

**Minutes of the Waimatuku Catchment Liaison
Committee Annual General Meeting, held at
Waimatuku Hall, Waimatuku
Friday 24 February 2023, at 2.00 pm.**



Present: Mr C Hitchcock (chair)
Mr G McGregor
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Mr E Templeton
Mr K Kennedy
Mr A Fraser
Mr M Smith

In Attendance: Mr G Saunders (MPI)
Cr P McDonald (Environment Southland)
Cr L Ludlow (Environment Southland)
Mr R Beal (Environment Southland)
Mrs E Lawton (Environment Southland)
Mrs N Bulling (Environment Southland)
Ms S Gray (Environment Southland)
Mr C King (Work Supervisor)
Mr D Connor (Team Leader, Catchment)
Ms M Geldenhuys (Personal Assistant – Minutes)
Mrs M Wass (Personal Assistant)

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

The Chairman welcomed all attending the meeting.

2 Apologies (*Nga Pa Pouri*)

Resolved:

Moved Mr M Smith, seconded Mr E Templeton, that apologies for absence be recorded on behalf of Mr Z Moss, Mr A Strang, Chairman N Horrell and Cr J McPhail.

Carried

3 Terms of Reference

Mr E Templeton wanted to ensure that former long serving ratepayers were not excluded from being part of the Waimatuku Group under the Terms of Reference. He noted that the TOR limit membership to ratepayers, but the group wished to ensure that membership was wider than this. It would also ensure a quorum could be obtained

at meetings. It was noted, however, that the meetings are public meetings; that members of the community/public are entitled to attend and speak at the meetings.

4 Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting of 24 May 2022

Resolved:

Moved Mr A Fraser, seconded Mr K Kennedy, that the minutes of the Waimatuku Catchment Liaison Committee Annual General Meeting held on 24 May 2022 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Carried

5 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising out of the minutes raised for discussion.

6 Appointment of Committee and membership

It was noted that the appointment of the Chairman of the Waimatuku Catchment Liaison Committee was biannual and would be on the agenda for the 2024 AGM.

Resolved:

Moved Mr E Templeton, seconded Mr A Fraser that Waimatuku Catchment Liaison Committee comprise of the members present, those who had recorded apologies, and those who are listed on the mailing list that was circulated with the agenda of the meeting.

Carried

7 Financial Report – 2022/23 and proposed 2023/2024

Mr Connor presented the financial report to the meeting. Due to contractor, machine hire and chemical costs increasing, he asked the committee to consider a 5% rate increase.

Resolved:

Moved Mr E Templeton, seconded Mr M Smith that Waimatuku Catchment Liaison Committee agree to increase the Catchment Operations rate by 5% and approve the draft 2023/24 Works Programme and Budget for the Waimatuku Catchment Rating District 2023/24.

Carried

8 Catchment Report

Mr King advised the committee that the five year clean had been completed and that a majority of the work had included willow maintenance and removal to prevent erosion along the stream. He also noted the progress around beach openings on the Tunamau and the removal of gravel build-ups on the corners at the railway bridge.

9 General

Stop Banks update: Mr Connor updated the meeting in relation to stop bank matters. He stressed the importance of controlled grazing and vegetation removal along the stop banks and elaborated on the defect priority system.

Environmental Challenges facing Murihiku Southland: Although this matter was an agenda item, no discussion occurred on this subject.

10 Termination

As there was no further business, the meeting closed at 2:40pm.

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