
Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Joint Committee OPEN MINUTES

Date: Tuesday 20 November 2018
Time: 4pm
Venue: Wainui Community Centre
3 Wainui Valley Road, Wainui, Banks Peninsula

Present

Chair	Paula Smith - Community Representative
Deputy Chair	Pam Richardson - Community Representative
Members	Gina Waibl - Community Representative
	Ian Lloyd - Community Representative
	Garrick Thorn - Community Representative
	Fiona Nicol - Community Representative
	Elizabeth Cunningham - Councillor Environment Canterbury
	Benita Wakefield - Te Rūnanga o Wairewa

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Elizabeth Cunningham opened the meeting with a Karakia/Timatanga.

The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

1. Apologies

Committee Resolved BPZC/2018/00013

That the apologies from Andrew Turner, June Swindells, Manaia Cunningham and Pere Tainui be accepted.

Pam Richardson/Benita Wakefield

Carried

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Committee Resolved BPZC/2018/00014

That the minutes of the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Joint Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 16 October 2018 be confirmed, subject to the following amendments:

- Page 8 – Item 8, Committee Comment, number 1 “Hub” be amended to read “Port Hills Biodiversity Hub”
- Page 10 – Item 9, Committee Comment, paragraph 4, “FED” be amended to read “FEP”; and paragraph 5 be amended to read “FEP workshops should be considered...”
- Page 11 – Item 10, Committee Comment, paragraph 5 remove the word “white”
- Page 12 – Item 13, Committee Comment, bullet point 5 be amended to read “Remind the Council that the reticulated Banks Peninsula communities, including the Harbour Basin, need targeted messaging

Pam Richardson/Gina Waibl

Carried

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

- Gina advised about the Farm Forestry New Zealand Forest Practice Guides (2018) for the National Environmental Standards for Plantation Forestry, available on its website.
<http://www.nzffa.org.nz/farm-forestry-model/resource-centre/forest-practice-guides-and-codes-of-practice/>

4. Deputations by Appointment

There were no deputations by appointment.

5. Identification of Urgent Items

- Pam referred to the issue of the impact of stream water quality on coastal recreation water quality noted under Item 9 of the minutes and information from Lesley Bolton Ritchie. Olivia advised this was a matter to be considered in the Facilitator’s report.
- Olivia noted that if Committee members wished to, they could individually submit to the City Council’s Draft Management Plans on Misty Peaks and Te Oka Reserves, currently open for consultation. A drop-in session would be held at the Akaroa markets, and the consultation period would close on 18 December 2018.

- Pam advised that she had attended a meeting regarding the opening and lake levels of Te Roto o Wairewa – Lake Forsyth, organised by the Christchurch City Council. The opening occurs for flood management, tuna and inaka. Issues are stock on the lake edge which is a blurred edge. Pam advised she would send the notes from that meeting to Zone Committee members. It was noted that the Zone Committee was not involved in that meeting and perhaps should be.
- Gina advised that she attended a Lincoln University Post Graduate Conference that included a wide range of papers, such as studies on whitebait/mudfish habitat.

Ian Lloyd arrived at 4.30pm

- Pam referred to the matter of a stormwater management plan for Banks Peninsula and a briefing about this process. Olivia noted that an update in this regard would occur in early 2019. The Committee is interested in understanding why discharges from the roading network are not considered as part of the consent.

6. Identification of General Public Contributions

Local member of the community, Neil Smith, was welcomed to provide a contribution at the meeting. As the Zone Committee members had been unable to attend a field trip prior to the meeting, due to the weather conditions, Neil provided an explanation about the areas of land that are QEII Covenanted, and the great public contributions provided to improve the bush, trees and birdlife in Wainui. He talked about the great work carried out by Alice Shanks and Tom Evans on fencing with those farmers, and thanked organisations involved, such as the QEII Trust, Environment Canterbury, Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust, and others, in their efforts to improve the water quality. Planting of the Wainui Stream had occurred and the stream fenced off, to assist the whitebait habitat.

Neil referred to an area of Council owned pine trees in the block of land containing the sewer system. There has been a suggestion that the pine trees be removed and replaced by native trees, and that the community could assist with this work. Neil was asked to contact the Zone Committee again if that did not occur.

Pam suggested that perhaps a catchment plan for Wainui may be useful. It was agreed that a plan could be a useful way of articulating the vision for the catchment.

Discussion took place about a weir and the issue of stagnant water in the main culvert in Wainui Stream.

7. Correspondence

Committee Comment

1. Paula advised that she had received an email from Councillor Cotter about the matter of labelling of streams. The matter will be considered at the next Infrastructure, Transport and Environment Committee.

Committee Resolved BPZC/2018/00015

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Joint Committee:

1. Note the correspondence sent to Councillor Pauline Cotter, Chair of the Christchurch City Council's Infrastructure, Transport and Environment Committee about labelling streams on Banks Peninsula.

Paula Smith/Pam Richardson

Carried

8. Fish Passage in Culverts - Cass Bay, Corsair Bay and Rāpaki

Committee Comment

1. Duncan Gray, Freshwater Ecologist from ECan spoke to his report about the assessment of culverts in Rāpaki and Cass Bay. He advised there had been no time to investigate Corsair Bay at this stage. He tabled fish passage pamphlets and copies of the New Zealand Fish Passage Guide. He noted the culvert issues as; overhanging drop, length of the culvert, water velocity, and the volume of water relative to the volume of water in the stream. There are ways to retrofit the culverts, such as placing boulders into the weir for fish passage, and when building new culverts.
2. Discussion was held by the Committee about culverts in both those areas and the importance that any new structure provides for fish passage.
3. The following suggestions were considered:
 - a. a co-ordinated approach with promotion is required to provide self-sufficient solutions;
 - b. fish passage could be integrated into the Nature Agents programme;
 - c. the comparison of fish species populations between two streams with and without barriers.

Committee Resolved BPZC/2018/00016

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Joint Committee:

1. Receive the presentation on fish passage.
2. Receive the updates regarding fish passage in stormwater structures in Cass Bay, Corsair Bay and Rāpaki.

Paula Smith/Pam Richardson

Carried

9. Banks Peninsula Fish Passage Information

Committee Comment

1. Olivia Smith referred to the A3 map on page 28 of the agenda showing the fish passage categorisation. She explained the two sources of information received about the barriers to fish passage on Banks Peninsula, undertaken by ECan scientists and by a summer student.
2. Discussion was held about liaising with various groups in relation to this matter, such as the Okuti Valley, Living Springs and Te Rūnanga o Koukourārata.

Committee Resolved BPZC/2018/00017

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Joint Committee:

1. Receive the update on progress made toward responding to the Zone Committee's recommendation regarding barriers to fish passage on Banks Peninsula.
2. Promote checking for fish passage barriers, including culverts, on private land specifically through discussions and Farm Environment Plan workshops.
3. Promote awareness of fish passage issues generally throughout the community using our information cards and other mechanisms.
4. Support community initiatives that are addressing fish passage barriers.

Paula Smith/Fiona Nicol

Carried

10. Assessing Mahinga Kai as Part of Our State of the Takiwā Monitoring

Committee Comment

1. Benita Wakefield spoke briefly to the report in Manaia Cunningham's absence.
2. The Zone Committee agreed to defer the report until Manaia was available.
3. Benita spoke about what mahinga kai means and the importance of having indicators for mahinga kai. She reiterated that mahinga kai requires a whole of catchment approach ki uta ki tai. Mahinga kai needs to be brought into the mainstream and protected for future generations.
4. Benita advised she will write an article on mahinga kai.
5. Discussion will continue on this matter at the Committee's next meeting.

Committee Resolved BPZC/2018/00018

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Joint Committee:

1. Receive the presentation by Benita Wakefield, who stressed that mahinga kai needs to be part of the main stream, and considered in everything we do;
2. Reconsider this report at the Committee's next meeting.

Paula Smith/Pam Richardson

Carried

11. Zone Committee Engagement Event – Banks Peninsula A&P Show at Little River

Committee Comment

1. Gina Waibl spoke to the report about having a Committee stall at the Banks Peninsula A&P Show at Little River on 19 January 2019.
2. Discussion was held about focus on three particular themes:
 - a. Mahinga kai
 - b. Te Roto o Wairewa
 - c. Fish Passage.
3. Olivia will email all members regarding a roster of attendance at the event.

4. Copies of the three year action plan should be available for members to hand out.
5. Other suggestions included:
 - a. Extend an invitation to the Okuti River Group to be part of the stall
 - b. a video that can be displayed
 - c. the Wairewa ZIP Addendum
 - d. bank stabilisation
6. Also noted was a Predator Free Port Hills stall at the Governors Bay Fete.

Committee Resolved BPZC/2018/00019

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Joint Committee:

1. Agree to host a stall at the Banks Peninsula A&P Show at Little River on 19 January 2019.
2. Provide the following three ideas on how to make the stall engaging:
 - 2.1 Mahinga kai
 - 2.2 Te Roto o Wairewa
 - 2.3 Fish Passage

Benita Wakefield/Paula Smith

Carried

12. Farm Environment Plan Workshops

Committee Comment

1. Brad Baxter, the recently appointed Land Management Advisor for Environment Canterbury, introduced himself to the meeting and spoke to the report about Farm Environment Plan (FEP) workshops.
2. It was noted that mahinga kai could be integrated more effectively into the workshop so it is not a stand-alone item.
3. Brad is available at Little River if needed in relation to the FEPs every Wednesday from 9am-12noon.
4. Lengthy discussion was held about the appropriate areas to hold the workshops.

Elizabeth Cunningham departed at 7.27pm and returned at 7.34pm prior to the recommendation being put to the meeting.

Committee Resolved BPZC/2018/00020

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Joint Committee:

1. Does not confirm the priority areas for two Farm Environment Plan workshops at this time.
2. Recommends that Brad Baxter does investigations in the New Year to gauge areas for Farm Environment Plan workshops and reports the outcome back to the Committee.

Paula Smith/Pam Richardson

Carried

13. Canterbury Water Management Strategy Fit for the Future Project

Committee Comment

1. The Committee noted that the draft new goals had not been included in the report, for the Committee's consideration. Olivia will email these to the members.
2. Feedback was provided at the meeting, with the following points requiring consideration:
 - a. inclusion of the coastline
 - b. private water supplies
 - c. quality of water
 - d. how the three year action plan aligns with the project targets/work programmes
 - e. ensure clear goals on Kaitiakitanga – Benita will discuss these with the Rūnanga and provide information to the Committee.

Committee Resolved BPZC/2018/00021

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Joint Committee:

1. Receive the information in the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Fit for the Future Project report.
2. Provide the Project Team with information on the Zone Committee's three year action plan, Zone Implementation Programme (ZIP) and ZIP Addendum to ensure that its current objectives align well with the Fit for the Future project.

Paula Smith/Garrick Thorn

Carried

14. Facilitator's Update

Committee Comment

1. Olivia Smith spoke to her report and the Committee suggested additional ideas for the 2018 Annual Report:
 - a. the content of the Annual Report would state that fish passage is a hot issue for the Zone Committee
 - b. include some information on the state of the waterways, including Te Roto o Wairewa
 - c. the bank stabilisation programme is in process with funding aside for the work, and flooding reduced
 - d. note the issues that the Zone Committee have raised regarding the Committee's governance role and processes
2. Benita suggested encouraging youth into the Zone Committee by inviting school presentations perhaps two per year. This will be considered in conjunction with the three year action plan.
3. It was noted that under Upcoming Events, 21 November Diamond Harbour School at Te Wharau Stream in Orton Bradley would be held one week later, on 28 November.

Committee Resolved BPZC/2018/00022

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Joint Committee:

1. Receive the information in the Facilitator's report.
2. Provide feedback on ideas for the Zone Committee 2018 Annual Report, as noted during discussion.

Paula Smith/Ian Lloyd

Carried

As it was the final meeting for Pam Richardson and Ian Lloyd, members thanked them and a small presentation was given.

Elizabeth Cunningham closed the meeting with a Karakia/Whakamutunga.

Meeting concluded at 8.22pm.

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**PAULA SMITH
CHAIRPERSON**