

Minutes of the seventh meeting of the eleventh triennium of the Catchment Operations Committee held at 9.30am on Wednesday 11 August 2021, in the Tararua Room, Horizons Regional Council, 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North.

PRESENT Crs DB Cotton (Chair), AL Benbow, EM Clarke, SD Ferguson, EB Gordon, FJT Gordon (to 10.30am), RJ Keedwell, WM Kirton (via Zoom), JM Naylor, NJ Patrick (via Zoom), WK Te Awe Awe, and GJ Turkington (to 10.34am and from 12.30pm).

IN ATTENDANCE Chief Executive Mr M McCartney
Committee Secretary Mrs JA Kennedy

ALSO PRESENT At various times during the meeting:

Mr C Grant (Acting Group Manager River Management), Dr J Roygard (Group Manager Natural Resources & Partnerships), Dr N Peet (Group Manager Strategy & Regulation), Mr G Shirley (Group Manager Regional Services & Information), Mr G Cooper (Manager Land & Partnerships), Ms C Morrison (Media & Communications Manager), Mr D Ross (Project Engineer), Mr J Bell (Manager Investigations & Design), Mr K Russell (Operations Manager), Mr W Spencer (Area Engineer), Mr S Edwards (Project Team Leader), Mr T Bowen (Principal Advisor Strategy & Regulation), Mr B Glavovic and Dr M Garcia (Massey University), Mr V Sadashiva (GNS Science via Zoom), Mr K Gray & Mr N Palmer (Public Speaking), and members of the public.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited Cr Te Awe Awe to say a Karakia.

APOLOGIES

An apology was submitted later in the meeting from Cr F Gordon for leaving early.

PUBLIC FORUMS / DEPUTATIONS / PETITIONS

Mr Keith Gray had been granted a public forum.

SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

There were no supplementary items to be considered.

MEMBERS' CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Patrick noted a conflict of interest in Item 10, Te Pūwaha Project Update.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COP 21-45 *Moved* *Ferguson/Keedwell*

That the Committee:

confirms the minutes of the Catchment Operations Committee meeting held on 14 April 2021 as a correct record, and notes that the recommendations were adopted by the Council on 28 April 2021.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11.10am.

The meeting reconvened at 11.17am.

TE PŪWAHA PROJECT UPDATE

Report No 21-88

Mr Ross (Project Engineer) spoke to the item which updated Members on work associated with repairs to the Lower Whanganui River training structures, and the Horizons operational component of the Te Pūwaha / Whanganui Port Revitalisation Project. Mr Grant (Acting Group Manager River Management) clarified Members' questions around the risks associated with the upward price of rock supply.

COP 21-49 Moved Cotton/B Gordon

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 21-88.*

CARRIED

CLIMATE RESILIENCE PROJECTS

Report No 21-89

Mr Edwards (Projects Team Leader) took Members through the item which updated Members on progress with delivering the Flood Protection Climate Resilience Projects.

COP 21-50 Moved Clarke/Ferguson

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 21-89.*

CARRIED

LAND MANAGEMENT PROGRESS REPORT

Report No 21-90

This report covered work carried out by the Natural Resources and Partnership – Land Management team during the period 1 March to 30 June 2021. It included the activity areas of Sustainable Land Management Initiative (SLUI), Regional Land and Coast, and Nursery. Dr Roygard (Group Manager Natural Resources & Partnerships) explained the SLUI funding associated with delivery of the programme.

Cr Turkington rejoined the meeting at 12.30pm.

Mr Cooper (Land & Partnership Manager) spoke to a powerpoint presentation which highlighted SLUI targets achieved, proposed SLUI works, and total fencing completed.

COP 21-51 Moved Kirton/Benbow

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 21-90 and Annex.*

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 1.02pm.

Confirmed.

ACTING GROUP MANAGER
RIVER MANAGEMENT

CHAIR

GROUP MANAGER NATURAL RESOURCES
AND PARTNERSHIPS