
Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Committee OPEN MINUTES

Date: Tuesday 21 July 2020
Time: 4pm
Venue: Birdlings Flat Community Centre, 157 Poranui Beach Road, Birdlings Flat

Present

Chairperson Dr Benita Wakefield - Te Rūnanga o Wairewa
Deputy Gina Waibl - Community Representative
Chairperson
Members Ben Manson - Community Representative
Paula Smith - Community Representative
Garrick Thorn - Community Representative
Lan Pham - Councillor Environment Canterbury
Rik Tainui - Te Rūnanga o Ōnuku – via phone conference
Aurora Smith - Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke/Rapaki
Erana Riddell - ECan Youth Rōpū

In Attendance: ECan – Kate Hunt, Kim Withell, Brad Waldon-Gibbons, Gillian Jenkins, Harry Millar, Tim Davie, Richard Purdon; CCC – Emma Davis and Marion Schoenfeld; Whaka-Ōra – Karen Banwell; DOC – John Benn, Community – Louisa Prattley, Ella Jack, Pam Richardson

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Brad Waldon-Gibbons opened the meeting with a Karakia/Timatanga.

The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

1. Apologies

Committee Resolved BPZC/2020/00014

That the apologies received from Deputy Mayor Andrew Turner and Rima Herber be accepted.

Lan Pham/Paula Smith

Carried

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

3. Updates from Banks Peninsula Zone Committee Members

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

Gina Waibl – Reported on hosting of the Whaka-Ōra event taking place this Sunday, 26 July 1-4pm at Living Springs.

Erana Riddell – Erana advised on her meeting with a Bay of Plenty Councillor who was seeking information on youth council set up.

Aurora Smith – Reported on an event with Jamie Sage announcing Māori names for places on Banks Peninsula.

Paula Smith – Paula introduced Louisa Prattley, a University of Canterbury student and her colleague Ella Jack. She talked about the University's programme of Geography 309 that covers 15 projects and advised she was encouraging the students to attend Zone Committee meetings.

Garrick Thorn – Advised he has been giving thought to research around mahinga kai.

Rik Tainui – Reported on his meeting with Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment, Simon Upton regarding the impacts of cruise ships in the Lyttelton Harbour.

Ben Manson – Explained that following discussion from the previous Mahinga Kai and Biodiversity Working Group, he advised he is offering to use his property as a trial property to assess whether Mahinga Kai improvements can be achieved.

4. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Committee Resolved BPZC/2020/00015

That the minutes of the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 17 March 2020 be confirmed.

Paula Smith/Lan Pham

Carried

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Aurora Smith expressed her concern about the funding cut proposed by the Christchurch City Council around the erosion and sediment control trials for roadside cuttings. She felt this undermines the Zone Committee's aspirations and goes against the Whaka-Ōra project and the Canterbury Water Management Strategy.

Peter Kingsbury provided an update on this matter, that the Council has confirmed it will complete trial site 1 over the current and next financial year, including monitoring and final reporting. No decision has been made by the Council on starting a second site.

6. Deputations by Appointment

There were no deputations by appointment.

7. Identification of Urgent Items

Nil.

8. Identification of General Public Contributions

Pam Richardson noted Agricom's focus on a freshwater policy.

9. Climate Change and CCC

1.1 Presentation by Marion Schoenfeld about Climate Change Risk Assessment

1.2 Marion's presentation covered how climate change would look for the Christchurch district, projections on seasonal, precipitation changes and numbers of hot days, and included other information around wind speed, evaporation and fire risk. Marion outlined some of the likely issues for humans and the natural environment on Banks Peninsula.

1.3 Benita Wakefield provided a Ngāi Tahu perspective on climate change and its focus on the Tapa Whā principles and holistic view, when one area of health is weakened it affects other areas. A balance is required and she noted an example of Te Roto o Wairewa/Lake Forsyth and mahinga kai. Issues include employment, no access to mahinga kai and roading.

1.4 Benita referred the Committee to Ngāi Tahu's Climate Change Strategy He Rautaki Mō te Huringa o Te Ahuarangi.

1.5 Also noted by Rik Tainui was the issue of proximity of Ōnuku Marae to the sea, and by Aurora Smith the suggestion of sea transport on Banks Peninsula.

1.6 Paula Smith queried the situation around historic landfills and it was noted that these landfills and mitigation are on the radar of the Contaminated sites team of ECan. A wider

project on historic landfills is also being undertaken across New Zealand, that includes Canterbury and the Banks Peninsula landfills.

1.6.1 **Action:** This matter about landfills will be included on a future Banks Peninsula Zone Committee agenda.

1.7 Presentation by Emma Davis about Climate Change

1.8 Emma provided an overview on the Christchurch City Council's targets around climate change. This covered its journey to date that includes a 2015 Christchurch Energy Action Plan, a climate ecological emergency declared by the Council in May 2019, and in September 2019 a target set for net neutrality by 2045.

1.9 Next steps for the Council include engagement and public consultation.

1.10 Councillor Lan Pham provided ECan's perspective on climate change and its role regarding advocacy to Central Government. Adequacy of statutory frameworks and tools needs to be addressed and national guidance is being sought and received. ECan is working with District Councils on issues such as coastal erosion and sea level rise.

1.10.1 **Action:** A follow up workshop on the information provided will be arranged for the Zone Committee at a later date.

Committee Resolved BPZC/2020/00016

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Agrees to advise the Christchurch City Council and ECan about local knowledge of freshwater risks identified and potential mechanisms for adaptation.

Paula Smith/Gina Waibl

Carried

10. Water Quantity

1.1 Presentation by Tim Davie and Richard Purdon of ECan about the implications for Banks Peninsula around stock and domestic water takes

1.2 Tim and Richard spoke to their presentation that covered:

1.2.1 Section 14(3)(b) of the Resource Management Act dealing with the restrictions relating to water and ECan's approach to this.

1.2.2 The Permitted Activity Rules in ECan's Land and Water Regional Plan (LWRP).

1.2.3 Options to consider were noted as: (1) a change to the LWRP to account for permitted activity takes in consented allocation and (2) publicising the rules and their implications on takes.

RMA 14(3)(b)

- (3) A person is not prohibited by subsection (2) from taking, using, damming, or diverting any water, heat, or energy if—
- (a) the taking, using, damming, or diverting is expressly allowed by a national environmental standard, a rule in a regional plan as well as a rule in a proposed regional plan for the same region (if there is one), or a resource consent; or
 - (b) in the case of fresh water, the water, heat, or energy is required to be taken or used for—
 - (i) an individual's reasonable domestic needs; or
 - (ii) the reasonable needs of a person's animals for drinking water,—
and the taking or use does not, or is not likely to, have an adverse effect on the environment; or

- 1.3 Discussion during the presentation was around the determination of surface and groundwater takes. Concern was expressed that the current amount allowed for domestic and animal drinking water via permitted activity rule would make farming difficult, if followed.
- 1.4 Further education is required on this, particularly on the reasonable use of water. Akaroa water supply requires consideration also.
- 1.5 **Action:** It was noted it would be useful for the Committee to have information on the amount of Banks Peninsula consents currently in place.

Committee Resolved BPZC/2020/00017

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Committee's Water Quantity Working Group continues to further investigate the issue and options (noted in 1.2.3) and report back to the Committee.

Paula Smith/Aurora Smith

Carried

Note: Item 1.2.3 reads: Options to consider were noted as (1) a change to the LWRP to account for permitted activity takes in consented allocation and (2) publicising the rules and their implications on takes.

Rik Tainui departed the phone conference at 6.15pm.

11. Te Ahu Pātiki Project Led by the Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust

- 1.1 At the Committee's 30 June 2020 workshop a presentation was given by members of the Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust about the Te Ahu Pātiki project for creation of a conservation park in the upper Te Wharau catchment basin and part of the Te Waiake catchment.
- 1.2 The Trust requested the support of the Zone Committee, and of the Trust's application for funding to assist with the land purchase and other costs related to this project.

Committee Resolved BPZC/2020/00018

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Endorses the Te Ahu Pātiki project led by the Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust to secure the upper Te Wharau catchment basin between Mt Herbert/Te Ahu Pātiki and Mt Bradley and part of the Te Waiake catchment, to create a conservation park for public benefit and withdrawing grazing cattle. (Refer Note 1)
2. The Zone Committee supports the Trust in its application for funding to assist with the land purchase and other costs. (Refer Note 2)

Note 1: The project aligns well with progress towards the Zone Committee's outcomes for Ki Uta Ki Tai, improved water quality, enhanced biodiversity and reduced sedimentation. It will help deliver the Whakaraupō/Lyttelton Harbour Catchment Management Plan.

Note 2: The Zone Committee anticipates it may become more directly involved in the project once the land has been secured, for example if catchment planting or other biodiversity protection and enhancement actions are identified in the resulting management plan.

Paula Smith/Dr Benita Wakefield

Carried

12. Zone Committee Priorities Identified for 2020-2021

- 1.1 At the 11 February 2020 meeting the Committee identified their highest priorities for 2020. These were:
- Mahinga kai built into all decision-making
 - Whaka-Ōra Healthy Harbour Plan Implementation – especially sediment components
 - Investigate minimum flow and environmental flows and impacts on stream ecology and water supply
 - Getting wastewater out of Akaroa Harbour
 - Coastal management
 - Climate change
 - Strategically allocate Immediate Steps Fund and a strategic approach to freshwater related biodiversity
- 1.2 The summary version of the priorities was included in the agenda. Gina suggested including which actions had been replaced with new ones.
- 1.3 Where DOC is noted in the Action Plan as a contributor, it needs to read “potential contributor”.
- 1.4 **Action:** Staff will check points 1.2 and 1.3 above.

Committee Resolved BPZC/2020/00019

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Note the Zone Committee priorities identified for 2020-2021.

Lan Pham/Garrick Thorn

Carried

13. Enhancing CWMS Implementation: Role of CWMS Water Management Committees

- 1.1 At the Committee’s meeting on 17 March 2020 the Committee considered and provided feedback about a proposed review of terms of reference of all 10 Zone Committees.

Committee Resolved BPZC/2020/00020

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Note the Zone Committee feedback on the Enhancing CWMS Implementation: Role of CWMS Water Management Committees.

Paula Smith/Dr Benita Wakefield

Carried

14. Immediate Steps Biodiversity Funding Allocation

- 1.1 The Zone Committee made recommendations about the Immediate Steps Biodiversity Funding (IMS) applications on 11 May 2020. Due to the COVID-19 lockdown, the Environment Canterbury decision on funding of the IMS projects was delegated to Kate Hunt, on advice from the Zone Manager.

1.2 The Committee recommended the following funding allocations that were confirmed:

- Mt Herbert Covenant: \$20,000. Plus \$20,000 in 2021-22
- Stencliffe Covenant: \$38,500
- Thelning Covenant: \$16,440
- Goughs Bay - Haley Fence: \$10,000 - Plus \$5,435 in 2021-22
- Agreed that the De Vries Spring Fence project should be a re-application to Immediate Steps for consideration of funding by the Banks Peninsula Zone Committee for the 2021-2022 year.

Committee Resolved BPZC/2020/00021

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Confirm the information about the Immediate Steps Biodiversity funding allocation.

Paula Smith/Garrick Thorn

Carried

15. Facilitator's Update - 21 July 2020

- 1.1 Shelley Washington spoke to her report and advised she had emailed members information about the Zone Committee Review taking place following a request from the Mayoral Forum.
- 1.2 Peter Kingsbury highlighted an email he had received from Mike Bourke, CCC Three Waters & Waste Unit, about water take zones and finalising maps. It was noted that a map of the sensitive catchments in Banks Peninsula will be included in the August agenda.
- 1.3 Peter advised that the information cards had been finalised and will be produced and distributed through channels such as field days and promotions.
- 1.4 A minor change to the information cards was requested to the wording to read “support and help”.
- 1.5 A link to the Christchurch City Council’s consultation document on the Akaroa Wastewater Project being consulted on between 21 July and 23 August, is available at:

<https://ccc.govt.nz/services/water-and-drainage/wastewater/wastewater-projects/akaroa-wastewater-scheme>

Committee Resolved BPZC/2020/00022

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Receives the information in the Facilitator’s update report.

Lan Pham/Dr Benita Wakefield

Carried

Following the conclusion of the formal meeting working group sessions were held on the topics of Mahinga Kai & Biodiversity, and Water Quantity.

Brad Waldon-Gibbons closed the meeting with a Karakia/Whakamutunga.

Meeting concluded at 8.20pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 18TH DAY OF AUGUST 2020

**BENITA WAKEFIELD
CHAIRPERSON**