
Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Joint Committee OPEN MINUTES

Date: Tuesday 21 August 2018
Time: 4.10pm
Venue: Birdlings Flat Community Centre, 157 Poranui Beach Road,
Birdlings Flat

Present

Chairperson Paula Smith - Community Representative
Members Pam Richardson - Community Representative
Gina Waibl - Community Representative – arrived 5.45pm
Benita Wakefield - Te Runanga o Wairewa
Elizabeth Cunningham - Councillor Environment Canterbury – arrived 4.25pm, departed 6.45pm
Garrick Thorn - Community Representative
Fiona Nicol - Community Representative – arrived 4.45pm
Andrew Turner - Deputy Mayor Christchurch City Council - arrived 5.15pm
Ian Lloyd - Community Representative
Pere Tainui - Te Runanga o Onuku
Manaia Cunningham - Te Runanga o Koukourarata - arrived 4.50pm, departed 6.45pm

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The meeting opened with a Karakia.

The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

1. Apologies

Committee Decision

The apology of June Swindells was accepted, as were the apologies for lateness from Deputy Mayor Andrew Turner, Councillor Elizabeth Cunningham, Manaia Cunningham, Fiona Nicol and Gina Waibl.

Mac Birch, Chair of the Little River/Wairewa Community Trust who was to address the Committee on progress with drainage issues in the Wairewa Catchment had tendered his apology.

Laura Molles the author of the report on the Update on Significant Ecological Sites Programme was unable to attend, due to a family bereavement.

The apologies were 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, 17 July 2018 be confirmed, subject to the following amendments:

10. Student Fish Passage
 - Replace the word “my” with “by” in the first bullet point
 - Replace the words “private land” with “public land” in the second bullet point
 - Add the word “be” in the third bullet point in front of the word “published”.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Student Study on Fish Barrier App on the Peninsula

The Chair was expecting further information to be provided on fish barriers and moved the following recommendation, seconded by Pam Richardson

“That the Committee request staff from Environment Canterbury and the City Council to advise how the Committee could find where barriers to fish passage are located on Banks Peninsula, so the Committee can work with agencies and landowners to eliminate barriers where possible and provide alternative mechanisms, so the many indigenous diadromous fish species inhabiting our streams can complete their life cycle and enjoy breeding success.”

4. Deputations by Appointment

Okuti River Project

Alison Evans provided an overview of the project and a progress update.

Project Goals

- Educate and raise awareness of environmental issues
- Promote long term sustainability
- To ensure residents have a clean water supply and provide flood mitigation
- To develop a framework for stewardship
- To act as a role model for other communities

Alison explained the willow removal work that has been completed with the funding from the Zone Committee. She advised that community members are going to do some stream monitoring using the kit developed by EOS ecology. Alison explained that despite progress, there have been some setbacks and challenges such as the spread of sycamore trees and the need to erect a fence to exclude stock.

The Committee Chair explained that the issue of stock grazing on esplanade reserves had been raised multiple times at the Christchurch City Council's Council meeting. It was suggested that it would be beneficial for the City Council to complete Farm Environment Plans for City Council land on Banks Peninsula.

The matter is to be raised by the Chair and Deputy Chair when they attend the City Council meeting on 6 September 2018.

Alison concluded her talk by inviting members to the project launch on 26 August 2018

5. Identification of Urgent Items

Okains Bay

Pam Richardson advised that the Bay area was really in need of a complete "Catchment Plan" given the drainage, flooding and water problems. It should be discussed with both the City Council and Environment Canterbury and a river engineer asked to look at the situation.

Ian Lloyd advised of the Farm Environment Plan workshop in November at Okains Bay to which the "catchment" matter could be added. It was agreed that this be further considered during the discussion on the Zone Committee Action Plan.

6. Identification of General Public Contributions

Nil.

7. Facilitator's Report - 21 August 2018

Committee Comment

The report was taken as read.

Matters Arising:

- a) Billion Trees Fund- The committee will be updated as further information about the fund, including the criteria and application process are announced. The fund presents an exciting opportunity for Banks Peninsula.
- b) Zone Committee Communications – Soapbox – Gina Waibl has completed an article on spring which includes information about water takes and stock exclusion. Pam Richardson has written an article on Biodiversity which she will forward on to the Zone Committee.
- c) Discussion took place about the effectiveness and frequency of “Drop In” sessions at Little River. It was agreed that there is support for these sessions however the frequency and advert size could be reconsidered.
- d) IMS Project – French Farm Stream – a report was tabled for the fencing and planting of the lower reaches of French Farm Stream to protect and restore the inanga spawning habitat. Committee members requested that staff ensure that fenced area includes any potential inanga spawning areas.
- e) Whakaraupo Catchment Management Plan - Elizabeth Cunningham advised that the Project Managers position has been advertised. Ian Lloyd advised that both Diamond Harbour and Lyttelton schools have had funding applications approved. Governors Bay School are also keen to be involved and will consider a project next year.

Discussion took place on the benefit of a having a member of the Zone Committee on the interview panel for the Project Managers position. As members of the Whakaraupō Governance Group, Elizabeth Cunningham and Andrew Turner, will both acknowledge that they are members of Banks Peninsula Committee.

- f) The CCC comprehensive stormwater discharge application was publicly notified on 4 August 2018. The committee were reminded that they cannot submit as a committee but can do so as members of the public. There was discussion about the lack of information about ‘high risk’ sites and it was advised that further information on this will be provided at the hearing.

Committee Decision

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Joint Committee:

- 1. Support the French Farm Stream Immediate Steps project from the 2018/2019 fund.
- 2. Receive the information in the Facilitator’s report.

8. Update on Significant Ecological Sites Programme and Christchurch City Council Biodiversity Fund

Committee Comment

In the absence of the presenter, this report was held over to a future date.

A dinner break was taken between 6.00pm and 6.30pm.

9. Zone Committee Communications

Committee Comment

Tania Butterfield (Communications Advisor) discussed opportunities for using Social Media for zone committee communications, including the means of posting information onto the social media platform. Members were encouraged to share stories and links from the Canterbury Water Facebook Page and to post stories on their personal page and tag the Canterbury Water Facebook Page.

Members suggested that it could be used for communicating a number of key messages including:

- Rural water efficiency campaign – ‘Enough for the eels’
- 100% cover for sediment reduction
- ‘Reforest where you can’

Committee Decision

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Joint Committee:

1. Receive the overview on Social Media 101.
2. Endorse the draft Zone Committee Communications Plan.

10. Labelling Banks Peninsula Streams

Committee Comment

1. The Chair advised she had written to the City Council on the cost of providing signs, the response being it would amount to \$12,000.
2. There was some discussion as to the benefit given the cost and to whether English named stream should also have their Maori name alternative.

Committee Decision

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Recommend to NZTA that they label three streams on SH75
2. Recommend that the Christchurch City Council label 15 Banks Peninsula streams.

Fiona Nicol abstained from voting.

11. Zone Committee Draft 3 Year Action Plan

Committee Comment

1. Due to time constraints, the report was held over to the next meeting, but the Chair asked that in the meantime members need to think “Why they are on the Zone Committee”, and what they want to achieve.

Zone Committee Decisions

The opportunity was taken to discuss how the recommendations of the Zone Committee are dealt with by both the City Council and Environment Canterbury. Staff explained Zone Committee recommendations are provided to the relevant manager/staff at each Council for action.

Councillor Turner was strongly of the view that as the Zone Committee was a “governance body” its recommendations should be considered by the City Council and Environment Canterbury at a governance level. It was for those two bodies to determine the action to be taken on the Committees recommendations.

Frustration was also expressed about the inability of the Committee to submit on Council Annual Plans and Long Term Plans. Members highlighted the importance of both Councils considering the Committee recommendations in making decisions on the Annual and Long Term Plans.

It was suggested that this matter be raised with both Councils. It was agreed that the first be raised with the CWMS Regional Committee.

The meeting closed with a Karakia. The next meeting is to be held at the Akaroa Service Centre Boardroom.

Meeting concluded at 8.12pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 18TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2018