

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



RIVER AND DRAINAGE ENGINEERING REPORT

Report No 21-85

Mr Grant (Acting Group Manager River Management) introduced the report which highlighted progress with river and drainage activities for the period April 2021-June 2021 and summarised some key points. He noted that Scheme Reviews had been put on pause until a strategic direction was known. River Management staff were available to clarify Members' questions about the various activities.

COP 21-46 Moved

Te Awe Awe/F Gordon

That the Committee recommends that Council:

a. receives the information contained in Report No. 21-85.

CARRIED

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Gray (Chairman of Koitiata Residents Committee (KRC)), supported by Mr Palmer (Treasurer and Committee Member (KRC)), explained the water issues at the beach side of the Koitiata Village. A number of photographs were displayed to highlight the issue. They requested a permanent solution to the problem either by way of a resource consent or by redirecting the water elsewhere.

PRESENTATION: DEVELOPMENT OF AN ANZAC PARADE FLOOD RESILIENCE STRATEGY Report No 21-87

Massey University Professor and Earthquake Commission Chair in Natural Hazards Planning Mr Glavovic, assisted by post-doctoral fellow Dr Garcia, provided an update on the strategy process to date for the development of a resilience strategy for the part of Anzac Parade in Whanganui exposed to the Whanganui River flooding, and on the public engagement forums planned between now and the end of the year.

Cr F Gordon left the meeting at 10.30am.

Cr Turkington left the meeting at 10.34am.

COP 21-47 Moved

Patrick/Cotton

That the Committee recommends that Council:

a. receives the information presented in the update on the Development of an Anzac Parade Flood Resilience Strategy.

CARRIED

PRESENTATION: EARTHQUAKE LOSS ESTIMATES FOR FLOOD PROTECTION ASSETS Report No 21-86

Mr Sadashiva from GNS Science spoke (via Zoom) to a presentation about the work that GNS Science had undertaken around developing earthquake loss estimates for flood protection assets.

COP 21-48

Moved

Naylor/Clarke

That the Committee recommends that Council:

a. receives the presentation from GNS Science.

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

AND PARTNERSHIPS



The meeting closed at 1.02pm.	
Confirmed.	
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