



TE KAUNIHERA-Ā-ROHE O TARATAHI  
**CARTERTON**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

# **AGENDA**

## **Water Race Committee Meeting**

**Date: Wednesday, 1 December 2021**

**Time: 2:00pm**

**Location: Carterton Events Centre  
50 Holloway Street  
Carterton**

Chair B Deller

Deputy Chair R Cherry-Campbell

Mayor G Lang

Cr J Greathead

Member J Eastham

Member D Ellison

Member J McFadzean

Member N Wadham



**Notice is hereby given that a Water Race Committee Meeting of the Carterton District Council will be held in the Carterton Events Centre, 50 Holloway Street, Carterton on:**

**Wednesday, 1 December 2021 at 2:00pm**

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**1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA**

*Mai i te pae maunga, raro ki te tai*

*Mai i te awa tonga, raro ki te awa raki*

*Tēnei te hapori awhi ai e Taratahi.*

*Whano whano, haramai te toki*

*Haumi ē, hui ē, tāiki ē!*

**2 APOLOGIES**

**3 CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARATION**

**4 PUBLIC FORUM**

## **5 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**



### **5.1 MINUTES OF THE WATER RACE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15 SEPTEMBER 2021**

#### **1. RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the Minutes of the Water Race Committee Meeting held on 15 September 2021 are true and correct.

**File Number:** 137439

**Author:** Robyn Blue, Democratic Services Officer

**Attachments:** 1. Minutes of the Water Race Committee Meeting held on 15 September 2021

**MINUTES OF CARTERTON DISTRICT COUNCIL  
WATER RACE COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE CARTERTON EVENTS CENTRE, 50 HOLLOWAY STREET, CARTERTON  
ON WEDNESDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 2:00PM**

**PRESENT:** Brian Deller (Chair), Robyn Cherry-Campbell (Deputy Chair), Greg Lang (Mayor), Jill Eastham (Member), David Ellison (Member), John McFadzean (Member), Neil Wadham (Member)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Dave Gittings (Infrastructure, Planning and Regulatory Manager), Rachel Round, (Consents, Compliance and Operations Manager), Serah Pettigrew (Democratic Services Officer), Elisa Brown (Communications and Engagement Advisor)

**1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA**

The meeting was opened with a karakia led by Cr Robyn Cherry-Campbell.

**2 APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies received.

**3 CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARATION**

There were no conflicts on interest declared.

**4 PUBLIC FORUM**

There was no public forum.

**5 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

**5.1 MINUTES OF THE WATER RACE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19 MAY 2021**

**MOVED**

1. That the Minutes of the Water Race Committee Meeting held on 19 May 2021 are true and correct.

**CARRIED**

Cr Robyn Cherry-Campbell / David Ellison

## 6 REPORTS

### 6.1 WATER RACE COMMITTEE ELECTION, TERMS OF REFERENCE, AND INTEREST REGISTER

#### 1. PURPOSE

For the Committee to note the results of the Water Race Committee election, and the Terms of Reference for the Committee.

To request the community representatives on the Committee consider the interests of themselves, and their spouse/partner, and complete the attached "Water Race Committee member's interests form" form.

#### NOTED

- The suggestion was made that ratepayers be notified of the Water Race election results in the Carterton Crier, as well as published on the CDC website.
- Referring to page 11 of the report, under the heading 'Non-pecuniary conflicts of interest, the sentence *'A member's focus should be on the nature of **the** conflicting interest or relationship ...'*. The word '*the*' should be changed to '*their*'.
- Referring to page 13 of the report, under the heading 'Membership of the Committee' there was discussion on co-opting - to be discussed at Water Race workshop.

#### ACTION

- Publish the Water Race election results
- Amend the wording in 'Non-pecuniary conflicts of interest' as noted above

#### MOVED

That the Committee:

1. **Receives** the report.
2. **Noted** the results of the 2021 Water Race Committee election.
3. **Noted** the Terms of Reference for the Water Race Committee.
4. **Noted** the action by community representatives to consider the interests of themselves and their spouse/partner, complete the attached "Water Race Committee member's interests form", and return to the Corporate Services Manager by **24 September 2021**.

Neil Wadham / Jill Eastham

#### CARRIED



## 6.2 THREE WATERS REFORM

### 1. PURPOSE

For the Committee to be informed of the Three Waters Reforms programme.

#### **NOTED**

A question was raised on the responsibility of storm water with the proposed reforms.

#### **MOVED**

That the Committee:

**Receives** the report

Cr R Cherry-Campbell / Cr Brian Deller

#### **CARRIED**

## 6.3 WATER RACE

### 1. PURPOSE

For the Committee to be informed and updated on the management of the Water Races for the period 1 June 2021 to 31 August 2021.

#### **NOTED**

- There was discussion on the waterways systems, and that the Carterton system is different from the South Island.
- The financial report to be included in next report.

#### **MOVED**

That the Committee:

**Receives** the report.

#### **CARRIED**

Neil Wadham / Mayor Greg Lang

7 Karakia Whakamutunga

The meeting was closed with a karakia led by Cr Brian Deller.

**The meeting closed at 2:45 pm**

**Minutes confirmed: .....**

**Date: .....**

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## 6 REPORTS



### 6.1 WATER RACE COMMITTEE UPDATE

#### 1. PURPOSE

To update the Committee on the discussion outputs of the Water Race Committee Workshop held on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

#### 2. BACKGROUND

The Water Race Committee met on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October 2021 for a workshop facilitated by Carterton District Council's Chief Executive Geoff Hamilton. During this workshop the committee discussed the purpose of the Water Race Committee, and the committees understanding of the management/overseeing of the Carrington and Taratahi water races.

An exercise was completed to define the responsibilities of the Water Race Committee verses council operations. Refer attachment 1, Proposed Carterton Water Race Network Responsibilities.

It was recommended by the committee that the Terms of Reference be updated.

Changes recommended below;

**Specific Responsibilities - item 2:**

Amend from 'To make decisions on applications to alter or use the water races' to 'To make decisions on applications to alter or *modify* water races'

**Membership of Committee – additional item:**

Add 'The Deputy Chair will be one of the elected community members'

#### 3. RECOMMENDATION

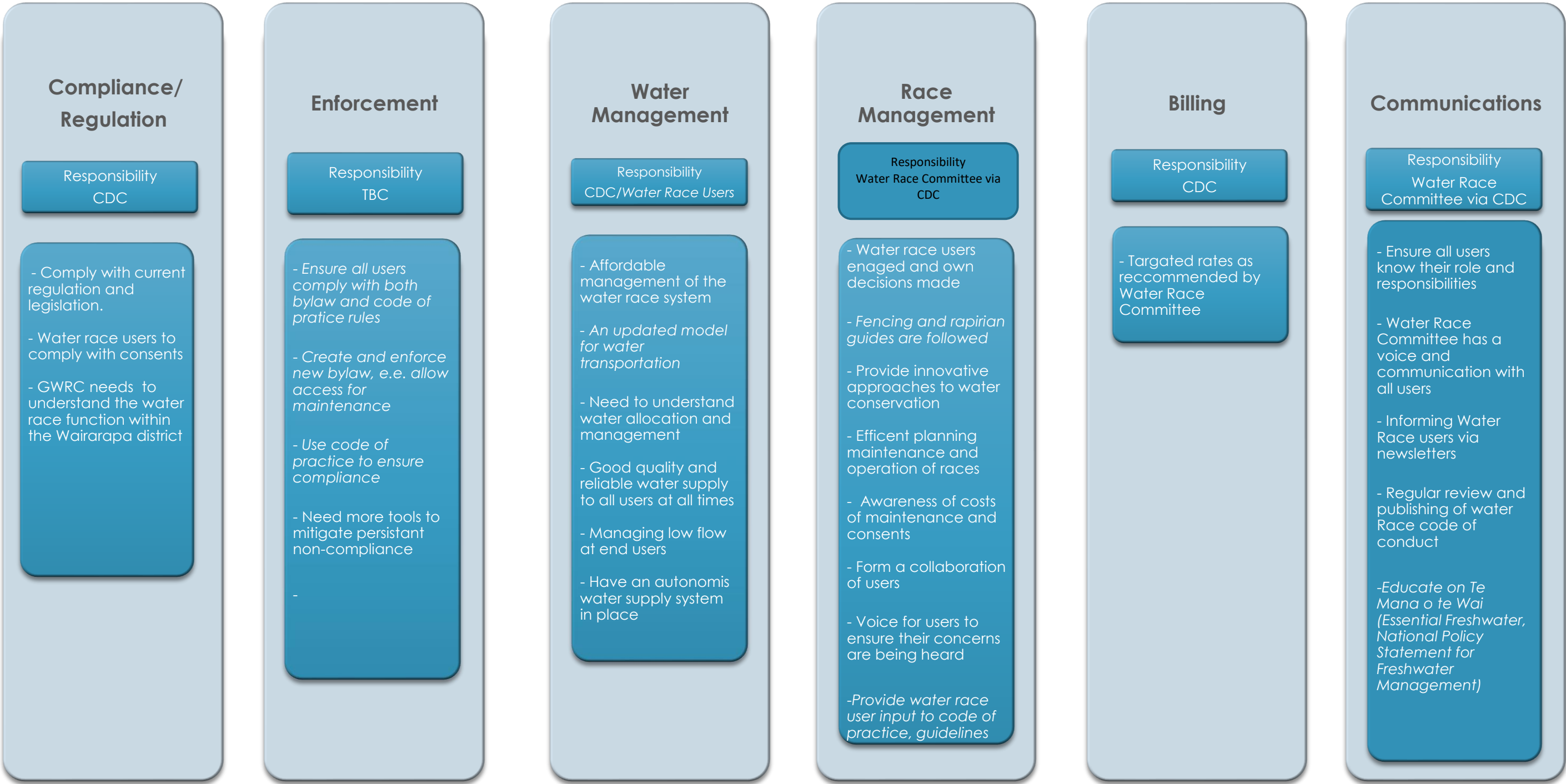
That the Committee:

1. **Receives** the report.
2. **Notes** the recommended changes to the Terms of Reference, and agrees that they be submitted to the full council meeting 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021 for adoption.

**File Number:** 137406

**Author:** Geoff Hamilton, Chief Executive

**Attachments:** 1. Proposed Carterton Water Race Network Responsibilities [↓](#)



**Governance**

- Possible need for public excluded session for Water Race Committee
- Ensure succession planning for governance, committee, and operational staff
- Clear boundary between governance and management



## 6.2 WATER RACES - TARATAHI AND CARRINGTON

### 1. PURPOSE

For the Committee to be informed and updated on the management of the Water Races.

### 2. SIGNIFICANCE

The matters for decision in this report are not considered to be of significance under the Significance and Engagement Policy.

### 3. BACKGROUND

The following Report is to inform the Water Race Committee of the management and maintenance of the Carrington and Taratahi water races, and to discuss any issues.

### 4. DISCUSSION

#### Report from the Water Races Officer

#### *Cleaning is well underway on the Taratahi Water Race*

Farmers are currently planting crops and paddocks are having to be cleaned before they germinate. Also, silage is being taken off. As the paddocks will be closed up for quite a while, they need to be cleaned prior to closing up.

As we have had a combination of warm days and rain this spring, seasonal weed growth is taking off and surface weeds are growing well. The underwater weeds are just starting to move as the water temperature rises.

A meeting was facilitated between CDC and GWRC to define a fencing plan that will suit the water race as well as GWRC requirements. This provided an important opportunity to share ideas using photos of examples of well fenced riparian planted water races and others that were not so well fenced and riparian planted. The aim is to make access for maintenance easier and more time effective, as some of the fencing that has been put in recently makes it impossible for the team to maintain or clean, which predisposes to flooding both up and down stream.

#### *Upcoming work on the Taratahi Race*

The pine trees at the intake need to be removed in February when the ground conditions allow. This needs to be organised for early next year, ideally February, otherwise there may be difficulty removing them in the future due to the logistics of their location.

#### *The washout on the Carrington Hill Race*

The team is getting ready to repair this as up until now the ground conditions have been too wet to tackle this with heavy machinery.

The Carrington intake has had gravel removed twice after flooding events in order to get the water supply running again.

*Other*

The trees are getting bigger and therefore tree roots are becoming more problematic as time goes on. The team has had to clear culverts with a root cutter, but unfortunately the roots keep regrowing, and this means an ongoing cycle of routine maintenance.

The gale force winds over the last few weeks have caused havoc with rubbish blowing into the water races and floating down stream to cause blockages in culverts, especially combined with leaves and branches. It has been a frantic time to ensure that water keeps running.

Some water race property owners are expecting the cleanings to be removed from their land and transported away. This is causing issues as we normally have to cart this away by tractor and trailer on the roads, which ends up leaving a mud trail, leaving a clean-up operation. We also are running out of suitable sites to dispose of the material. We need to resolve this issue urgently, either by mandating that all removed material has to stay on the property or landowners incur an added cost for removal, as we will incur extra costs in time and to transport and in disposal.

Report from the Operations Manager*Both Water Races*

We have had ongoing electronic issues at the Rubicon intake gates. One of our short-term solutions has been to disconnect the SCADA connection that reports data back to our Master database and have the reporting go through the Rubicon Suppliers (data for GWRC resource consent purposes), to reduce the load on the battery storage. However, it is still a process of elimination. Hopefully with summer coming and more daylight on the solar panels, it may help resolve some of these issues.

*Water testing*

We are working on creating graphs of the results for reporting and hope to have these ready for the next reporting period.

*Service Requests*

We received three service requests for the water race network since the last reporting period.

Taratahi Water Race

- East Taratahi Rd - Complaint about water race not having been cleaned.

Carrington Water Race

- Haringa Rd - Advice that the water race on the property needed to be cleaned – completed.
- Cobden Rd – A new property owner asking information regarding the cleaning and costs of the water race, as their water race portion required cleaning.

*Work Completed since the last Report Period.*

Total properties worked on is 37.

*Consents*

Work will start on preparing information towards both Resource Consents in the new year. Lawrence (Consents and Compliance Officer) will discuss how the committee can help with gathering information towards the consent documentation.

**5. CONSIDERATIONS****5.1 Climate change**

N/A

**5.2 Tāngata whenua**

N/A

**5.3 Financial impact**

N/A

**5.4 Community Engagement requirements**

N/A

**5.5 Risks**

No risks identified.

**6. RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee:

1. **Receives** the report

**File Number:** 137437**Author:** Rachel Round, Consents, Compliance and Operations Manager**Attachments:** Nil

## **7 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA**