



**MINUTES**  
**OF THE WATER RACE SUB-COMMITTEE**  
**EXECUTIVE MEETING ROOM**  
**ON MONDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2019 – 12.30pm**

---

**Committee Members in Attendance**

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

**In Attendance**

1. Murray England
2. Creagh Robinson, Accountant
3. Daniel Meehan, Surface Water Operations Engineer
4. James Skurupey, Surface Water Engineer
5. Maree Pycroft, Secretary

**1. APOLOGIES**

Cr Pat McEvedy  
Martin Le Comte (Paparua Water Race Irrigation User Group)  
Nike Chaffey  
Tim Morris (Paparua)  
Mayor Sam Broughton

**Moved Harry Schat / Seconded John Clarkson**  
**CARRIED**

The Chairman extended condolences to Mike Chaffey on the death of his father Alistair Chaffey and acknowledged the work Alistair Chaffey did for the Council and District.

**2. IDENTIFICATION OF ANY EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS**

Timing of race closures

**3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD 12 NOVEMBER 2018**

*'That the Water Race Sub Committee confirms the minutes of the meeting of the Water Race Sub Committee held on Monday 12 November 2018.'*

**Moved Harry / Seconded John Shanks**  
**CARRIED**

#### **4. CORRESPONDENCE**

All correspondence was noted under "Matters under Investigation".

#### **5. FINANCIAL**

##### **5.1 Finance Report to 31 January 2019**

Creagh Robinson provided an overview of the consolidated operating position of all water race schemes for the period ended 31 January 2019.

*'That the financial report to 31 January 2019 is accepted for information.'*

**Moved Craig Watson / Seconded John Shanks**  
**CARRIED**

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

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

**Moved John Clarkson / Seconded John Shanks**  
**CARRIED**

#### **6. MATTERS UNDER INVESTIGATION**

The Subcommittee noted the responses to public requests and were satisfied that all matters under investigation have been dealt with or are in the process of being actioned.

#### **7. WATER SERVICES REPORT**

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

*"That the Subcommittee agreed to proceed to public consultation for the proposed closure of 1 Length of water race totalling approximately 512m in the Paparua Water Race Scheme and 1 length of water race at 1043.5m length in the Malvern Water Race Scheme."*

The proposed closure is considered to be of low significance, not impacting the intended level of service nor ecological and amenity provisions for the Paparua and Malvern Water Race Schemes.

##### **Paparua**

Closure of 512 m of race through 2 property owners on Kingsdown Dr.

##### **Malvern**

Closure of 1043.5 m of race through 1 property on McLaughlins Rd.

**Moved Craig Watson / Seconded Nigel Barnett**

**CARRIED**

## **7.2 Proposed Water Race Closures Approval – Post Public Consultation**

*“That the Subcommittee agree for 2 lengths of water race in the Paparua Water Race Scheme, 1 length at 920 m the other at 461 m, as well as closing 2 lengths in the Malvern Water Race Scheme, 1 length of water race at 1380m length and the another at 5100m be closed. The closures were approved for public consultation at the Subcommittee meeting in February 2018”.*

### **Paparua**

1. Closure of 920 m of race through 1 property on Dawsons Road.
2. Closure of 461 m of race through 1 property on Manion Road

### **Malvern**

1. Closure of 1380 m of race through 1 property on Wards Road.
2. Closure of 5100 m of race through 7 Properties on Coaltrack Road (2 properties are SDC Quarry's)

**Moved Harry Schat / Seconded John Shanks**

**CARRIED**

## **7.3 Council Policy Review (Asset Manager Water Services)**

The Council has resolved to undertake a complete review of the Policy manual. Amendments to the Water Race Policy will be presented at the June Council meeting. The Policy will be updated to ensure it is effective and reflect the changing environment.

The Water Services Manager will undertake to send out links to both policy and bylaws.

The Subcommittee supported the Policy on the closure process be a focus for review.

## RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

### Recommended

‘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 Memorandum from the Asset Manager Water Services in relation to the closure of the Upper Ellesmere Water Race and Cross Boundary Rating discussion.		

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.

*Moved Craig Watson / Seconded John Shanks to move into Public Excluded to discuss Glenroy Community Irrigation Company Ltd, Lynton Irrigation Limited and Canterbury Grasslands Ltd.*

**CARRIED**

**8. HEALTH & SAFETY**

There have been no issues to report.

**9. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Water Race Closures**

John Shanks asked that it be noted that SICON water race officers are concerned about the closing of laterals which are used to divert water during rain events to reduce flooding. The issue was noted and will be considered in future closures.

A further issue raised was that a land owner is rerouting a water race on his property in Coalgate and has commenced works ahead of time causing no water supply to landowners at the bottom of the water race being diverted. Daniel Meehan confirmed the diversion of the main race, at this time, has not been approved and he will investigate the matter.

**10. NEXT MEETING – 27 MAY 2019 – 12.30pm**

It was noted John Shanks & Harry Schat will be apologies at the May next meeting.

*The meeting concluded at 3pm.*