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## **Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Committee OPEN MINUTES**

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**Date:** Tuesday 18 June 2019  
**Time:** 4pm  
**Venue:** Lyttelton Community Boardroom, 25 Canterbury Street, Lyttelton

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### **Present**

Chairperson Dr Benita Wakefield - Te Rūnanga o Wairewa  
Deputy Gina Waibl - Community Representative  
Chairperson  
Members Rima Herber - Community Representative  
Elizabeth Macpherson - Community Representative  
Ben Manson - Community Representative  
Paula Smith - Community Representative  
Garrick Thorn - Community Representative  
Elizabeth Cunningham - Councillor Environment Canterbury  
Aurora Smith - Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke/Rapaki

In Attendance: ECan - Gillian Jenkins, Birdlings Flat resident - Patsy; DOC – John Benn.

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**Committee Advisor**  
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**Christchurch City Council**

**Principal Advisor**  
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Principal Advisor Natural  
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**Christchurch City Council**

**Zone Facilitator**  
Lesley Woudberg  
Zone Facilitator  
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**Environment Canterbury**

Dr Benita Wakefield opened the meeting with a Karakia/Timatanga.

The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

## **1. Apologies**

### **Committee Resolved BPZC/2019/00022**

That apologies for absence from Manaia Cunningham, Deputy Mayor Turner, and Pere Tainui, be accepted.

Benita Wakefield/Elizabeth Cunningham

**Carried**

## **2. Updates from Banks Peninsula Zone Committee Members**

Members highlighted events/meetings/issues relevant to the Zone Committee, as follows:

### **Rima Herber -**

1. The weed, Yellow-horned Poppy is establishing down the sides of the canal, and infesting the southern bays. This matter was discussed at the Weed Liaison meeting held on 5 June 2019 involving DOC, ECan and weed contractors. It may be eradicated by grubbing out. Two other weeds noted are Chilean Mayten similar to a native and Great Willow Herb, an issue in wetland areas.
2. Noted that the surfactant in glyphosate spray affects lizards.
3. The possibility of a Catchment Management Plan could be considered at some time in the Wairewa Catchment.
4. Lake Forsyth/Te Roto o Wairewa is often above 2.7metres and inundates neighbouring property. A photograph showed the inundation when the lake was at 2.6m. Benita advised that other strategies in relation to this matter would be discussed by the Wairewa Rūnanga. The meeting noted that the ECan website shows a graph of lake measurements.

**Liz Macpherson** – Reported on a visit from PhD student Aisling about her freshwater kākahi (freshwater mussels) species project, about moving them between waterways to try and increase numbers. This is about Increasing taonga species in freshwater streams and rivers, improving mahinga kai outcomes and as an indicator of water quality. Students would be happy to present the information to the Committee. Consideration should be given to barriers to this happening, such as legislation or funding. Note a permit from DOC is required to transfer species. Liz will circulate the information about this. Contacts in this area may be a PhD student with Mahaanui Kurataiao, and Peter Ramsden, Koukourārata Rūnanga.

### **Gina Waibl -**

1. Attended the Biosecurity Advisory Meeting covering Regional Pest Management Plan pest species, e.g. Old Man's Beard, not new incursions. ECan are seeking community representatives for groups, applications close 26 July. (Note page 24 of the Banks Peninsula Zone Committee's agenda regarding the Biosecurity Advisory Group).
2. Wrote article on possum control and forwarded it to newspapers, Akaroa Mail and Bay Harbour News.
3. Noted that a ship unloading urea is currently at the Lyttelton Port.

**Garrick Thorn -**

1. Met with David Norton, Ecology Advisor to the Banks Peninsula Trust, about using Living Springs covenants as satellites to grow forests to attract biodiversity. David works with Beef and Lamb regarding Farm Environment Plans and communications about those plans. Many groups have an interest in this, such as Pest Free Banks Peninsula.
2. Garrick is assisting at work teaching bi-cultural competencies.

**Aurora Smith -**

1. Reported on the Art of Living programme, and about work being carried out in India to revive rivers.
2. Noted that a trip from Rapaki to Ripapa Island last week was postponed.

**Ben Manson -**

Has talked to Adam Thacker about Okains Bay. Removal work being carried out has had no impact.

**Benita Wakefield** – The Zone Committee work weaves in and out of other Boards Benita sits on. In future she will share information about the work Ngāi Tahu does across many areas. What makes us unique and special in this zone. Thirty percent of biodiversity remaining is here in Banks Peninsula.

**Elizabeth Cunningham -**

1. Offered to provide an update on Ngai Tahu structure.
2. Reported on the Whakaraupō-Lyttelton Harbour next step of the implementation plan, there are four funders. Lyttelton Port Company, Environment Canterbury, Christchurch City Council, Te Wheke and Ngai Tahu who have signed an MOU. Segments of this Plan could inform work on harbours. Karen Banwell is implementing the Plan, and will arrange for someone to co-ordinate all the groups working in the area. A report will be provided to the Zone Committee every two months.
3. Koukourārata Rūnanga – DOC worked with residents on Horomaka Island pine trees replacement.

In relation to the matters raised by a concerned resident, Adam Thacker, regarding the Opara River at Okains Bay, Peter Kingsbury advised that the work involves various units at Council relating to drainage, parks, roading and traffic engineering. Traffic Engineering has assessed the bend identified by the community as acceptable, and not a blind corner, if people are driving to the conditions. Work carried out in the waterway is to ensure flood carrying capacity of the stream is maintained and the banks remain stable. This is not a road safety matter and there is no need to remove any further vegetation. There is no intention to remove fencing, no further changes are to be made.

## **7. Identification of General Public Contributions**

Birdlings Flat resident, Patsy Gibson, raised the matter of high speed power boats on Lake Te Roto o Wairewa-Lake Forsyth. She has spoken to Gary Manch, in the Harbourmaster's Office, about this, and queried how navigation rules are being accommodated. The definition of a circuit racing boat is that it does 60km/hour with a top end speed of 235km/hour. The speed boat club had temporary exemption from the Navigation Safety Bylaw to race 12 days per year (this number of race days is seldom reached). Neighbours were unaware of any posts to Facebook or notices about lake closure for the power boat racing. There is concern that possibly the club is not meeting the conditions required. From 14 October to 7 April there are nine race days planned. Concern has been expressed that if the lake is closed it complies with health and safety for other users. Concerns are that the

area is narrow with significant wetlands near the boathouse, the effect the boat wake may have on those wetlands, the effect on birdlife and the issue of noise.

The meeting noted that the ZIP Addendum, page 24, 6.9 promotes this as a low speed area.

The Zone Committee recognises this issue in the ZIPA, and suggests during the next Quarterly Report to the Christchurch City Council it raises this matter. The Zone Facilitator will report any further advice from Harbourmaster to the next meeting.

## **9. Facilitator's Update - 18 June 2019**

### **Committee Comment**

1. Lesley spoke to her Facilitator's report. She advised that plantings would be undertaken on 4 August 2019 at Orton Bradley Park, and on 25 August 2019 at Okuti River. Plantings at Koukourārata Marae were being organised in terms of the Immediate Steps project funding.

### **Committee Resolved BPZC/2019/00023**

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Receive the Facilitator's Report.

Elizabeth Cunningham/Elizabeth Macpherson

**Carried**

## **3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

### **Committee Resolved BPZC/2019/00024**

That the minutes of the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 21 May 2019 be confirmed, subject to the following addition:

- Item 9.2 – to note that there are two projects from the Zone Committee's current Action Plan that are fully aligned with the Whakaraupō Catchment Management Plan. These are Priority Action 1: *Support the implementation of the Whakaraupō Catchment Management Plan project to complete riparian planting on four streams ki uta ki tai*, and Priority Action 16: *Complete Whakaraupō Road cutting Trial by 2021 to determine effective erosion control techniques.*

Paula Smith/Benita Wakefield

**Carried**

## **4. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

The issue of the Te Roto o Wairewa-Lake Forsyth opening level of 2.7 metres and providing feedback to Joe Power, the Manager of Kinloch, was raised. It was noted that there were graphs of lake levels available from the ECan website. Ben will provide Joe with a copy of the graphs. Benita advised she had passed information to Councillor Iaeen Cranwell about the lake opening issue. Councillor Cunningham will also raise this matter with Deputy Mayor Andrew Turner.

In relation to Immediate Steps funding, Lesley referred the meeting to a Draft Questions and Answers for Landowners document.

## **5. Deputations by Appointment**

There were no deputations by appointment.

## **6. Identification of Urgent Items**

There were no urgent items identified.

## **8. Banks Peninsula Zone Committee - Quarterly Update Committee Comment**

1. Gill Jenkins spoke to the Quarterly Update report that had been separately circulated.
2. The meeting noted that Brad Baxter, Land Management Advisor for ECan, has been seconded to another area of ECan and a replacement for his role would be filled soon.
3. In relation to bank stabilisation and plantings in the Wairewa catchment, Paula suggested it would be helpful to have a plan of what is being achieved, i.e. 80% of stream banks. The possibility of volunteers to assist with plantings from the Art of Living group was suggested.
4. CCC Information cards – Peter Kingsbury responded that these were not currently a priority for CCC.
5. Benita referred to the matter of fencing in higher areas that was too expensive. Rules around stock exclusion are to be provided to members. There is landowner concern that fencing in higher areas will be too expensive.
6. In managing septic tanks, Gill advised there was no change to the work, and that the progress of information cards had been delayed.
7. There was a suggestion of possibly developing a project around waterways in Wainui.
8. In response to an enquiry regarding compliance around sediment discharges, Gill advised she would check and provide advice on the number of on the spot infringements issued, including the issue of sediment from construction at Norwich Quay, Lyttelton.

### **Committee Resolved BPZC/2019/00025**

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Receive the information in the Quarterly Update report.

Benita Wakefield/Gina Waibl

**Carried**

The formal meeting concluded at 6.20pm and a workshop followed.

## **10. Workshop - Review of the Banks Peninsula Zone Committee's 3-Year Action Plan**

Following the formal meeting a workshop was held to review the Zone Committee's 3-Year Action Plan.

**At 8.05pm the meeting/workshop closed with a Karakia/Whakamutunga.**

**CONFIRMED THIS 16TH DAY OF JULY 2019**

**DR BENITA WAKEFIELD  
CHAIRPERSON**