



**MINUTES**  
**OF THE WATER RACE SUB-COMMITTEE**  
**ST JOHNS MEETING ROOM, NORMAN KIRK DRIVE, ROLLESTON**  
**ON MONDAY 26 AUGUST 2019 – 1.00pm**

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**Committee Members in Attendance**

1. Nigel Barnett (Chairman)
2. Mike Chaffey (Ellesmere)
3. Mike Mora (Christchurch City Council - representing Waimairi and Wigram Wards)
4. John Clarkson (Malvern)
5. Harry Schat (Ellesmere)
6. Kerry Pauling (Malvern Community Board)
7. Cr Pat McEvedy
8. Cr Craig Watson

**In Attendance**

1. Murray England, Asset Manager Water Services
2. Creagh Robinson, Project Accountant
3. Daniel Meehan, Surface Water Engineer
4. Manesh Malla, Surface Water Operations Engineer
5. Jo Carlton, Christchurch City Council
6. Jess Cummings, Business Support Officer
7. Cr John Morton
8. Mayor Sam Broughton
9. Mark Odlin, (Buddle Finlay)
10. Kerri Page, Secretary

**1. APOLOGIES**

- John Shanks (Paparua)
- Tim Morris (Paparua)
- Martin Le Comte (Paparua Water Race Irrigation User Group)

*'That the apologies be noted.'*

**Moved Cr Pat McEvedy / Seconded John Clarkson**

**CARRIED**

**2. PUBLIC FORUM**

**2.1 Sue and Brian Hawkins, Thorndale Farm, 92 Cox Road, Springfield**

Mrs Sue Hawkins, on behalf of Thorndale Farm, Coxs Road, Springfield addressed the meeting. Mrs Hawkins had previously attended the Water Race Sub Committee meeting on 9 October 2017 requesting the water race be closed or a rates rebate be considered. Mrs Hawkins expressed her disappointment that Council has not responded to her request in the time that has elapsed.

The Water Race Subcommittee acknowledges Sue and Brian Hawkins desire to close the race and noted their concern at the wording of the closure form.

Council will undertake to respond to their enquiries after further investigation and outline how to proceed with the closure and approximate costs for relocation.

However, there is no criteria for a rate rebate and public closures are the responsibility of the ratepayer.

Council will review the wording of the closure form and amend if necessary.

Staff have been in communication with the Hawkins.

## **2.2 Tony Blaber, 796 Weedons Ross Roads**

Mr Blaber raised a number of concerns (outlined in his letter to the Subcommittee) about the section of water race at 796 Weedons Ross Road that he believes has deteriorated in functionality and appearance. Key issues are slumping, the soak pit and aesthetic appearance.

The Surface Water Engineer, Daniel Meehan, will undertake an investigation in conjunction with the roading department to resolve the issues with soak pits and minor repairs so far and formally reply to Mr Blaber.

## **3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD 25 FEBRUARY 2019**

*'That the Water Race Sub Committee confirms the minutes of the meeting of the Water Race Subcommittee held on Monday 27 May 2019'.*

**Moved Cr Pat McEvedy / Seconded Harry Schat**

**CARRIED**

## **4. FINANCIAL**

### **4.1 Finance Report to 30 June 2019**

***Cr John Morton and Cr Pat McEvedy declared a conflict of interest with Sicon.***

Creagh Robinson provided an overview of the consolidated operating position of all water race schemes for the period ending 30 June 2019.

*'That the financial report to 30 June 2019 is accepted for information'*

**Moved Cr Pat McEvedy / Seconded John Clarkson**

**CARRIED**

### **4.2 Unplanned Expenditure over \$5,000**

*'That the Water Race Subcommittee receives the "Items of Unplanned Expenditure over \$5,000" report for information.'*

**Moved Cr Craig Watson / Seconded Harry Schat**

**CARRIED**

## **5. WATER SERVICES REPORT**

### **5.1 Proposed Water Race Closures to Proceed To Public Consultation (Surface Water Engineer)**

**Moved Kerry Pauling / Seconded Harry Schat**

*That the Sub-Committee:*

- a) Agree to proceed to public consultation for the proposed closures with greater than 80% support from affected landowners.*
- b) Consider the remaining closures without 80% support and provide recommendation to proceed to public consultation once greater than 80% support is reached.*
- c) Advise the Council that the proposed closures are considered to be of low significance not impacting the intended level of service provision for the water races.*
- d) Consider any submissions to the proposed closures raised during public consultation, and provide an opportunity to those persons wishing to be heard.*

The meeting discussed the possibility of more general rates, reviewing operating costs and advised the draft strategic water race map is now a working document.

- 3300m of race through 6 properties on Southbridge Rakaia Road, Tramway Road, Feredays Road and Wills Road
- 410m of race through 1 property on Hoskyns Road
- 1300m of race through 1 property on Weedons Road and Springs Road
- 600m of race through 6 properties on Waterholes Road

This discontinuance of the above sections will be effective in June 2019, subject to the consultation process. Submissions will close on 18 October 2019.

The applicants for these races will receive a letter explaining that Council are now publicly notifying this closure and the rest of the process.

At this meeting there were some races which did not have 80% of landowners agree to closure. These have not proceeded to public consultation until all landowners agree. Council advise the applicants and affected landowners.

**ARRIED**

## **6. HEALTH & SAFETY**

There are no issues to report.

## **7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 7.1** Mike Mora asked staff to investigate the possible alterations to the water race in the Yaldhurst Village on Sir John McKenzie Ave.

## **8. NEXT MEETING**

Because a district wide rating system has been implemented for water races, the future of the Water Race Sub Committee will be determined post-election.

## 9. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

**Moved Cr Pat McEvedy / Seconded John Schat**

*'That the public be excluded from the following proceedings of this meeting.'*

The general subject matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason of passing this resolution in relation to the matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered		Reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
1	Minutes and actions of the PX section	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7 (as set out below)	Section 48(1)(a)
2	Public Excluded legal advice which is legally privileged and confidential in relation to the closure of the Upper Ellesmere Water Race		

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1) (a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 7 of that Act, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

1	Enable the local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.	Section 7(2)(h)
2	Enable the local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	Section 7(2)(i)

That appropriate officers remain to provide advice to the Committee.

**CARRIED**

*Public Session was suspended at 1.47pm.*

Confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.