
Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Joint Committee OPEN MINUTES

Date: Tuesday 17 April 2018
Time: 4pm
Venue: Allendale Community Centre, Governors Bay Teddington Road, Allendale

Present

Chairperson Paula Smith - Community Representative
Members Gina Waibl - Community Representative
Ian Lloyd - Community Representative
Garrick Thorn - Community Representative
Fiona Nicol - Community Representative
Pam Richardson - Community Representative
Andrew Turner - Deputy Mayor Christchurch City Council – arrived 5.10pm
Elizabeth Cunningham - Councillor Environment Canterbury
Manaia Cunningham - Te Rūnanga o Koukourarata
Benita Wakefield - Te Rūnanga o Wairewa
Pere Tainui - Te Rūnanga o Ōnuku
June Swindells - Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke/Rapaki

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The meeting opened with a Karakia led by Manaia Cunningham.

The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

1. Apologies

The apology of Deputy Mayor Andrew Turner for lateness was accepted.

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Committee Decision

It was decided that the minutes of the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Joint Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 20 March 2018 as circulated be confirmed, subject to the following amendments:

Attendance: Add Tori Peden, Banks Peninsula Community Board member.

Confirmation of Previous Minutes: Replace 20 February 2018 with 21 November 2017

Le Bon's Bay Water Workshop: Delete the sentence beginning "Ian Lloyd suggested...."

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Nil.

4. Deputations by Appointment

Philip King, Loudon Farm

Philip King advised that he and his wife, Sarah's farm at Teddington had been inundated by water borne slash debris, which had swept down from the Waiake Forestry block, destroying fences, gates, blocking culverts etc. Repairs were costing many thousands of dollars. He demonstrated the effect of the debris by a series of slides.

In respect of the Waiake Forestry block damage he related this to a debris flow (which he referred to as Lahar) with severe gully erosion. He considered the way the block was milled had caused much of the problem and similar damage could occur in a future heavy rain event.

Currently Mr King is awaiting communication from PF Olsen, the forestry contractors, and he would like Environment Canterbury's report peer reviewed.

5. Identification of Urgent Items

Nil.

6. Identification of General Public Contributions

Nil.

7. Correspondence - Letter of Support for Three Matters in the Little River Trust Long Term Plan Submission

The report was taken as read.

Committee Decision

The Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Joint Committee decided to receive the information in the correspondence.

The Zone Facilitator is to arrange for a complete submission of the Little River Wairewa Community Trust's submission to the Long-Term Plans to be circulated to members.

8. Facilitators Update - 20 March

The report was taken as read.

Matters Arising:

- (i) Visit to Orton Bradley Park to discuss ecosystem health – Tim Davies and Ian Lloyd had met with the Park Manager to discuss the aquatic ecosystem health findings from the monitoring site. Ian described the park farming operations. There three farms in the catchment above but Orton Bradley Park covers most of the area.

As a result, there is need to look at the data in detail and have follow up visits. Pam Richardson suggested a “catchment” approach. Ian advised that Tim Davie is to get back to him regarding what further monitoring Environment Canterbury may be able to do. Ian will provide an update on this at next meeting.

- (ii) Progress on Wairewa Bank Stabilisation Project - Pam Richardson referred to incredible work being done in Wairewa as part of the River Rating District.
- (iii) Water Shed Event – Ian Lloyd gave a plug for the event, especially the youth that presented. Ian encouraged the committee to think about how we can get youth involved in water management. Olivia Smith suggested we invite Hannah the leader of the Youth Engagement Team to speak with the community about ideas on engaging youth.
- (iv) Chairman item in local paper – other Committee members were invited to contribute to the “Soap Box” feature and other forums.

Committee Decision

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Joint Committee:

1. Receive the information in the Facilitator's report.

9. Natures Agents Monitoring Programme

Kirsty Brennan spoke of the science education programme that EOS Ecology have developed. The programme will be of huge benefit to the community and conservation.

School children were collecting data which would be collated in a spreadsheet and could be used with Environment Canterbury monitoring data to better understand the health of some of our waterways.

Members strongly supported the school programmes and suggested Orton Bradley Park and Morgan's Gully in Diamond Harbour where Immediate Steps Funding has been invested, as possible sites for schools to investigate. There was also discussion about how cultural monitoring could be included in the programme.

Staff Recommendations Decision

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Joint Committee consider the role it can play in supporting the monitoring and the communication of the results.

Committee Decision

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Joint Committee:

1. Receive the information in the report.
2. Invite students to attend a Zone Committee meeting to present findings.
3. Provide ongoing support for the Natures Agents monitoring programme.

Deputy Mayor Andrew Turner arrived at 5.10pm.

10. Farm Environment Plans - Banks Peninsula 2018

Ian Lloyd in speaking to his report referred to the two options provided. Alternatively, the Committee could take a combination of both options presented.

Committee Decision

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Joint Committee decided:

1. Option 1 - That the Zone Committee take a lead on Farm Environment Plans and include both Mahinga Kai and biodiversity. Two workshops to be held in 2018 with one in Whakaraupō and another in location that is to be confirmed.
2. A working group of members be developed to help develop the workshops and engage landowners.
3. That as a first step both Environment Canterbury and Christchurch City Council be asked to provide the resources needed.

11. Response to Zone Committee Recommendations regarding Onsite Domestic Waste Water Management on Banks Peninsula

Julie Williamson CDHB was able to provide the key findings of a research programme carried out at Darfield. The surveys shows that a large number of people did not maintain their septic tanks and although many had issues, there was not a significant health risk that required immediate action in that location.

Mike Bourke CCC spoke about the wastewater upgrades that are scheduled in the proposed CCC Long Term Plan. Mike advised that stage 2 for Wainui wastewater has been pushed back for some time. He considered Wainui a good case study for research. It was suggested that the Wainui community is a really engaged community that might be able to conduct its own survey.

June Swindells raised a concern about how district plan rules can restrict development in the Papakāinga zone due to the need to have large section sizes to allow for onsite wastewater disposal. Benita Wakefield expressed support for finding out about this. It was agreed that more clarity is needed. Advice is to be sought from planning staff whether and what constraints there are around onsite waste water requirements in the Papakainga zone.

Staff Recommendations Decision

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Joint Committee:

1. Recommend that a pilot research/education project be undertaken with one school on Banks Peninsula in 2018. This could include a questionnaire, fun factsheet and an opportunity for the school to present results to the zone committee. Zone committee members to consider what role they could play in this.
2. Recommend Christchurch City Council and Environment Canterbury continue to be involved in the Water New Zealand national on-site wastewater treatment testing programme.
3. Recommend that Environment Canterbury Zone delivery staff contact contractors and enquire about servicing history/issues on the Peninsula and report back to the committee.
4. Consider how information about systems and their maintenance could be communicated effectively to Banks Peninsula communities, particularly target communities like Wainui. Think about the different communication mediums (e.g., social media) and the best voices for these messages to come from. What role can committee members play in this?

Committee Decision

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Joint Committee:

1. Recommend the Christchurch City Council and Environment Canterbury continue to be involved in the Water NZ national on-site wastewater treatment testing programme.
2. Recommend that Environment Canterbury Zone delivery staff contact contractors and enquire about servicing history/issues on the Peninsula and report back to the committee.
3. Recommend that Environment Canterbury prioritise monitoring of Wainui septic tanks .

4. Recommend that a research study be undertaken at Wainui. This is to include a questionnaire and risk assessment.

It was noted that both Andrew Dakers and Kevin Simcock, who have an interest in this subject, need to be kept informed.

A dinner break was taken between 6.25pm and 6.52pm.

12. Future Management of Forestry on Banks Peninsula

This report was considered together with the Item 13, Waiaki Forestry, Louden Farm and Forestry on Banks Peninsula.

Nathan Dougherty provided a slide show showing the damage to the Waiake Stream. It is proposed to carry out further survey work with the use of a drone.

Other slides shown included:

- Forestry risks
- Forestry – recommended action
- Recommended forestry compliance programme
- Forestry – current erosion problem
- Forestry – what is the goal?

Committee Decision

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Joint Committee:

1. Accept the offer of Nadine Domnisse to provide an implementation plan for the implementation of the new regulatory framework for forestry.
2. Obtain a briefing from CCC planning staff about how this has influenced what has happened at other low-lying properties at Teddington.
3. Recommend that Environment Canterbury and Christchurch City Council work collaboratively to prepare an information sheet for land clearance and forestry on Banks Peninsula.
4. Recommend that Environment Canterbury consider further investigating the ecological and water quality impacts of the event that occurred in Waiake Stream and what mitigation/rehabilitation options are available.

13. Waiaki Forestry, Louden Farm and forestry on Banks Peninsula

This report was considered together with Item 12, Future Management of Forestry on Banks Peninsula, and the same Committee Decision made.

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Tracy Curragh whose property at Teddington was given the opportunity to advise:

- The extent of inundation that occurred at Teddington
- Help was needed
- The harbour needed to be protected.

April Meeting Agenda

1. Strategic allocation of IMS
2. Youth engagement
3. Communications
4. Zone delivery update

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Tuesday, 15 May 2018, Akaroa Recreation Centre or Onuku Marae (to be confirmed) with a potential afternoon field trip.

Meeting concluded at 8.05pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 15TH DAY OF MAY 2018

**PAULA SMITH
CHAIRPERSON**