

MEETING OF THE NORTHERN AREA COMMITTEE

TO THE CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS OF
THE COMMITTEE

MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

Cr R I R Little (Chairperson)

Cr R Brine	Waimakariri District Council
Cr T K Burke	Environment Canterbury
Cr A S Carroll	Environment Canterbury
Cr R H M Johnston	Environment Canterbury
Cr R M Kirk	Environment Canterbury
Cr J McFadden	Hurunui District Council
Cr B Seddon	Kaikoura District Council
Ms R Solomon	Runanga representative

A meeting of the Committee will be held on

Tuesday, 13 March 2007 commencing at 1.30 p.m.

VENUE: Waimakariri District Council
High Street
RANGIORA

BUSINESS: As per Order Paper attached

Dr Bryan Jenkins
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2002 DECISION-MAKING REQUIREMENTS

Except as below, a statement of compliance and a completed decision checklist is required for any agenda item on a council committee or the council recommending that a decision be made. This will be the responsibility of the person signing off the agenda item.

The compliance statement and checklist will not be used for:

- Recommendations that information be received or that the Council make a decision.
- Decisions taken under the Resource Management Act 1991 or the Biosecurity Act 1993 in relation to resource consents, decisions required when following the procedures set out in Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991, other permissions, submissions on plans, or references to the Environment Court.
- Decisions taken to proceed with enforcement procedures under various primary or secondary legislation or regulations, including procedures under the Resource Management Act 1991, the Biosecurity Act 1993, the Local Government Act 2002, and Environment Canterbury Bylaws.
- Administrative and personnel decisions that are entirely internal to Environment Canterbury.
- Other decisions where the procedures to be followed are set out in Legislation.

COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

The council committee (or the council) must formally certify that:

- (a) It is satisfied that it has sufficient information about the options and their benefits and costs, in terms of the region's social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being and the effects on community outcomes, bearing in mind the significance of the decisions.
- (b) It is satisfied that it knows enough about and has given adequate consideration to the views and preferences of affected and interested parties bearing in mind the significance of the decision.

INFORMATION CHECKLIST

(a)	A Statement of the Proposed Decision
(b)	A Statement of the Objective of the Proposed Decision and the Issue or Problem being addressed
(c)	A list of all reasonably practicable options, (including doing nothing).
(d)	For each option in (c): An evaluation of the Benefits and Costs, in terms of the region's social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being.
(e)	For each option in (c): A statement of the extent to which community outcomes would be promoted or achieved in an integrated and efficient manner.
(f)	For each option in (c): A statement of the Impact, if any, on Environment Canterbury's capacity to undertake its statutory responsibilities
(g)	If the Proposed Decision is a significant decision in relation to land or a body of water, a statement of how Maori values have been taken into account
(h)	A Statement of significant inconsistencies, if any, with any Existing Policy, Plan or Legislation arising from the Proposed Decision.
(i)	A statement how the views and preferences of affected or interested persons have been given adequate consideration during the definition of the problem or issue, the objective, the assessment of options and the development of the proposed decision, including the particular contribution of Maori to the decision-making process.

Notes:

The significance of proposals and decisions determines how much time, money and effort is put into exploring and evaluating options and obtaining the views of affected and interested parties. The significance of proposals and decisions is determined through reference to criteria contained in the policy on significance.

The policy on significance together with Section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002 set out the Council's requirements in relation to decisions. Some decisions can only be made through the Long-Term Council Community Plan, or after the Special Consultative Procedures set out in the Act have been used, (refer to the policy on significance and the Act).

All decisions of Environment Canterbury are subject to the decision-making requirements of section 76 of the Act unless inconsistent with specific requirements of other legislation.

ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY
NORTHERN AREA COMMITTEE
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NORTHERN AREA COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, HURUNUI DISTRICT COUNCIL, CARTERS ROAD SH1,
AMBERLEY ON TUESDAY, 22 MARCH 2005 COMMENCING AT 10.00 A.M.

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PRESENT - MEMBERS

Crs R I R Little (Chairperson), R Brine, A S Carroll, R M Kirk, and B Seddon.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Garry Jackson, Mr Thomas Kahu, Ms Maria Unahi.

MANAGEMENT AND OFFICERS PRESENT

Dr B R Jenkins (Chief Executive), and Mrs R Pay (Administration Officer).

1. APOLOGIES AND WELCOME

Apologies were received from Cr T K Burke, Cr R H M Johnston, Cr J McFadden, and Ms R Solomon.

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting, and introductions were made.

2. MINUTES OF MEETING – 13 APRIL 2004

The minutes of the previous meeting were provided for the information of the Committee. In terms of the Council's Standing Orders, the minutes for the final meeting of the previous term of the Council had been confirmed by the Chairperson and Chief Executive.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Nil.

4. DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

Nil.

5. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Chairperson gave a verbal report, welcoming members to the meeting. He indicated a desire to hold a future meeting in Kaikoura to specifically canvass issues relevant to that area.

The Chairperson questioned the ongoing need for this committee in the light of changed communication arrangements. As examples, he cited Environment Canterbury's Living Here publication, the ongoing regular liaison meetings with territorial authorities, and Portfolio Committees. He spoke of the need to ensure the committee continues to be useful.

Mayor Jackson asked how often the committee meets. The Chairperson said it meets formally once a year to identify specific issues to have addressed in forums/workshops during the year.

Ms Unahi asked if previous meetings have been productive. The Chairperson referred to very worthwhile workshop held in Rangiora on consents issues. He also noted that the Northern Area Committee had been used for consultation on other statutory matters.

Cr Carroll considered it can be useful to talk around a table face to face, rather than from the office in Christchurch.

Mayor Jackson said he considered it important that the Northern Area Committee should remain, and he noted that if the powerbase of the regional council were to change under its representation review, the existence of these area committees could be even more important.

MATTER FOR COMMITTEE DECISION

6. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

Cr Robert Johnston was nominated by Cr Carroll, seconded by Mayor Jackson. There being no further nominations, Cr Johnston was elected Deputy Chairperson of the Northern Area Committee.

MATTER FOR INFORMATION

7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

Dr Bryan Jenkins gave a verbal report covering many issues including:

- Representation review: He briefly outlined the process to be followed, noting that the Council resolved on 2 February to engage Mr Peter Berry to assist the Manager – Secretariat (Jude Pani) with Environment Canterbury's representation review. A Representation Review Committee has been established (Cr R H M Johnston Chairperson, members Crs Budd, Burke, Kirk, Neill, Slee, Woods). He noted that regional councils have a little more flexibility than territorial councils regarding the application of the +/-10% rule to ensure effective representation of communities of interest.
- Water quality issues, reporting on a recent public meeting which resulted in widespread support from the community to work together to overcome water quality problems in Hurunui. A partnership approach was favoured to achieve a community outcome.
- Biosecurity and pest management: Dr Jenkins noted that RHD is becoming active again in North Canterbury, with immunity building. It may be necessary to return to conventional control methods.
- Bovine Tb: Dr Jenkins noted there are still 49 affected herds in North Canterbury.
- Aquaculture Reform Bill has now been passed. Environment Canterbury is currently awaiting the Minister's approval of its Regional Coastal Plan (although changes will now be required to the plan to reflect the new legislation). The Council has already done a lot of work on where Aquaculture Management Areas (AMAs) might occur. Approvals can only be given in approved AMA areas.

MATTER RECOMMENDED TO THE COUNCIL

8. CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE COMMITTEE

The Committee's terms of reference allow for the committee to meet formally once a year to identify issues and to programme communication activities.

At the start of discussion on this topic, a letter was tabled from Ms Raewyn Solomon, Administrator, Te Runanga O Kaikoura. Ms Solomon is a member of the Northern

Area Committee, but was unable to attend the meeting. The letter questioned the effectiveness of the Northern Area Committee. She noted that there was some value in the northern area representatives getting together, but she suggested that this achieves very little for each community specifically. The letter said that a forum is needed to enable expression of opinions and issues relevant to the community on a reasonably regular basis.

Ms Solomon proposed that Environment Canterbury meets in Kaikoura two or three times a year with members of the community to discuss issues pertaining to the area. This suggestion received support from Cr Bryan Seddon, Kaikoura District Council's representative on the Committee.

The Chief Executive was happy for the Council to meet in Kaikoura with representatives from Te Runanga O Kaikoura and the Kaikoura District Council. Agreement needed to be reached on topics to be discussed and Cr Seddon undertook to facilitate preparation of such a list of issues.

A letter will be written to Ms Solomon conveying the committee's discussion of this matter.

In discussing possible issues for workshops etc during the year, it was noted that there were already several committees in place to cover the bigger issues, eg Nassella, Waimakariri Floodplain. It was further noted that there were already forums for discussion of Environment Canterbury's LTCCP. It was thought however that there could be merit in the Committee meeting to discuss the LTCCP following consultation with the individual territorial authorities in the northern area.

The Chairperson suggested that the Urban Development Strategy could possibly be an issue for discussion if the project is extended in the future.

Committee members were all agreed that they did not want to hold meetings for the sake of it. There was general support for meetings to only be held if any of the members had a particular topic that should be considered by the committee. Any member who had such a topic should contact Environment Canterbury about convening a meeting.

Recommended

- (a) *That the Northern Area Committee support a meeting between Environment Canterbury, Kaikoura District Council and Te Runanga O Kaikoura to discuss issues relevant to the Kaikoura community.*
Cr Little – Cr Kirk
- (b) *That the Terms of Reference for the Northern Area Committee be amended to provide for the committee to meet only if a particular issue arises that is of particular interest to all members of the Committee.*
Cr Brine – Cr Seddon

9. QUESTIONS

Nil.

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next formal meeting of the committee will be held in 2006, if required.

12. CLOSURE

The meeting concluded at 11.35 a.m.

The Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance, and for their contributions to a very useful meeting.

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Chairperson _____ Date