
Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Committee OPEN MINUTES

Date: Tuesday 20 October 2020
Time: 3.30pm
Venue: Rāpaki Marae, 37 Rāpaki Drive, Rapaki

Present

Chairperson	Dr Benita Wakefield - Te Rūnanga o Wairewa
Deputy Chairperson	Gina Waibl - Community Representative
Members	Rima Herber - Community Representative
	Paula Smith - Community Representative
	Garrick Thorn - Community Representative
	Andrew Turner - Deputy Mayor Christchurch City Council
	Lan Pham - Councillor Environment Canterbury
	Rik Tainui - Te Rūnanga o Ōnuku
	Aurora Smith - Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke/Rāpaki
	Erana Riddell - ECan Youth Rōpū

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Zone Committee members and staff were welcomed onto the Marae with a pōwhiri and karakia by Isaac Fahey.

The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

1. Apologies

Committee Resolved BPZC/2020/00027

That the apologies received from Ben Manson, and for lateness from Deputy Mayor Andrew Turner, be accepted.

Dr Benita Wakefield/Gina Waibl

Carried

2. Declarations of Interest

Paula Smith declared an interest in Item 9.

3. Updates from Banks Peninsula Zone Committee Members

On this occasion, updates were not provided.

EOS Ecology

A power point presentation was given by Kirsty Brennan of EOS Ecology about Nature Agents and what activities the local schools on Banks Peninsula are undertaking. Kirsty outlined how the schools can meaningfully contribute and participate through this programme, and their efforts are valued.



Kirsty Brennan -
EOS Presentation.pc

10. Whaka-Ora Healthy Harbour Updates

1. A power point presentation was given by Karen Banwell about Whaka-Ōra 2020/2021 Focus, that covered:
 - a. Growing community leadership.
 - b. Educating and supporting Whakaraupō landowners for good management practice.
 - c. Establish research projects including a state of the environment report.
 - d. Set targets and measure through Matauranga Māori, citizen and research science.
2. Gina Waibl provided a power point presentation on roadside drainage and sediment issues on Summit Road, as examples of the damage caused by unmaintained culverts causing water run-off and slips.

Action agreed to was to follow up with the Christchurch City Council was to request better results of ongoing maintenance.

3. Kathryn Bates provided a power point presentation about the Waka-Ora Head of the Harbour work that includes engagement with landowners, decreasing sediment and increasing mahinga kai.

Discussion groups were undertaken at this time to discuss ways that the groups can work together.

Committee Resolved BPZC/2020/00028

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Note the report on progress of Whaka-Ora Healthy Harbour's projects.

Dr Benita Wakefield/Gina Waibl

Carried

An adjournment was taken from 6.10pm to 6.53pm.

Following the adjournment ideas from the group discussions were discussed and noted. Key ideas were listed as:

- Advocate to agencies for Ki Uta Ki Tai operations and maintenance to support the Whaka-Ora Plan.
- Visual signage/symbols in the area regarding the Plan.
- Pathway through a political voice to advocate in decision-making.
- A working group of the Zone Committee and Whakaraupō group regarding achieving better management by CCC of sediment and drainage and culverts near roadsides.
- Barriers within organisations – how to influence organisations at the right level.
- Distributing information – detailed meeting invitations to encourage attendance.

12. Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust

A presentation was given by Mark Christensen and Marie Neale about the Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust. Mark outlined the Trust's eight conservation goals. These are about forest cover; rare ecosystems; connections between land, freshwater and marine habitats to support viable populations of species that depend on them; protection of indigenous forest areas; land and freshwater for production; rare and common indigenous flora and fauna; the reintroduction of locally extinct species; and that the Peninsula is effectively free of pest animals.

Marie reported on the Trust's covenants and it was noted the Trust also works closely with QEII and their covenants.

Mark provided information about Te Kākahu Kahukura, the Trust's project to restore a thriving podocarp forest and bring back locally extinct birds.

Committee Resolved BPZC/2020/00029

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Note the information in the Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust report.

Dr Benita Wakefield/Gina Waibl

Carried

11. Geography 309 Student Group Project Water Quantity

Louisa Prattley and James Manning, students from the University of Canterbury, gave a presentation titled “How can we tell if too much water is being taken from Banks Peninsula streams?”

The presentation aims to determine if it is a fair assumption that stock and household water takes in Banks Peninsula are insignificant, and to ascertain if a policy change is needed. The methods of calculation used by Louisa and James were outlined for permitted takes, and human and stock takes; and the results noted in graphs.

Some discussion followed the presentation about the results and the suggested recommendations of Louisa and James about monitoring water, water storage and habitat restoration.

Committee Resolved BPZC/2020/00030

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Note the report on a methodology to estimate the quantity of water taken for stock and household use in Banks Peninsula catchments to better understand and manage the overall water resource on Banks Peninsula.

Dr Benita Wakefield/Gina Waibl

Carried

Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke/Rāpaki

Isaac Fahey, Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke/Rāpaki addressed the meeting about his role as a kaitiaki (guardian) of the fisheries as a Fishery Officer. Isaac outlined a number of points to the meeting. These related to education; an issue of sediments and stormwater after rain events; water is needed here in Canterbury and should not be sold overseas; Rākaihautū gave us the food baskets and it is important to protect these for future generations; a good healthy balance is needed in Whakaraupō Harbour.

4. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Committee Resolved BPZC/2020/00031

That the minutes of the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 22 September 2020 be confirmed, subject to the following amendments:

- Page 9 – update by Aurora Smith line 2 “fish passage application” amended to read “fish passage assessment tool”
- Page 8 – update by Rik Tainui – final word “production” amended to read “reduction”

Paula Smith/Rima Herber

Carried

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Nil.

6. Deputations by Appointment

There were no deputations by appointment.

7. Identification of Urgent Items

Nil.

8. Identification of General Public Contributions

Nil.

9. Correspondence - Letter of Support Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust - Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū

The Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Noted the letter of support to the Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust.

13. Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Committee - Summary Action Plan

This plan was included in the agenda, for Committee members' information.

Concluding Comments

Benita Wakefield invited Councillor Lan Pham and Deputy Mayor Andrew Turner to provide concluding comments to the meeting.

Councillor Pham noted the challenges faced for us and the need to elevate/fund these issues.

Deputy Mayor Turner thanked the wide variety of people attending the meeting and their contributions. Clear themes were noted around sedimentation and common good, as well as Whaka-Ora and the Zone Committee with the Ki Uta Ki Tai approach. We have the responsibility to take the issues to our Councils for those issues raised to be addressed. Councils are working on their long term plans, so a clear articulation of the Zone Committee's priorities for that process would be helpful.

Yvette Couch-Lewis closed the hui and thanked the participants involved. She noted some observations about the great Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust predator free goal, the use by a wide number of groups of the Whaka-Ora Plan, EOS Ecology's work with our schools giving younger generations tools, the students from the University of Canterbury for their data about how to make changes within the zone, the Whaka-Ora team; and Aurora Smith for bringing the Zone Committee home. Yvette acknowledged the korowai on display in the marae.

Isaac Fahey concluded the meeting with a Karakia/Whakamutunga.

Meeting concluded at 8.14pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 17TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2020

**BENITA WAKEFIELD
CHAIRPERSON**