

**Minutes of the Waituna Catchment Liaison Committee
Annual General Meeting, held at Oteramika Hall, Cnr
Waituna Road and Kapuka North Road on
Friday, 17 February 2023, at 11.00 am.**



Present:	Mr E Pirie	(Waituna) (Co-Chair)
	Mr C McCrostie	(Waituna) (Co-Chair)
	Mr R Botting	(Waituna)
	Mr R McCrostie	(Waituna)
	Ms J McCrostie	(Waituna)
	Ms K Robertson	(Waituna)
	Mr M van Rossum	(Waituna)
	Mr J Ballantine	(Waituna)
	Mr L Ballantine	(Waituna)
	Mr W van Rossum	(Waituna)
	Mr T Tatham (Jnr)	(Waituna)
	Ms G Munro	(Waituna)
	Mr R Munro	(Waituna)
	Ms J Crack	(Waituna)
	Mr D Crack	(Waituna)
	Mr T Fogarty	(Waituna)
In Attendance:	Mr C Duncan	(Fonterra)
	Mr Z Moss	(Fish & Game)
	Cr J McPhail	(Environment Southland)
	Cr J Pemberton	(Environment Southland)
	Cr P McDonald	(Environment Southland)
	Ms F Young	(Catchment Integration Manager)
	Mr C Smith	(Team Leader, Catchment Integration)
	Mrs T Hawkins	(Chief Financial Officer)
	Mr D Connor	(Team Leader, Catchment)
	Mr C King	(Works Supervisor)
	Ms S Gray	(River Engineer Officer, Catchment)
	Mrs E Kini	(Personal Assistant – Minutes)
	Ms M Geldenhuys	(Personal Assistant)

1 Welcome (*Haere mai*)

Co-Chair Mr Pirie welcomed attendees to the meeting and provided the following Co-Chair Report:

- Bank stabilisation work not carried out to date.
- Advised Cain Duncan will provide update on Sediment Ponds.
- Stakeholders rarely attend these meeting, some of whom are absent today.

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- Lagoon consent is not a concern of this meeting. Application has been made to Department of Conservation to facilitate opening of lagoon to sea. Received a reply 14 December 2022 that it is in progress, no action to date.

Co-Chair Mr McCrostie provided the following Co-Chair Report:

- Attended the November 2022 Liaison Committee Chairs meeting, which included an operational session on finance, insurance and Southland's stopbank network.
- This was followed by a strategy session to see how Liaison Committees and stakeholders could work together. Still waiting for an outcome of this exercise.
- Liaison Committee Chairs asked what was going well and not so well, advised that the relationship with Catchment Operations (C King) is going well, however the obstruction from other external stakeholders and the impacts relating to farmers and committee members regarding addressing erosion repair, bank stabilisation and sediment issues were not going as well.
- Advised Iwi's preference is not using rock erosion repair, due to cultural protocols.

Resolved by Consensus:

That the Co-Chairmen's reports be noted.

Carried

2 Apologies (Nga Pa Pouri)

Resolved by Consensus:

Apologies be recorded on behalf of Chairman N Horrell, Mr B Pirie, Mr L McCallum, Cr L Ludlow, Mr P Hulse, Mr R Beal and Mr N Perham.

Carried

3 Terms of Reference

Cr McPhail clarified that the Terms of Reference, circulated with the agenda, are provided for the information of those attending and can be read prior to the meeting but are not be an agenda item.

4 Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting of 23 September 2022

Resolved by Consensus:

That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Waituna Liaison Committee Meeting held on 23 September 2022 be taken as read and be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Carried

5 Confirmation of Record of Meeting of 20 May 2022

Resolved by Consensus:

That the Record of Meeting of the Waituna Catchment Liaison Committee held on 20 May 2022 be taken as read and be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Carried

6 Matters Arising

Cr McDonald asked if additional Committee Members had been added throughout the year and was advised that no additional Committee Members joined.

7 Appointment of Committee and Membership

Mr Connor called for nominations for the position of the Co-Chair of the Waituna Catchment Liaison Committee.

Resolved:

Moved Mr Ballantine, seconded Ms Munro that Mr E Pirie and Mr C McCrostie be elected to the positions of Co-Chairmen of the Waituna Catchment Liaison Committee.

Carried

The Co-Chair, Mr E Pirie, called for nominations for the positions of Committee Members of Waituna Catchment Liaison Committee.

Resolved:

Moved Mr R McCrostie, seconded Mr M van Rossum that the Waituna Catchment Liaison Committee comprise of the following Mr L Ballantine, Mr R Botting, Mr B McKenzie, Mr B Pirie and Mrs G Munro, and that the Committee have the authority to co-op other members in the future.

Carried

Resolved:

Moved Mr Ballantine and seconded Mr R Botting that Cr J Pemberton be included as a member of the Catchment Liaison Committee.

Carried

8 Financial Report – 2021/22 and proposed 2022/2023

Mrs T Hawkins spoke to the Draft Budget for the 2023/24 year presentation slides, as circulated in the agenda, which included:

- recommendation to the committee to agree to a 6% increase, clarifying the increase is on the A, B and C rates.
- Clarification of incorrect coding to direct and support costs last financial year, will be coded correctly moving forward.

Resolved:

Moved Mr R McCrostie and seconded Mr R Munro that the Financial Report 2022/23 be noted and the proposed 2023/24 budget increase be 6% as discussed. To also include an Integrated Catchment Plan.

Carried

9 Catchment Report

Mr D Conner presented the Catchment Report and talked to the presentation slides (which Mr Connor acknowledged had been presented before) including:

- Work Program 2022-23 updating on bank stabilisation work, commencing in March 2023.
- Mechanically cleaning out three Tributaries (Jordan, Maher, and Armstrong).
- Drainage Maintenance with potentially \$50,000.00 worth of work to complete plus additional fish recovery of \$12,000.00 with a budget of \$41,000.00.
- Prioritisation is required on where work is carried out and when. This is being managed by Mr Connor and Mr King.
- Direct Cost increases impacting budget including a 10 -13% increase in Contractors rates, and spraying/herbicide costs have increased by 40%.
- Discussion regarding Fish and Game contribution financially to fish recovery.

Discussion from the floor included:

- Background on the property displayed in the slide presentation, raised the issue of miscommunication between the different stakeholders.
- Recent consultation and communication with Z Moss from Fish & Game.
- Z Moss recommended a whole catchment plan between all stakeholders, so issues can be managed collaboratively.
- Integrated Catchment Plan implementation including Iwi's agreement.
- Cleaning occurring more regularly to reduce cleaning time.

C Duncan provided an update on Sediment Ponds for the Waituna Tributary, which construction is to be completed by April 2023. The discussion focused on maintenance matters.

10 General

Environmental Challenges facing Murihiku Southland

Mr C Smith and Mrs F Young talked to the presentation slides (a copy of the presentation will be kept on file) including:

- Work carried out by the Catchment Integration Team, specifically in the Waituna Catchment.
- Bank stabilisation work, including clarification on rock not being used in specific areas.
- Draft proposal for a Catchment Erosion Plan, Waituna being the pilot which includes
- How land owners want to be involved/communicated to and working with Liaison Committee's moving forward effectively.
- Cr P McDonald has replaced L McCallum on the Whakamana te Waituna Trust.
- Recommendation of a Terms of Engagement on how to work together, commence mending relationships including with the Wkamana te Waituna Trust, Department of Conservation, Fish & Game and Iwi.
- Motivated to have engaged farmers/landowners working together with Environment Southland and stakeholders.

Other

Discussion occurred re the Lagoon opening Consent. Co-Chair Pirie advised this was not the correct forum for this discussion as it is not part of this Committee's brief. Mr Pirie provided a brief update, advising Iwi, Department of Conservation and Environment Southland have not met to discuss at this point in time.

11 Termination

As there was no further business, the meeting was closed at 12.56 pm.