
Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Committee OPEN MINUTES

Date: Tuesday 20 August 2019
Time: 4pm
Venue: Birdlings Flat Community Hall, 157 Poranui Beach Road, Birdlings Flat

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
Andrew Turner - Deputy Mayor Christchurch City Council
Elizabeth Cunningham - Councillor Environment Canterbury
Aurora Smith - Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke/Rapaki

In Attendance: Mananui Ramsden, ECan; Courtney Wright-Watson and Alice Moss-Baker, University of Canterbury EnviroSoc Club; John Benn, DOC

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Mananui Ramsden opened the meeting with a Karakia/Timatanga.

Remembering Pere Tainui

Pere Tainui was remembered. The Committee acknowledged and reflected on Pere's service to the Canterbury Water Management Strategy and the Zone Committee. A video clip compiled by Keelan Walker showed Pere in his work with youth on the Marae passing on his skills on night-time eeling. The Committee also acknowledged Waitai (George) Tikao.

The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

2. Updates from Banks Peninsula Zone Committee Members

Members highlighted events/meetings/issues relevant to the Zone Committee.

Garrick Thorn – Garrick introduced Courtney and Alice, members of the University of Canterbury EnviroSoc Club. Courtney advised that EnviroSoc was a newly formed club at the University and members would want to be more involved in future activities relating to the Zone Committee, as well as in the wider community.

Paula Smith – Paula referred to Action Plan number 12, Continue investigations into minimum and environmental flows on Banks Peninsula and their relationship to consented and permitted water takes. She advised she had spoken with Heather Purdie, of the Geography Department at the University of Canterbury. Heather runs a third year research course where groups of four or five students work on community based projects. She has suggested a project to quantify the permitted takes on Banks Peninsula might be a suitable project for this course. Paula queried the Christchurch City Council's lack of involvement of the Zone Committee in developing the Three Waters Strategy.

Ben Manson – Ben advised he had provided Adam Thacker information on the outcome of concerns that Adam had raised relating to roading in the Okains Bay area.

Liz Macpherson – Liz referred to the Sustainable Seas National Science Challenge. She advised she was co-chairing this four year project for issues relating to the coastal marine area, and that there may be opportunities for overlaps with the Zone Committee's programme. Liz referred to an article regarding "zombie" rivers from the University of Waikato River. The link to the article is at: <https://www.waikato.ac.nz/news-opinion/media/2019/beware-of-zombie-rivers>

Rima Herber – Rima provided an update from the BBCT AGM that covered information on the Port Hills. Rima referred to the Regional Committee where information was provided and discussed on the National Science Challenge – The Deep South; the climate change emergency declarations by the Christchurch City Council and Environment Canterbury; and the Canterbury Water Management Strategy progress report.

Benita Wakefield – Benita reported on the following projects/strategies:

- a. Lakes380 Project, a five year project designed to characterise the health of lakes by analysing sediment cores from 380 locations, including Te Waihora.
- b. The Draft Te Kaweka Takohaka mō te Hoiho Strategy to support the ecological and cultural health of hoiho/yellow-eyed penguins.
- c. A five year project on flood control that includes Wairewa in a case study.

Elizabeth Cunningham – Elizabeth reported the following matters:

- a. Has attended six tangi.
- b. Met with three Government Ministers to show them the floodbank protection work.
- c. Represented Ngāi Tahu at a Civil Defence meeting regarding flooding/stopbanks.
- d. Attended the Fish & Game Council at Timaru.
- e. Will be attending a Whakaraupō Management Group meeting next week – noted that the CEO has resigned from the Port Company and Elizabeth has resigned from Environment Canterbury.
- f. Members of the Flea Bay community are liaising with the Koukourārata Marae in relation to protection of penguins. Note that Pere Tainui was involved in the management of the Pohatu Marine Reserve at Flea Bay.

Aurora Smith – Aurora advised the following:

- a. The new climate change ambassador, Kay Harrison, has presented at the Ngāi Tahu Climate Change Symposium.
- b. Rapaki is considering a partnership with the Christchurch City Council regarding barrel drains in Lyttelton – there are Kokopu in the Lyttelton drains.

Gina Waibl – Reported the following:

- a. Gina's article on possum control and Feratox had been printed as a letter to the editor.
- b. Attended the Orton Bradley planting day, and the Whaka-ora Community Advisory Group meeting regarding the Billion Dollar Trees Fund.
- c. Provided an update to the Christchurch City Council meeting,

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Mananui Ramsden advised he represented Ngāi Tahu and worked for ECan in a partnership on cultural land management, and to build strong relationships. This was covering an area from Rakaia to Waimakariri.

Brad Waldon-Gibbons advised he had joined ECan as the Tangata Whenua Facilitator to support the Rūnanga representatives and create opportunities. His focus was on Banks Peninsula and Ashburton south.

Andy Barbati advised that he was appointed by ECan as a Zone Manager to cover the Christchurch West Melton, Selwyn-Waihora and Banks Peninsula areas.

1. Apologies

Committee Resolved BPZC/2019/00026

That the apologies from Manaia Cunningham for absence, and from Deputy Mayor Andrew Turner for lateness, be accepted.

Elizabeth Cunningham/Garrick Thorn

Carried

3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Committee Resolved BPZC/2019/00027

That the minutes of the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 16 July 2019 be confirmed, subject to the following amendments:

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Gina Waibl – amend the final sentence to read “She reported on observations that the mud is receding in the Harbour.”

Aurora Smith – amended her update to read:

Aurora Smith – Spoke to Rapaki’s report on the Rāpaki Mātaitai and Whakaraupō Mātaitai Restoration Programme. This covered information about:

- Mātaitai vision to protect and enhance the fisheries resources and marine environment for present and future generations.
- Restoration projects underway, including tuaki (cockles), pāua, fish culturing structures, scallops, kōiro (conger eels) and kelp restoration.
- Proposed bylaws to support the restoration, and pre-consultation on those proposed, i.e. Shellfish catch limits, prohibitions and area closures; Finfish catch limits and prohibitions; Seaweed harvesting prohibitions and Reporting bylaw.

Rapaki would like to see implemented in the Christchurch City Council’s proposal for the redevelopment of Lyttelton’s Naval Point, currently open for consultation until 28 July:

1. Removal of existing solid breakwater. Assisting to restore tidal flows, impeded by current breakwater.
2. The addition of a sealed haul-out area for cleaning down of boats. To minimise antifouling fluids and other wastes entering the Harbour. A big issue for Healthy Harbour that needs a solution.

Paula Smith/Garrick Thorn

Carried

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Elizabeth Cunningham referred to the deputation and comment by Michael de Hamel about delaying water at the top of the valley to reduce peak flow further down. This could be achieved by methods such as encouraging revegetation at the top of the catchment, stocking with sheep to develop, and holding the water back coming down the streams. Shelley Washington advised that staff will provide more information about this when the new ECan Land Management Advisor is appointed.

Deputy Mayor Andrew Turner arrived at 5.05pm.

Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted:

- Letter that had been received from Forest & Bird about Conflicts of Interest on Zone Committees.

- Letter the Committee has forwarded to Patsy Dart, resident of Birdlings Flat, regarding her concerns raised about the impact of the New Brighton Powerboat Club's speed powerboat races on Te Roto o Wairewa/Lake Forsyth and on the local community.
- Thank you letter forwarded to Michael de Hamel following his deputation to the 16 July 2019 meeting.

5. Deputations by Appointment

There were no deputations by appointment.

6. Identification of Urgent Items

Nil.

7. Identification of General Public Contributions

Nil.

8. Wairewa Bank Stabilisation Project Update

Committee Comment

1. Gillian Jenkins provided an update on the Wairewa Bank Stabilisation Project relating to work on the pilot site, Okana River. This included battering for stabilisation and proposed planting. She advised there have been a number of studies carried out on treatment areas to prevent more erosion of plantings.
2. The Zone Committee can help with landowner engagement to ensure community awareness about why the work is being carried out and how members of the community could be involved. The Committee can also assist with funding applications for projects.
3. The project supports the Committee's 3-Year Action Plan as follows:
 - (17) The Wairewa bank stabilisation pilot project is completed by 2021 and funding is secured to extend the pilot.

Committee Resolved BPZC/2019/00028

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Receive the progress update on the Wairewa Bank Stabilisation Project.
2. Consider the roles the Committee will take in assisting with the Wairewa Bank Stabilisation Project in a workshop.

Paula Smith/Dr Benita Wakefield

Carried

9. Refresh Immediate Steps Priorities

Committee Comment

1. This report provided context for the Committee refreshing Immediate Steps priorities or criteria. Discussion was held about the priorities using the 3-Year Action Plan.
2. The Committee were advised that Immediate Steps funding it had provided for a covenant was not going to be carried out, in the amount of \$25,000.
3. Ben Manson will discuss with the landowner how the Zone Committee can help him and whether he would be prepared to continue the work without the covenant.
4. A large scale map showing the Immediate Steps projects funded was provided at the meeting.
5. Elizabeth Cunningham suggested providing a check list of Maori Land Trust Reserves and landowners, and Department of Conservation land.
6. The criteria that the Committee had selected in July 2018 was noted in the report, and given consideration.

Committee Resolved BPZC/2019/00029

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Uses the following criteria to ensure Immediate Steps funding is strategically allocated by the Zone Committee:
 - Ki uta Ki Tai – consider how the projects fits with others in the catchment; and where possible fund projects on land where there is a gap, that when implemented will help get the whole waterway protected;
 - Consider alignment of the project with the priorities from the Zone Committee's 3-Year Action Plan e.g. Whakaraupo Catchment and Wairewa;
 - Level of community engagement in the project;
 - Consider the portion of fund allocated to covenants vs other projects. (No specified proportions were discussed).
2. Request a report from the Biodiversity Officer regarding Crown Island, Goughs Bay Immediate Steps project, together with alternative Immediate Steps projects, for a decision to be made on the reallocation of funds.

Paula Smith/Elizabeth Cunningham

Carried

10. Facilitator's Update - 20 August 2019

Committee Comment

1. Shelley highlighted some points from her report, including:

- a. the Koukourārata planting day scheduled for 7 September 2019, 9am to be carried out at the park at the water front by the jetty, Koukourārata. EnviroSoc members are invited to attend the planting day.
- b. the Zone Committee meeting scheduled for 17 September will be cancelled and instead the Committee will hold a community workshop on Tuesday 24 September 2019, 7pm at Living Springs.
2. Ben noted a conflict of interest regarding the stock exclusion rules in the Land and Water Regional Plan. Discussion was held about the ability for farmers to comply with these rules. ECan's Land Management Advisor to be appointed shortly will work on communications about these rules and a workshop will be held.
3. In relation to the information brochures that have been requested by the Zone Committee, Peter Kingsbury advised that he and Shelley would be meeting to discuss these shortly.
4. Liz Macpherson suggested the Committee give consideration to applying to the Government fund of \$12M.

Committee Resolved BPZC/2019/00030

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Receive the Facilitator's Report.

Paula Smith/Gina Waibl

Carried

In September 2019 a Banks Peninsula Zone Committee workshop was held at Living Springs that focussed on the Whaka-Ora Healthy Harbour Plan, then on 24 October 2019 a workshop was held at Wainui that focussed on fish passage and biodiversity.

Mananui Ramsden closed the meeting with a Karakia/Whakamutunga.

Meeting concluded at 6.13pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 15TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2019

**BENITA WAKEFIELD
CHAIRPERSON**