



Minutes for HR&RA Committee Meeting

Meeting Date and Venue: 31st March 2019 at Community Centre at 4.00pm

Item No	Item	Presenter
1.	Welcome	Bill
1.1	<p>Apologies Nick and Karen Blair</p> <p>Present: Bill (Chair), John, Cathie, Peter, Paul, Anna and Gilbert</p> <p>Guests: Jennifer Cook</p>	
1.2	Public Forum	N/A
1.1	<p>Review Minutes from last meeting February.</p> <p>Anna commented that the February minutes did not accurately reflect the situation pertaining to the Car Park extension- "affected party issues mostly resolved " not now resolved" They were awaiting outstanding confirmation from WRC regarding the status of the storm water contingency pond. John moved that the minutes be amended and then accepted as read. Seconded Gilbert.</p> <p>Action points</p> <p>Relocation and upgrade of Estuary signage (to include fishing regs limits/sizes fish and Shellfish). Anna has left messages with Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) and will follow up.</p> <p>Visitor direction signage post have been replaced with taller ones.</p>	<p>John</p> <p>Anna</p>

	<p>Hahei Beach Rd to Pa Rd intersection footpath –support letter to TCDC, priority 2019/20 Annual Plan. Attend Community Bd Public session to gain support-Anna/Gilbert</p> <p>Cathie-Membership list circulated to committee.</p>	
1.2	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ross Ashby-TIF Community feedback/Lees Rd upgrade schedule. b. Sue Costello-made a request to upgrade Lifesaving equipment beach stands as per Tairua design/response obtaining quotes c. Received TCDC signed MOU re Wigmore Estuary routine sampling /testing. 	John/Gilbert
1.3	<p>Financial Report</p> <p>Cheque Account \$941-74c</p> <p>Term Account \$14,615.68c</p> <p>Term Account matures 9-04-19 Moved that Account be reinvested.</p> <p>Cathie and Bill signed off the Financial Review of the 2018 Annual Accounts</p>	<p>Cathie</p> <p>Cathie/Peter</p>
2.	Working Group Updates	
2.1	<p>Sewage & Environment</p> <p>Hahei Waste Treatment/Water project no further update from TCDC.</p> <p>Promoting septic tank and onsite plant maintenance through the newsletter –seem to prompt a response.</p> <p>John –felt it was important to continue monitoring at the same frequency as the TCDC Wigmore stream monitoring-facts / Community awareness environmental issues. Cost approx. \$80 per test good use of Assoc fees.</p>	<p>John</p> <p>John/ Anna</p>

	<p>Waste treatment plant WRC Audit determined that the plant was “Significantly non-compliant”. Report was distributed to Committee on 15th March. Committee expressed great concern that key asset was not being operated in accordance with its resource consent. Discussion -Regulatory body responsibility and disappointment regarding Veolia/TCDC</p>	
2.2	<p>Traffic Management</p> <p>Grange Rd Car park DOC have allowed a second vendor concession to operate. Gilbert notified DOC that the vendor was encroaching on the area reserved for Bus concessions. Need to determine what is the DOC concession policy/process</p> <p>TCDC staff tabling a Hahei bylaws amendment to April Council meeting.</p> <p>There is a report going to the Council meeting next Tuesday that will recommend the following changes, which if approved would take affect from early May:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reverting the P60 area directly outside the store to loading zone Removing the first carpark adjacent to the pedestrian crossing on Grange Road Formalising the mobility car park spaces at the Hahei hall as they are currently marked on the ground. Parking layout outside of shop as is. 	Gilbert
2.3	<p>Hahei Business and next generation update-</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p>Anna commented on Village group activities, 30 families in the Play Centre group and Hahei Soccer season started.</p> <p>The Hahei water sports team, Dark Side, competed in a Mercury Bay Water Sports competition at Hot Water Beach and won. The committee passed on their congratulations and offered to support the team in future.</p> <p>Groups need to use websites Destination Coromandel, Hahei Face book and HR& RPA to notify wider community of events.</p>	Anna

2.4	<p>Hahei Reserves Group</p> <p>Anna is compiling a data base for discussion when the Reserve Management Plan is reviewed later in the year. Please forward ideas to Anna.</p> <p>Note the Coromandel Reserve Management Plan has already been updated</p>	Anna
2.5	<p>Waikato Regional Council /Coromandel Catchment</p> <p>Bill attended WRC Coromandel Catchment Committee meeting 12th March (Minutes of the meeting are attached)</p> <p>Highlights of the last meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erosion/Flood protection –planting poplars etc. • Harbour Catchment WIP • WRC launching PR campaign • Fonterra offering Enviro Farm Management Plan to assist farms Bill expressed his concern that Fonterra does not enforce its recommendations. 	Bill
2.6	<p>Web site and Newsletter-update</p> <p>Next Newsletter reminder re AGM and Committee vacancies</p>	Bill
3	<p>General Business</p> <p>a) Committee nominations now closed –Bill, Anna, Paul and Alistair Sim. No nominations for Chair, deputy Chair, Treasurer and secretary. Next stage asks for nominations at AGM (note need to be financial members)</p> <p>b) TIF Community response awaiting summary from Ross Ashby recent conversations (this week/next week?)</p> <p>c) Community Response Planning Bill and Gilbert (deputizing for Paul) will attend TCDC South Mercury</p>	Gilbert/Bill

	meeting 29 th April. John for the record tabled a copy of the 2009 Hahei /Hot Water Beach Tsunami Action Plan. Added that also a Volunteer Community resource data base was compiled at that time.	
	Meeting Closed 5-40pm Next Meeting AGM 20th April 10am	

Waikato Regional Council
Coromandel Catchment Committee
MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, 12 March, 2019, 10:00 am

Location: Tairua Bowling Club
44 Hornsea Rd
Tairua

Members Present: J Sanford (Chair)
J Morrison (Deputy Chair)
Cr D Minogue (Waikato Regional Council)

Cr T Walker (Thames Coromandel District Council)
W Brljevic (Local Community Representative)
M Donoghue (Local Community Representative)
P Wood (Local Community Representative)
W Brooks (Local Community Representative)
W Stead (Local Community Representative)
J Davis (Hauraki Maaori Trust Board)
Cr S Husband (Chair Integrated Catchment Management Committee
(North) Waikato Regional Council)

Others Present: A Munro - Manager Hauraki/Coromandel (Waikato Regional Council)
D Allan - Zone Manager (Waikato Regional Council)
G Dawson – Democracy Advisor (Waikato Regional Council)

1. **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

2. **Confirmation of Agenda**

The agenda was accepted and approved as presented.

CCC19/01

Moved by J Sanford

Seconded by Cr D Minogue

RESOLVED

THAT the agenda of the meeting of the Coromandel Catchment Committee of 12 March 2019, as circulated, be confirmed as the business for the meeting.

The motion was put and carried

3. **Disclosures of Interest**

There were no disclosures of interest.

4. **Public Forum**

There were no public presentations made.

5. **Minutes and Actions of Previous Meeting**

The following amendments to the minutes of the previous meeting were requested:

- On page two that 'P Woods' is corrected to read P Wood.
- On page three that 'J Sanfords' is corrected to read J Sanford.
- On page seven that 'Castle Rock' be corrected to read Motutere/Castle Rock.

CCC19/02

Moved by J Morrison

Seconded by P Wood

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meeting of Coromandel Catchment Committee of 16 November 2018, with amendments as detailed below, be received as a true and accurate record.

1. On page four that 'P Woods' is corrected to read P Wood.
2. On page two that 'J Sanfords' is corrected to read J Sanford.
3. On page one that 'Castle Rock' be corrected to read Motutere/Castle Rock.

The motion was put and carried

6. Coromandel Catchment Committee – Recommendations and Actions (from previous meeting)

This report was presented by the Zone Manager (D Allen). The report was taken as read. There was no further discussion on matters related to the report.

CCC19/03

Moved by J Sanford

Seconded by J Morrison

RESOLVED

THAT the report 'Recommendations and Actions' (Coromandel Catchment Committee 12 March 2019) be received.

The motion was put and carried

7. Chair's Report

This verbal report was presented by the Chair of the Coromandel Catchment Committee (J Sanford). It was noted that he had been abroad for much of the period to be reported on. He added that the quality of the Zone should be praised and that it was important to ensure that the environment is protected for future generations.

CCC19/04

Moved by J Sanford

Seconded by W Brooks

RESOLVED

THAT the Chair's verbal report (Coromandel Catchment Committee 12 March 2019) be received.

The motion was put and carried

8. **Coromandel Zone Status Report**

This report was presented by the Zone Manager (D Allen). The report was taken as read. The report updated the Committee on matters related to its terms of reference that had occurred within the zone.

The following matters were raised:

- The success of the Arthur Hinds Scholarship.
- Erosion mitigation and management methods were discussed. It was noted that poplar trees were a cost effective way to manage and slow the rate of erosion along riverbanks. The poplar tree material would be sourced (harvested) from those same sites around the Zone saving transporting materials around the region.
- The role of the Waikato Regional Council and Central Government in the Inter Regional Marine Pathways document and planning was discussed. It was noted that the members could provide feedback on the draft plan by sending feedback to staff. Staff would collate the feedback and respond on their behalf. There were a number of matters that needed to be considered such resource allocation and financial matters.
- The spread of Fanworm was discussed. It was noted that marinas do have a policy where boat owners must clean their hulls at least every 12 months. The impact of increased global shipping trade was also noted to be a major contributor of the marine pest.
- The role of the Waikato Regional Council in the biosecurity sector was explained and discussed.
- The need for increased education on biosecurity matters was emphasised.
It was noted that sediment monitoring was ongoing. Sediment plates were being installed in four harbours which will in the long term provide better data. The criteria of the water quality monitoring programme locations was discussed. It was noted that it was a science based decision and one influenced by cost. The Zone Manager undertook to provide W Brooks the locations of the Tairua sites.
- The impacts of waste water plants and other infrastructure was discussed. It was noted that there was a need to ensure that all waste water systems work effectively and within the consent conditions that apply to them.
- The impact that mangroves have on catchments was discussed. It was noted that there was need to develop a balanced approach to the management of mangroves, which included the role they play in the eco-system and as a buffer between land and sea.
- It was noted that there was a need to consider the impact that climate change was having on the environment, pest spread, and environment impacts. It must be taken seriously to plan effectively in the future.
- It was clarified that there had not been a Statement of Intent meeting for a while at the direction of TCDC while the local mangroves bill progressed. Staff noted WRC's ongoing commitment to the SOI and its Regional Plan review (of which Mangroves will be in the first tranche of topics).

CCC19/05

Moved by M Donoghue

Seconded by W Brooks

RESOLVED

THAT the report 'Coromandel Zone Status Report 1 October 2018 to 31 January 2019' (Coromandel Catchment Committee 12 March 2019) be received.

The motion was put and carried

9. Overview of Planning and Policy Frameworks

This report was presented by the Senior Policy Advisor (B Bunting). The presentation explained to the Committee the range of reports and plans that the Waikato Regional Council produced and was involved in, in the context of the wider machinery of government.

The following matters were raised:

- It was noted that Harbour Catchment Plans are non-statutory strategic region specific plans. The role and contents of policy and implementation was discussed.
- Environment management plans that result from treaty settlements were discussed. It was noted that there are some challenges in relation to the way that treaty settlements were implemented. Matters such as the role of co-governance and the impacts that it may have on the vision, strategy, and management of the current catchment plans were highlighted.

CCC19/06

Moved by J Sanford

Seconded by Cr D Minogue

RESOLVED

THAT the report 'Overview of Planning and Policy Frameworks' (Coromandel Catchment Committee 12 March 2019) be received.

The motion was put and carried

Cr S Husband abstained

10. Update of Sea Change Hauraki Gulf Marine Spatial Plan

This report was presented by the Senior Policy Advisor (B Bunting). The presentation updated the Committee on aspects of the Sea Change Plan and the role that the Waikato Regional Council in relation to it.

The following matters were raised:

- The Office of the Auditor General's report on the Plan was discussed. It was noted that it had highlighted some gaps in consultation with the communities that it affected.
- The selection process of the panel that worked on the Plan was described and discussed.
- It was noted that there is a need to include economic development in the plans to continue to develop local and regional economies.
- It was noted that the Waikato Regional Council perform a number of activities that the Plan states.
- It was noted that there was a need for more consideration in relation to the resources and rates that were allocated to deliver aspects of the Plan.
- The potential cost allocations as a result of the implementation of the Plan were discussed. It was noted that there was a need to look at the aspects of the Plan and look at what investment is needed and where.
- The proposed changes to the Plan was discussed. It was noted that there was some inconsistency with legislation and the matter was being worked through and would develop as more clarification on issues are resolved.

ccc19/07

Moved by M Donoghue

Seconded by J Morrison

RESOLVED

THAT the report 'Update of Sea Change Hauraki Gulf Marine Spatial Plan' (Coromandel Catchment Committee 12 March 2019) be received.

The motion was put and carried

11. Harbour and Catchment Management Plan Update

This report was presented by the Zone Manager (D Allen). It was taken as read. The report provided the Committee with an update on the progress and work programme to date in relation to the Harbour and Catchment Management Plan.

The following matters were raised:

- It was noted that the health of a harbour catchment could be impacted by development that surrounds it. The need for wider consultation and consideration of the eco-system was highlighted.
- It was noted that a catchment plan provides operational direction.

CCC19/08

Moved by Cr S Husband

Seconded by J Sanford

RESOLVED

THAT the report 'Harbour and Catchment Management Plan Update' (Coromandel Catchment Committee 12 March 2019) be received.

The motion was put and carried

12. Flood Campaign Update

The report was presented by the Senior Advisor, Projects (J Beaufill). It was taken as read. The report explained aspects of the Flood Campaign that would be implemented by the Waikato Regional Council.

The following matters were discussed:

- It was noted that the schemes in Zone were strategically important in the wider flood protection network.
- The method of communications and publicity for the plan was discussed. It was noted that an inclusive approach was needed to get maximum effect and achieve positive outcomes.
- The work of the flood protection work that occurred in the Zone was discussed. It was noted that there could be a benefit of explaining to ratepayers what benefits were generated.
- It was noted that the natural hazards portfolio includes all sectors of the economy, communities, and levels of government. It was emphasised that there was a fully co-operative approach.
- The lessons learned from the 2004 weather bomb was discussed. It was noted the investment in the scheme was built on the memories of that devastating event. People needed to know the history of events that have occurred over time to move forward effectively.

CCC19/09

Moved by J Sanford

Seconded by Cr S Husband

RESOLVED

THAT the report 'Flood Campaign Update' (Coromandel Catchment Committee 12 March 2019) be received.

The motion was put and carried

14. Integrated Catchment Management Committee Updates: Update on Hill Country Erosion Fund and One Billion Tree Funding

This report was presented by the Zone Manager (D Allen). It was taken as read. The report provided the Committee with an update on the last meeting of the Integrated Catchment Management Committee.

The following matters were raised:

- Plantation forests located on steep hillsides was discussed. It was noted that it was not covered in the hill country erosion fund. The retirement of land over 45 degrees may go back to native forest. The matter would be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.
- It was noted that Central Government would now fund more interventions to try and mitigate the impacts of Kauri Dieback in New Zealand.
- The impacts that treaty settlements had on the local government sector was discussed. It was noted that discussions are ongoing to provide better clarity on the cost and role of local government in final settlements.
- A range of other central government activities being undertaken in part by council was discussed (Auckland Fruit Fly, Kauri Dieback, Treaty settlements, Fish Friendly)..
- It was noted that there would need to be the development of a durable and quality source of plants for use on retired land.

CCC19/10

Moved by J Morrison

Seconded by W Brooks

RESOLVED

THAT the report 'Integrated Catchment Management Committee Meeting Reports – 13 Feb 19' (Coromandel Catchment Committee 12 March 2019) be received.

The motion was put and carried

13. Lunch break

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.41pm.

The meeting reconvened at 1.05pm.

15. Fonterra 50 Catchments Project

This report was presented by the Programme Manager from Fonterra (H Urry). The presentation provided the Committee with an update on the Fonterra 50 catchments Project that the co-operative had begun to implement around New Zealand.

Cr S husband left the meeting at 1.11pm.

The following matters were raised:

- It was noted that Fonterra was proactive in the development and implementation of Environment Farm Plans with its members.
- It was noted that Fonterra would work with farmers and other stakeholders, to develop shared goals and outcomes that were in-line with the framework that had been outlined in the Healthy Rivers Plan.
- The role of Fonterra in the context of environmental enforcement was discussed. It was noted that there was no a direct role in that matter, but through other quality measurement standards they can enforce.
- The implementation of the project at community level was discussed.

ccc19/11

Moved by J Sanford

Seconded by W Brooks

RESOLVED

That the report 'Fonterra 50 Catchments Report' (Coromandel Catchment Committee 12 March 2019) be received.

The motion was put and carried

16. Zone Committee Biodiversity

This report was presented by the Senior Biodiversity Officer (A Julian). The report provided the Committee with a profile on biodiversity of the Zone and the wider Waikato region.

The following matters were raised:

- The role of the Council in the protection and enhancement of biodiversity throughout the Waikato region was explained and discussed, along with the challenges and constraints that the Council faced in order to meet its statutory and regional commitments.

- Aspects of the Willis Report was discussed in relation to Local Government and the Resource Management Act.
- It was noted that the Zone had a number of natural sites of significance such as the Firth of Thames, the Peat Dome, and remnants of Kahikatea.
- It was noted that Waikato Regional Council took a balanced approach to biodiversity and must consider a range of factors such as resourcing levels, funding sources, and other policy or political factors that have an impact on an issue.

J Davis left the meeting at 2.05pm.

- Aspects of the way in which catchments and mangroves work together to conserve and promote biodiversity in salt water catchments was discussed. It was noted that mangroves had a role in the wider benefits and role in the protection of the community.
- The new staff member, K Richardson, from the Biodiversity Team was introduced.

CCC19/12

Moved by Cr D Minogue

Seconded by P Wood

RESOLVED

THAT the report 'Conserving Biodiversity in the Waikato Region' (Coromandel Catchment Committee 12 March 2019) be received.

The motion was put and carried

17. Member Reports and Upcoming Agenda Items

Members' reports

Members of the Committee were provided with an opportunity to discuss matters relevant to the Committee.

The following reports were provided:

- P Wood – highlighted the role of wilding pines and the impact that it had on the environment.
- J Morrison – noted that the planned cycleway from Pauanui to Tairua was now under construction, which included Hikuai. It was noted that all three communities were distinct and would be impacted in different ways. She also noted that the construction locations along the river bank and the neighbouring wetland contained a number of birds and other creatures, which would be harmed by the removal of some of the wetland. Other aspects of the resource consent process were also discussed.
- M Donoghue – expressed concern over state of the environment, the need for courage to deal with the major issues, and the need for all people and government to be proactive in the protection of the environment. He also discussed the impact of sediment runoff due to forestry harvesting and management practices.

- W Brooks - expressed concern at a lot of drainage and construction waste that had been left at the metal dump at Tairua. It was noted that this could have a negative impact on the area around it. Staff undertook to find out which council it belonged to and would report back in due course. He also emphasised the importance of greater transparency in relation to compliance enforcement matters.
- W Brljevic - noted that there was heavy rain in the Whangapoua catchment. She expressed concern that there could be slash and that she wanted the risk to be mitigated as much as possible. It was also noted that there appeared to be no immediate environmental damage from the boat that ran aground the week prior.
- P Wood and M Donoghue - highlighted the need for careful design and placement of floodgates and other infrastructure for all current and future developments in the Zone.
- Cr T Walker - put a question to staff at the meeting asking if the Waikato Regional Council was actively developing or experimenting with the genetic engineering of pests. The Staff stated that it does not. CRISPA genetic engineering methods were discussed in the context of pest eradication.

CCC19/13

Moved by J Sanford

Seconded by Cr D Minogue

RESOLVED

THAT the report 'Members Report from P Wood' (Coromandel Catchment Committee 12 March 2019) be received.

The motion was put and carried

CCC19/14

Moved by J Sanford

Seconded by M Donoghue

RESOLVED

THAT the report 'Members Report from J Morrison' (Coromandel Catchment Committee 12 March 2019) be received.

The motion was put and carried

CCC19/15

Moved by J Sanford

Seconded by Cr D Minogue

RESOLVED

THAT the verbal reports provided by the members of the Coromandel Catchment Committee on 12 March 2019 be received.

The motion was put and carried

18 Upcoming Agenda Items

This report was presented by the Zone Manager (D Allen). The Committee were invited to put forward potential agenda item topics that could be discussed at future meetings of the Committee.

The following matters were raised:

- The Committee approved the proposed list contained in the report.
- The Zone Manager discussed the role that field trips had in developing the capacity and understanding of the work programme that is undertaken by staff.
- The proposed field trip to Wharekawa and work programmes around that area was discussed, along with possible formats for the inclusion of a meeting.
- The Thames Coromandel Mangrove Management Plan was suggested as a discussion item.
- The way in which the afforestation fund was structured and delivered was suggested as a discussion item.
- Members were invited to contact the Zone Manager with any other suggestions.

CCC19/16

Moved by J Sanford

Seconded by W Stead

RESOLVED

THAT the report 'Upcoming Agenda Items' (Coromandel Catchment Committee 12 March 2019) be received.

The motion was put and carried

The meeting closed at 2.52pm.