

**MINUTES OF CARTERTON DISTRICT COUNCIL
WATER RACE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE CARTERTON EVENTS CENTRE, 50 HOLLOWAY ST, CARTERTON
ON WEDNESDAY, 14 AUGUST 2024 AT 1:00 PM**

PRESENT: Cr Brian Deller (Chair), John McFadzean (Member, Deputy Chair), Mayor Ron Mark, Deputy Mayor Steve Cretney, Cr Steve Gallon, Jill Eastham (Member), David Ellison (Member), Neil Wadham (Member), John Booth (Co-opted member), Mike Hewison (Co-opted member)

IN ATTENDANCE: Staff
Geoff Hamilton (Chief Executive), Johannes Ferreira (Infrastructure Services Manager), Lawrence Stephenson (Water Services Manager), Melvin Pike (Water Race Overseer), Jeet Kiran (Waters Compliance and Monitoring Officer), Sara Renall (Communications and Engagement Advisor), Robyn Blue (Democratic Services Officer)

1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA

The meeting opened with a karakia by Cr B Deller.

2 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies received.

3 CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARATION

There were no conflicts of 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 8 MAY 2024

MOVED

1. That the Minutes of the Water Race Committee Meeting held on 8 May 2024 are true and correct.

Deputy Mayor S Cretney / Cr S Gallon

CARRIED

6 REPORTS**6.1 WATER RACE REPORT****1. PURPOSE**

To provide the Water Race Committee with an update on the management of the Water Races.

NOTED

- A new intake structure will be installed into the Carrington intake when there is low flow.
- Run off from roads and properties goes into the Water Race. Lawrence will send the stormwater water race water quality results (that discharge into a water race) to the Committee. The majority of pipes to the Waikakariki stream, Mangatarere or Booths Creek, and approximately a quarter of the town stormwater discharges to the Rutland Road branch.
- Stormwater for the state highway is managed by a separate consent with Waka Kotahi. With Local Water Done Well it is not clear who will manage the stormwater consent and maintenance - it could be the new Water Service Entity, the CDC Roding team, or the Water Race team.
- GWRC will publicly notify the application on the Water Race Consent in a few months' time. There was discussion that Water Race ratepayers need to be engaged with this consultation. The communications team will look at an engagement plan to encourage ratepayers to make a submission.

MOVED

That the Committee:

1. **Receives** the report.

J McFadzean / N Wadham

CARRIED**6.2 QUARTERLY WATER QUALITY REPORT****1. PURPOSE**

For the Committee to be informed about water quality in the water races.

NOTED

- The Water Race was originally set up to provide water for stock. A key principle of the Water Races is that clean running water is available to the end users – farmers who use it for stock.
- Some users upstream (e.g. Norfolk Nursery) access the water race. As part of the Waingawa Process Water Project, water race water will be accessed and stored.
- There was discussion that when the Waingawa Process Water Project is operational, that in times of low flow, Water Race water is prioritised for stock, and industrial users use other back-up options.

MOVED

That the Committee:

1. **Receives** the report.

Deputy Mayor S Cretney / J McFadzean

CARRIED

2. **Recommends** to Council that when the Waingawa Process Water Project is operational that in times of low flow Water Race users using water for stock are prioritised over industrial users of Water Race water.

J McFadzean / D Ellison

CARRIED**6.3 FINANCIAL REPORT****1. PURPOSE**

For the Committee to be updated on the Water Race Financial statement.

NOTED

- There had been previous discussion by the Committee about the increase in overheads allocated to the Water Race that had occurred in 20/21.
- A new financial overhead allocation model is proposed in the draft Long-Term Plan 2024-34.
- There was discussion about the difference being backdated to 2020/21 and refunded to the Water Race Activity to be used for maintenance.

CARRIED

1. **Recommends** to Council that the difference in overheads between the Long-Term Plans be backdated and refunded to the Water Race Activity.

J McFadzean / D Ellison

Against – N Wadham

Abstain – Mayor R Mark, Deputy Mayor S Cretney

CARRIED**NOTED**

- The election of new community members on to the Water Race Committee is currently being held.
- Cr Deller thanked all the current committee members for their commitment to the committee, and particularly thanked those who are not standing for election.

7 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA

The meeting closed with a karakia by Deputy Mayor S Cretney.

The meeting closed at 14.30 pm

Minutes confirmed:

2024

Date:

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