
Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Committee OPEN MINUTES

Date: Tuesday 18 August 2020
Time: 4pm
Venue: Okuti Valley Hall, Okuti Valley Road, Little River

Present

Chairperson Dr Benita Wakefield - Te Rūnanga o Wairewa
Deputy Gina Waibl - Community Representative
Chairperson
Members Rima Herber - Community Representative
Ben Manson - Community Representative
Paula Smith - Community Representative
Lan Pham - Councillor Environment Canterbury
Rik Tainui - Te Rūnanga o Ōnuku
Aurora Smith - Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke/Rapaki

In Attendance: ECan – Kate Hunt, Gillian Jenkins, Brad Waldon-Gibbons; DOC – John Benn; Community – Pam Richardson

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Rik Tainui opened the meeting with a Karakia/Timatanga.

The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

1. Apologies

That apologies received from Andrew Turner, Garrick Thorn and Erana Riddell, be accepted.

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.

Ben Manson – Ben met with Harry Millar and Adam Forbes on a wetland area of his property about various scenarios/costs for planting natives, carbon farming and removing cattle.

Rima Herber – Has attended various events, e.g. Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust event about biodiversity at Hilltop, a Ōtamahua/Quail Island event where Eugenie Sage announced funding for pest management, further removal of horned poppy weeds event at Kaitorete Spit, and Regional Committee workshops regarding the Canterbury Water Management Strategy.

Paula Smith – Along with Gina, met University of Canterbury students working on the water quantity project with a focus on methods to estimate household and stock water use, about how much is too much, and sensitive catchments. The next steps for the Water Quantity Working Group will be discussed later tonight.

Lan Pham – Papatipu Rūnanga, and TRONT and Environment Canterbury agreed to having two member roles formally approved by Council as cultural advisors. Attended launch of Te Mana o te Taio – Aotearoa New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy 2020.

Aurora Smith – Attended Whaka Ōra event at Living Springs. Michelle Radford is representing Rāpaki on the Selwyn-Waihora Zone Committee.

Rik Tainui – Continuation of the Akaroa Wastewater situation with final public consultation and submissions closing on Sunday 23 August. After the submissions are heard a decision will be made, hopefully by Christmas 2020. Have also attended meetings around the Duvauchelle wastewater system, and involved with cultural advisors process at Environment Canterbury. Rik has met Andrew Turner and the CCC leadership team about relationship with Ōnuku and issues e.g. the drinking water system.

Gina Waibl – Attended the Whaka Ōra event at Living Springs, with Rima and Aurora. Will attend a Biosecurity Advisory Group meeting next week and will be presenting the Quarterly and Annual Report to CCC 3 Waters Committee on 26 August.

Benita Wakefield – Attended the Regional Council meeting regarding cultural advisors. Working on writing papers regarding gene drive for pest control, and tapa whā model for climate change. Looking at cascade of risks that interlink and downstream impacts.

Community member Pam Richardson also reported that she had met with the Farm Discussion Group and Harry Millar about a new government freshwater policy. An issue is around the amount of water able to be taken under the Regional Land and Water rules. Pam noted there is nothing in the ZIP about springs and water use. . The issue needs to be acknowledged but work with the community on this matter is needed.

Further discussion was held about the rule and committee is of view that it does not align with Banks Peninsula water requirements. This requires further consideration by the Working Group.

4. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Committee Resolved BPZC/2020/00023

That the minutes of the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 21 July 2020 be confirmed, subject to an amendment as noted in italics:

Page 11, Committee resolution to read “That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Committee’s Water Quantity Working Group continues to further investigate ~~both options~~ *the issue and options for a solution* (noted in 1.2.3) and report back to the Committee.”

Lan Pham/Paula 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.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Roadside Cutting Trials: Aurora Smith referred to a letter she had forwarded to Committee members where she was asking the zone committee to send a letter to the Christchurch City Council regarding funding for roadside cutting trials at sites in Whakaraupō/Lyttelton Harbour. The letter will be finalised and forwarded to CCC, along with the matter being raised when the Zone Committee presents its Annual Report to the Council’s Three Waters, Infrastructure and Environment Committee.

Historic Landfills Risk: Paula Smith advised there had been a story in the Bay Harbour News regarding Historic Landfills Risk within the zone.

6. Deputations by Appointment

There were no deputations by appointment.

7. Identification of Urgent Items

No items raised.

8. Identification of General Public Contributions

Pam Richardson had raised earlier an item about central government Freshwater Policy on Banks Peninsula.

9. Biodiversity and Land Management Ki Uta Ki Tai Catchment Approach

The Committee does wish to continue scoping this approach. The Committee discussed positives and negatives of the approach. Positives outweighed the negatives. Positives included: Ki Uta Ki Tai; better outcomes; improved ability to leverage central government funding; farm and catchment specific responses; plugging “gaps” in catchments; communications and engagement potential; ecological outcomes; ecologically sensible; community monitoring can plug science gaps; more strategic and links water quality to IMS and biodiversity; see results faster.

Negatives included: other areas get less support; existing approach also good; existing approach still “seeds” other projects. “Givens” include that focus not be taken away from implementation of Whakaraupō Catchment Plan and Wairewa ZIPA

The Committee discussed possible sources of information/ideas for the catchment approach:

- Landowner buy-in
- *Enviroschools
- Regional biodiversity priorities
- Use of the Mahinga kai trails maps
- Land cover
- Riparian cover
- Distribution of Tāonga freshwater species in the Ngāi Tahu Treaty Settlement
- NIWA Freshwater map
- Canterbury Waterways Group
- Alice West’s report (presented November 2019 meeting).

Committee Resolved BPZC/2020/00024

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Receive the information in the report and recommend to continue scoping the Biodiversity and Land Management Ki Uta Ki Tai Catchment Approach.
2. Provide recommendations for other sources of information to be gathered to inform Zone Committee prioritisation of catchments, as below:
 - Landowner buy-in
 - *Enviroschools
 - Regional biodiversity priorities
 - Use of the Mahinga kai trails maps
 - Land cover
 - Riparian cover
 - Distribution of Taonga freshwater species in the Ngāi Tahu Treaty Settlement
 - NIWA Freshwater map
 - Canterbury Waterways Group
 - Alice West’s report presented November 2019 meeting, i.e. Distribution of regionally endemic stream invertebrates on Banks Peninsula, Canterbury.

Dr Benita Wakefield/Lan Pham

Carried

10. Update on the Review and Proposed Changes to the Zone Committee's Terms of Reference

The Zone Committee discussed the review and changes proposed across the ten Zone Committees, but in particular changes to the Banks Peninsula Zone Committee's Terms of Reference. They noted:

- General support for proposals
- It would still be possible for the Zone Committee to implement a plan change
- Asked where the word "implementation" was, but response was that is what is meant by "delivery"
- Agree with need to strengthen induction for new members, including Te Tiriti o Waitangi (Treaty of Waitangi) training
- Encourage members of the community interested in the role to attend a meetings before applying.

Committee Resolved BPZC/2020/00025

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Receive the information on the proposed changes to the Zone Committee Terms of Reference and the preparation of a new tri-annual joint letter of shared priorities from the Councils to Committees and then the development of new Zone Committee Action Plans.
2. Consider the proposals and provide feedback through to the Committee Chair/Deputy Chair, Rūnanga representatives or Councillors to inform the next step of a workshop on 24 August 2020, as below:
 - General support for proposals
 - It would still be possible for the Zone Committee to implement a plan change
 - Asked where the word "implementation" was, but response was that is what is meant by "delivery"
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Dr Benita Wakefield/Aurora Smith

Carried

11. Facilitator's Update - 21 July 2020

Councillor Pham spoke to a document tabled at the meeting about Environment Canterbury's Long Term Plan and Strategic Direction. Feedback was sought from the Committee about this matter, and the following points noted:

Top three priorities:

- Immediate Steps biodiversity funding
- Implementation of Whakaraupō Catchment Plan
- Implementation of Wairewa Sub-regional Plan/ZIPA recommendations

The Committee would also like the LTP to prioritise resourcing for:

- Risk assessment for adaptation to climate change
- Secure community and farm water supplies while retaining ecosystem health
- Weed management

These Zone Committee priorities align closely with the Ecosystem Health and Biodiversity Targets priority in the proposed Environment Canterbury Letter of Priorities. However, they also relate to the other two Environment Canterbury priorities for Zone Committees: Kaitiakitanga Wāhi Taonga and mahinga kai Target; and Recreation and Amenity Targets.

The following are the top three transformational opportunities and enduring priorities in the Environment Canterbury Strategic Direction that the Zone Committee thought aligned best with their priorities:

- Accelerate regeneration of the natural environment
- Build community engagement and action
- Lead climate change resilience

Shelley Washington spoke to the items contained in her report, including about recent and upcoming events.

Committee Resolved BPZC/2020/00026

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Committee:

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

Aurora Smith/Paula Smith

Carried

An adjournment was taken.

Two Working Group sessions were held following the adjournment on Mahinga Kai and Biodiversity.

The meeting closed at 8.02pm with a Karakia/Whakamutunga.

CONFIRMED THIS 22ND DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2020

**BENITA WAKEFIELD
CHAIRPERSON**