

**.Minutes of the Te Anau Catchment Liaison Committee
Annual General Meeting, held at Te Anau Club,
Pop Andrews Drive, Te Anau on
Thursday 23 February 2023, at 9.55 am**



Present:	Mr B Taylor	(Te Anau) (<i>Chair</i>)
	Mr R Willet	(Te Anau)
	Ms G Bell	(Te Anau)
	Ms M Carter	(Te Anau)
	Mr M Slee	(Te Anau)
	Mr H Slee	(Te Anau)
	Mr D McGibbon	(Te Anau)
	Mr S Cranstoun	(Te Anau)
	Mr C Deaker	(Te Anau)
	Mr J Turner	(Te Anau)
	Mr G Johnston	(Te Anau)
	Mr G McGregor	(Te Anau)
	Mr C Hughes	(Te Anau)
	Mr L Helm	(Te Anau)
	Mr G Anderson	(Te Anau)
	Mr S Botting	(Te Anau)
	Mr L Thomson	(Te Anau)
	Ms M Bruce	(Te Anau)
	Mr R McClean	(Te Anau)
	Mr H McClean	(Te Anau)
	Mr P McDonald	(Te Anau)
In Attendance:	Mr B Jarvie	(Fish & Game)
	Mr J Breach	(Ministry for Primary Industries)
	Mr R Hodson	(Waiau Trust)
	Cr P Evans	(Environment Southland)
	Cr J McPhail	(Environment Southland)
	Cr Eric Roy	(Environment Southland)
	Mr R Beal	(Catchment Operations Manager)
	Mr P Pollard	(Team Leader, Catchment)
	Mr M Harvey	(Works Supervisor)
	Ms E Lawton	(Team Leader, Catchment Integration)
	Ms J Agate	(Land Sustainability Officer)
	Mrs E Kini	(Personal Assistant – Minutes)
	Ms M Geldenhuys	(Personal Assistant)

1 Welcome and Chairman's Report (*Haere mai*)

Chair Mr Taylor welcomed attendees to the meeting and provided the following Chair's Report:

- Acknowledged the good attendance at the meeting and the impacts that Cyclone Gabrielle that have occurred. Noted that Mr P Pollard is travelling to the North Island to support the recovery. This is a good opportunity to receive information first hand of the devastation.
- Advised there is nothing significant to report, kept up with maintenance, and is frustrated at the speed with which matters are happening or being addressed.
- Has had good contact with the Department of Conservation, spraying has decrease due to the reduced subsidy. Commencing trials in this area.
- Thanked and acknowledged Mr C Mac, Mr M Slee and Mr H Slee for their time and effort.
- Rates review will be discussed in the meeting, most unfair rating system around, everyone will be informed before it happens.

Resolved:

Moved Mr Taylor, seconded Mr M Slee that the Chair's Report be noted.

Carried

2 Apologies (*Nga Pa Pouri*)

Resolved:

Moved Cr Evans, seconded Mr Turner that apologies for absence be recorded on behalf of Mr O Buckingham, Mr D McGregor, Mr P MacDonald (*is this correct as Mr P McDonald attended. Should it be Cr P McDonald?*), Chairman N Horrell, Mr P Hulse, Cr L Ludlow, Mr L Pullar, Mr N Fraser, Mrs K Fraser, Mr P Marshall and for lateness on behalf of Cr E Roy.

Carried

3 Terms of Reference

There was no discussion on this topic.

4 Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting of 10 June 2022

Noted that the incorrect location of the meeting was shown on these minutes. They are to be amended to show that it was held at the Te Anau Golf Club.

Resolved:

Moved Mr H Slee, seconded Mr C Hughes that the minutes of the Te Anau Catchment Liaison Committee Annual General Meeting held on 10 June 2022 be amended as discussed and confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Carried

5 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

6 Appointment of Committee and membership

Cr McPhail assumed the Chair. Cr McPhail called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Te Anau Catchment Liaison Committee.

Resolved:

Moved Cr P Evans, seconded Mr H Slee that Mr B Taylor be elected to the position of Chairman of the Te Anau Catchment Liaison Committee.

Carried

Mr Taylor resumed the Chair and called for nominations to the Te Anau Catchment Liaison Committee.

Resolved:

Moved Mr B Taylor, seconded Mr G Johnston that membership of the Te Anau Catchment Liaison Committee comprise of attendees and apologies for the meeting today.

Carried

The meeting noted that Mr B Taylor, Mr C Hughes, Mr H Slee and Mr M Slee are the action group.

7 Financial Report – 2022/23 and proposed 2023/24

Mr Pollard spoke to the draft budget for the 2023/24 year presentation slides, and the draft budget as circulated in the agenda, noting the following:

- Budget expenditure similar to previous year, with exception of stopbank insurance, which has increase significantly.
- Miscellaneous Works, in 2021 was \$4,000, but had increased to \$21,000 in 2022.
- Discussion on fairway spraying, budgeted \$150,000.00 Department of Conservation has awareness this Committee is not there to assist all the time.
- Clarification sought regarding the Committee's contribution to vegetation control, agreed/confirmation 50% of Department of Conservation's contribution, with Land Information New Zealand contributing \$40,000.00.
- Department of Conservation advised it does not have funding for grazing work.
- Trials to commence in the next few months, the Department of Conservation has been advised that if the Whitestone is first, other rivers also need to be factored in as well.
- Discussion regarding rock transfer pile.
- Whitestone track rock reimbursement from Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, confirmed the reimbursement has been paid and allocated.
- Financial Information provided to Mr Taylor will be presented to Council and Committee Liaison Chairs every three months.
- Discussion occurred regarding the proposed rate increase for 2023/24.

Resolved:

Moved Mr H Slee and seconded Mr Dowling that the budget for 2023/24 remain the same as provided for the 2022/23 year, with no increase.

Carried

8 Catchment Report

Mr P Pollard the presented Catchment report and talked to his PowerPoint slides, the report is available on file, noting the following:

- Whitestone trial taking place and is able to be viewed.
- Trial of sheep grazing on river to see how this impacts the integrity of the floodbanks. Groundwater testing will be conducted to ensure there are no implications from the trial that end up in the river.
- Discussed multiple options for managing weeds, broom and gorse including different options such as a cut and carry type operation.
- Discussion regarding use of fertiliser and grazing cattle next to rivers and possible impacts to water quality.

Mr R Beal provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Future Climate Change Predictions and spoke to his slides. A copy of the presentation slides are available on file, noting the following:

- Presentation of three areas of work in progress:
 - o Rates Review
 - o Infrastructure Strategy review – a 30 year document.
 - o Committee feedback relating to what does the Committee want to be included in the Infrastructure strategy for the next 30 years.
- Climate Change data was presented in relation to increased rainfall predictions and impacts on rivers and floodbanks.
- Discussion regarding Strategic Gravel Management including extraction and addressing erosion issues.
- Discussion regarding asset infrastructure within New Zealand, and the need for an Infrastructure Management Group for Southland with other agencies.
- Recommendation of a system to encourage farms/landowners to take/utilise 200 m of gravel free of charge, encourage people to use gravel, controlling where it comes from. Further recommendation to encourage farmers to build retention dams on the land. This to be taken to Catchment Chairs Liaison Meeting.
- Extend invitation to NZ Transport Agency to the next Catchment meeting.
- Discussion regarding removal of gravel from the Whitestone River bridge and consents restrictions.

8 General

Progress Update on Rates Review

Mr R Beal provided a PowerPoint presentation on a progress update of the Ratings Review, noting the following:

- Increased of costs, however more income to offset the costs.
- A rates review is underway – Mataura and Te Anau to commence first.
- Two rating methods – riverworks and drainage.
- More equitable and fair system – takes time to administer, Environment Southland also want a less complicated system.
- General rate contributes 30% of the remaining 70%, F Class contributes 28% and A – E Class combined, contributes 42%.
- Utilising external third parties and the wider communities for recommendations and ideas.
- Rivers Manager SIG engaged Tonkin and Taylor to prepare a report called “Hiding in Plain Sight”. The report details the return on investment for every \$1.00 invested in flood protection assets produces a benefit/return of \$55.00.

Other

Catchment Integration Update

Ms Lawton and Ms Agate introduced themselves and provided a brief update on who they are and the Catchment Integration projects currently working on. Encouraged landowners/farmers to contact them for assistance with riparian planting or any other initiatives in the Te Anau basin.

Minutes

Requested that the minutes be printed out and put in the library in Te Anau prior to the meeting. They need to be distributed earlier.

Pest Control

Information was requested by Mr J Turner on pest control. He sought a written response advising the following:

- Who is in control in relation to pest management of possums, rabbits and Canadian geese?
- Total amount of money collected from ratepayers for Biodiversity and Pest Control?
- How the money is spent?

9 Termination

As there was no further business, the meeting was closed at 12.02 pm.

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