



Minutes of a meeting of the  
Implementation Committee held in the  
Council Chamber on Thursday 14 April 2022, commencing at  
9:00 AM

**Membership**

Cr Carmen Hope (Co-Chair)  
Cr Bryan Scott (Co-Chair)  
Cr Hilary Calvert  
Cr Michael Deaker  
Cr Alexa Forbes  
Cr Gary Kelliher  
Cr Michael Laws  
Cr Kevin Malcolm  
Cr Andrew Noone  
Cr Gretchen Robertson  
Cr Kate Wilson

**Welcome**

Co-Chair Bryan Scott welcomed Councillors, members of the public and staff to the meeting at 9:04 am. Staff present included Amanda Vercoe ( GM Governance, Culture and Customer) and Liz Spector (Governance Support Officer). Present electronically were Sarah Gardner (Chief Executive), Nick Donnelly (GM Corporate Services), Anita Dawe (acting GM Policy and Science), Gavin Palmer (GM Operations), Richard Saunders (GM Regulatory and Communications), Michelle Mifflin (Manager Engineering), Andrea Howard (Manager Environmental Implementation), and Libby Caldwell (Team Leader Environmental Implementation).

## **1. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

## **2. PUBLIC FORUM**

No public forum was held.

## **3. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

Co-Chair Scott confirmed the agenda as presented.

## **4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

No conflicts of interest were advised.

## **5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Resolution: Cr Hope Moved, Cr Noone Seconded**

*That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2022 be received and confirmed as a true and accurate record.*

## **MOTION CARRIED**

## **6. ACTIONS**

Councillors reviewed the open actions from resolutions of the Committee. Cr Calvert asked that more detail be provided on status of outstanding actions in future reports. Cr Kelliher updated the meeting on the status of the pest control assets.

## **7. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION**

### **7.1. Central Government Co-investment in Flood Protection Schemes**

The report was provided to update Council on work undertaken by the regional council sector to obtain ongoing central government co-investment in flood protection and river management schemes and to present a supplementary report prepared by the sector for central government on permanent co-investment in New Zealand's flood protection schemes. Cr Scott introduced the report and thanked the team for the work. Michelle Mifflin (Manager Engineering) and Gavin Palmer (GM Operations) responded to questions from the Councillors.

Cr Laws noted much work had gone into this proposal across regional councils. He asked if they had done a prospect of success consideration. Dr Palmer said that had been done, which supported the scheme being put forward. He suggested with Central Government's increased focus around climate adaptation it was timely to seek such funding. Further questions were asked about the portion of the potential funding that the ORC would receive. Dr Palmer said the numbers in the report were based on current rather than future schemes and it was important to progress this work so the ORC will be ready to invest when any funds do become available. He also noted allocation models have not been worked through and there would be competition for funding.

Cr Noone said this is about getting Central Government to work more proactively and getting ahead of the curve with regard to flood events becoming more frequent and intense. He said Central Government investment in flood schemes would ensure they are more resilient.

Following further discussion, Cr Calvert noted it would be important to concentrate on the packaging of this request to ensure it was an attractive programme for Central Government to consider. Cr Calvert then moved the recommendation, seconded by Cr Robertson.

**Resolution IMP22-106: Cr Calvert Moved, Cr Robertson Seconded**

*That the Implementation Committee:*

- 1) **Notes** this report.
- 2) **Notes** the regional council sector work seeking to obtain ongoing central government co-investment in flood protection and river management schemes.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**7.2. Lake Tuakitoto and Tomahawk Lagoon Restoration/Enhancement Management Plans**

Cr Scott introduced the paper which was provided to obtain Council approval to proceed with implementation of restoration/enhancement management plans for the Lake Tuakitoto and Tomahawk Lagoon catchments. He noted engagement with the two communities was initiated as water quality was found to be degrading. Andrea Howard (Manager Environmental Implementation), Libby Caldwell (Team Leader Environmental Implementation) and Gavin Palmer (GM Operations) were available to respond to questions.

A discussion was held about when the work would begin. Ms Caldwell said public consultation overwhelmingly showed the community wanted the ORC to further investigate the best course of action before starting any work to ensure any actions taken are done appropriately. She noted a procurement process was underway to contract with an ecologist to undertake an assessment of the catchment and anticipated the process to be completed by 30 June. She said that work would help identify the best sites within the catchments for water quality monitoring. Ms Caldwell also noted a hydrological assessment was planned to be completed within three years.

Cr Wilson asked that the action management plans include those details as the community will want that information. Ms Caldwell noted a timeframe for the ecological assessment will be added to the management plan and that information about the second water monitoring station for the lake will also be added.

Cr Malcolm noted that Tomahawk Lagoon is managed by the Department of Conservation. He asked how DoC supported the ORC in this work. Ms Caldwell said DoC has been engaged early on through key stakeholder updates. She said the management plan may encourage them to provide more support to the water body as it was an important ecological system for wildlife management. Cr Calvert asked Ms Caldwell to determine what the technical responsibility of DoC was for the lagoon.

Cr Deaker noted the historical name for Tomahawk Lagoon was Tamahaka and asked if ORC could consider leading the way to using correct place names. After a discussion of this proposition, it was determined the issue would be taken up at the Mana to Mana level. Cr Robertson noted Kai Tahu has a mapping project underway related to historical place names.

Following further discussion, Cr Calvert moved:

**Resolution IMP22-107: Cr Calvert Moved, Cr Wilson Seconded**

*That the Committee:*

- 1) **Notes** this report.
- 2) **Approves** the initial management plan and ongoing development of management plans for Tomahawk Lagoon and Lake Tuakitoto catchments with their communities.
- 3) **Approves** commencement of project implementation.
- 4) **Notes** that project implementation will proceed this financial year, slightly accelerated for Tomahawk Lagoon, and as planned for Lake Tuakitoto.
- 5) **Notes** implementation in future years is dependent on Annual Plan decisions of Council and will be guided by the ecological assessments and priorities that arise through these.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**8. CLOSURE**

There was no further business and Chairperson Noone declared the meeting closed at 10:30 am.

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Chairperson

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Date