- Thursday 27 September, 6pm–9pm at Civic Offices, Hereford Street
- Thursday 25 October, 6pm–9pm at Civic Offices, Hereford Street
- Wednesday 28 November, 6pm–9pm at a venue to be confirmed.

The meeting concluded at 9.10pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 23RD DAY OF FEBRUARY 2012

**COMMISSIONER REX WILLIAMS
INTERIM CHAIRPERSON**