

**Environmental Implementation Committee  
MINUTES**

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**Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Environmental Implementation Committee held in the Council Chamber, Level 2 Philip Laing House, 144 Rattray Street, Dunedin on Thursday 7 November 2024, commencing at 9:00 AM.**

<https://www.youtube.com/live/7PNHGRv7mbY?si=QcXzCNQFYwP6nRax>

**PRESENT**

Cr Kate Wilson *(Chairperson)*  
Cr Alexa Forbes *(Online)*  
Cr Gary Kelliher  
Cr Kevin Malcolm  
Cr Lloyd McCall  
Cr Tim Mephram  
Cr Andrew Noone  
Cr Gretchen Robertson  
Cr Alan Somerville  
Cr Elliot Weir

## **1. WELCOME**

Chair Wilson welcomed Councillors, members of the public and staff to the meeting at 9am with a karakia. Staff present included Richard Saunders (Chief Executive), Anita Dawe (GM Regional Planning and Transport), Jo Gilroy (GM Environmental Delivery), Tami Sargeant (GM People and Corporate), Amanda Vercoe (GM Strategy and Customer, Deputy CE), Libby Caldwell (Manager Environmental Implementation), Sarah Irvine (Team Leader Project Delivery), Alison Turner (Land Management Advisor), Kylie Darragh (Governance Support).

## **2. APOLOGIES**

No apologies had been received. Cr Laws absence was noted.

The Chair acknowledged the recent resignation of Cr Bryan Scott as a councillor and co-chair of this committee.

## **3. PUBLIC FORUM**

No requests to address the Committee under Public Forum were received.

## **4. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Chair Wilson and seconded by Cr Noone:

**That** the agenda be confirmed as published.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **5. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

No changes to Councillor Declarations of Interests were noted.

## **6. PRESENTATIONS**

No presentations were held.

## **7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Resolution: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Robertson Seconded**

**That** the minutes of the Environmental Implementation Committee meeting held on 8 August 2024 be received and confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **8. OPEN ACTIONS FROM RESOLUTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE**

There are currently no open actions from resolutions of the Committee.

## **9. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION**

### **9.1. Freshwater Improvement Projects Update**

[YouTube 12:40] The paper was discussed in two parts, first Toitū te Hākapupu Pleasant River Catchment Restoration project for which the co-chair, Rob Philips, was in attendance. Secondly updates on Tomohaka/Tomahawk Lagoon, Lake Tuakitoto and Lake Hayes/Waiwhakaata; and the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) funded Hill Country Erosion project were provided. Libby Caldwell, Manager Environmental Implementation, Melanie White, Project Delivery Specialist – Jobs for Nature; Sarah Irvine, Team Leader Project Delivery, Alison Turner, Land Management Advisor and Joanna Gilroy, General Manager Environmental Delivery were present to respond to questions.

*Cr Weir joined the meeting at 9:29 am.*

**Resolution EIC24-115: Cr Forbes Moved, Cr McCall Seconded**

*That the Committee:*

1. **Notes** this report.
2. **Notes** the progress of implementation activities that are occurring on the water quality projects delivered by ORC, partners and the community as detailed in this report.
3. **Notes** that the Toitū Te Hākapupu project is in its last year of delivery to successfully deliver on all the objectives of the MfE funding deed.
4. **Notes** the progress made on the MPI funded Hill Country Erosion project.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**9.2. Corbicula Fluminea Update**

[YouTube 1:01:30] This report provided an update on work undertaken in response to the notification of an incursion of exotic freshwater clam species (*Corbicula fluminea* and *Corbicula australis*) in North Island. Sarah Irvine, Team Leader Project Delivery; Libby Caldwell, Manager Environmental Implementation, Joanna Gilroy, General Manager Environmental Delivery were available to respond to questions.

**It was moved by Cr Wilson, seconded by Cr Noone**

**That** the Committee adjourn for 5 minutes to draft the additional recommendation.

**MOTION CARRIED**

The Committee recommenced at 10:25 am

**Resolution EIC24-116: Cr Kelliher Moved, Cr Malcolm Seconded**

*That the Committee:*

1. **Notes** this report.
2. **Recommends to Council** that the Chairperson works with other South Island regional councils to write to the Minister for Biosecurity emphasising the high level of concern at the risk of *Corbicula fluminea* and *Corbicula australis* spreading to the South Island and urging the Minister to ensure adequate funding is in place for containment measures and introducing appropriate requirements for all waterborne items to be suitably cleaned prior to departing the North Island.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**10. CLOSURE**

There was no further business and Chair Wilson declared the meeting closed at 10:34 am.



Chairperson

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Date