



MINUTES
OF THE WATER RACE SUB-COMMITTEE
EXECUTIVE MEETING ROOM
ON MONDAY 27 MAY 2019 – 12.30pm

Committee Members in Attendance

1. Nigel Barnett (Chairman)
2. John Shanks (Paparua)
3. Martin Le Comte (Paparua Water Race Irrigation User Group)
4. Mike Chaffey (Ellesmere)
5. Tim Morris (Paparua)
6. Mike Mora (Christchurch City Council - representing Waimairi and Wigram Wards)

In Attendance

1. Murray England, Asset Manager Water Services
2. Creagh Robinson, Project Accountant
3. Daniel Meehan, Surface Water Operations Engineer
4. James Skurupey, Surface Water Engineer
5. Jo Carlton, Christchurch City Council
6. Jess Cummings, Business Support Officer
7. Cr Deborah Hasson
8. Maree Pycroft, Secretary

1. APOLOGIES

1. John Clarkson
2. Harry Schat
3. Cr Pat McEvedy
4. Cr Craig Watson
5. Mayor Sam Brougham

2. IDENTIFICATION OF ANY EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS

- 2.1** Subdivision LIM Information
- 2.2** Policy Manual

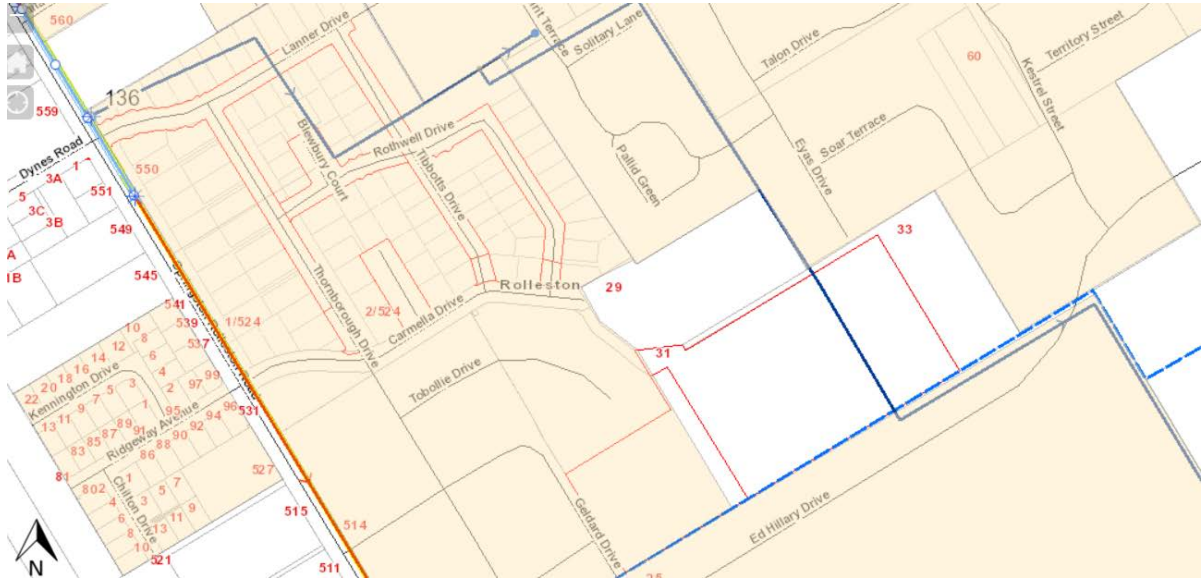
3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

nil

4. PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Rob Perry,
33 Carmela Place, Rolleston (formerly 4/524 Springston Rolleston Road)

Mr Perry supports the closure of the water race that traverses the subdivision known as Faringdon East and terminates to a soak hole on Selwyn Rd.



Mr Perry expressed his concern about the danger of open water ways in residential areas. The water race traverses a number of private properties who do not maintain the race adequately causing blockages and no flow. The 15m building setback (corrected to be 5m) is problematic.

It was intimated that the developer was offering residents compensation to close the race and in recognition of rezoning tracks from rural to residential land.

In conclusion, Mr Perry requested Council dispense with the 100% agreement in this circumstance and believes there is enough support to close the race due to the time and cost for land owners. (Mr Perry was informed that 80% support is now required).

Council advised there is proposals to pipe some sections of the water race in the subdivision and residents are being polled by developers.

Cr Hasson alluded to the Ellesmere Land Drainage District and L2 is on the boundary of this area.

The Water Race Subcommittee acknowledged Mr Perry's concerns and advised that Council is working with the Developer in an endeavour to close or pipe this part of the water race.

Mr Trevor Hobson
693 Rakaia Terrace Road, Rakaia

Mr Hobson supports the Upper Ellesmere water race closure.

Since the rule change in 2002, water race rates are charged over the entire property. Consequently the farm is paying an enormous amount of rates for a service that is not used or required.

In May 2017, eight land owners including Mr Hobson submitted to the Long Term Plan highlighting regarding the Council's rates anomaly. He is disappointed there has been no change and in fact rates continually increase for something that is inequitable.

All laterals have been shut off and on farm water is piped to troughs, and the main race has been fully fenced. In 2008 a bridge was damaged during maintenance which has not been repaired although material were dropped off. He does not believe there is ecological life in the race.

Mr Hobson tabled a letter from Greg Bell, Council's Finance Manager, in response to a request from Mr Hobson to consider the level of water race rates being charged on the above property. There has been no communication since the letter.

The Chairman assured Mr Hobson action is happening in the background to achieve the closure but it may not be at the speed he would like.

5. 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 25 February 2019 subject to noting Mike Chaffey as an apology and amending the minutes accordingly'.

Moved John Shanks / Seconded Mike Mora

CARRIED

6. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence has been received

7. FINANCIAL

7.1 Finance Report to 30 April 2019

Creagh Robinson provided an overview of the consolidated operating position of all water race schemes for the period ended 20 April 2019.

'That the financial report to 30 April 2019 is accepted for information.'

Moved Tim Morris / Seconded Mike Chaffey

CARRIED

8. WATER SERVICES REPORT

8.1 Proposed Water Race Closures Approval – Post Public Consultation (Surface Water Engineer)

Approval was sought to close the following sections of water race:

1. Closure of 512 m of race through 2 property owners on Kingsdown Dr and Weedons Ross Road (Hamish Wheelans)
2. Closure of 1043.5 m of race through 1 property south of McLaughlins Rd (PK and AE Jasmin).

It was noted that the Loss of Targeted Rating Income in the Funding Implications of Proposed Race Closures table had the correct total but the split needed amending.

These options are alternatives to closure of an open race if a downstream landowner requires a stockwater supply to continue. Water race closures will only occur for short lengths of race (excluding whole or major part of scheme closures) if 100% support from affected land owners is obtained.

That the Sub-Committee:

- a) *Agree to proceed to closure 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.*

b) Advise the Council that 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.

Moved John Shanks / Seconded Martin Le Comte

CARRIED

9. HEALTH & SAFETY

There have been no issues to report.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

10.1 Selwyn District Council Water Race Policy Review

The Policies have been reviewed by Council and will be approved at the next Council meeting.

11. PUBLIC FORUM DELIBERATION

**Mr Rob Perry,
33 Carmela Place, Rolleston (formerly 4/524 Springston Rolleston Road)**

Council staff are to advise Mr Perry of the 80% closure rule and 5m setback reduction and direct him to the appropriate page on the web to complete a closure form.

The Chairman clarified the closure rules and explained there is still a requirement and desire for water taken from the river to the water race to supply irrigators.

**Mr Trevor Hobson
693 Rakaia Terrace Road, Rakaia**

Council empathise with Mr Hobson and advised Council is actively moving to close the Upper Ellesmere water race. In the interim we will organise a meeting with Greg Bell to discuss the rating and if Council can assist to achieve a satisfactory outcome.

12. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Water Race Subcommittee will be held on 26 August 2019 at 12.30pm in the St John's Main Meeting Room, Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston.

13. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Moved Mike Chaffey / Seconded Mike Mora

'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 2.30pm.

Confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Nigel Barnett, 26 August 2019