
Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Committee OPEN MINUTES

Date: Tuesday 16 November 2021
Time: 4pm
Venue: Lyttelton/Mt Herbert Boardroom
25 Canterbury Street, Lyttelton

Present

Chairperson Gina Waibl - Community Representative
Members Trudi Bishop - Community Representative
Ben Manson - Community Representative
Rima Herber - Community Representative
Elizabeth Macpherson - Community Representative
Tori Peden - Christchurch City Council Elected Representative
Lan Pham - Councillor Environment Canterbury
Rik Tainui - Te Rūnanga o Ōnuku

In Attendance: ECan – Gill Jenkins, Will Todhunter and Jess Newland; DOC – John Benn; Whaka Ora – Karen Banwell; (On-line) Community member - Pam Richardson; CCC - Paul Dickson and Peter Christensen

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The meeting was opened with a Karakia Timatanga.

The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

1. Apologies

Committee Resolved BPZC/2021/00012

That the apologies received from Deputy Mayor Andrew Turner, Aurora Smith, Erana Riddell, Elisa Knight and George Howden be accepted.

Lan Pham/Rima Herber

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. Please refer to Item 10 Facilitator's Report for the members highlights.

4. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Committee Resolved BPZC/2021/00013

That the minutes of the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 21 September 2021 be confirmed.

Gina Waibl/Rik Tainui

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. Presentation to Banks Peninsula Zone Committee - Stormwater Management Plan Engagement

A presentation on the Stormwater Management Plan was provided by Paul Dickson, CCC (Drainage Engineer), and Peter Christensen, CCC (Surface Water Engineer). This included information on the Banks Peninsula Stormwater Management Plan that will be developed under the Comprehensive Stormwater Network Discharge Consent 2019 and the (strategic) Surface Water Implementation Plan (final name to be decided) which will be developed under the Integrated Water Strategy 2019 (see Minutes Attachment).

Questions were raised and discussion held following the presentation. This included about whether biodiversity was specifically accounted for, not just water quality, and ensuring flora and fauna are not removed during infrastructure work. Noted this matter has been considered in the past and meetings held about it. Council does have a Fish Passage prioritisation approach and budget, however this would be seen as a separate issue to the SMP.

Discussion was held about the in and out of scope areas, and about the level of detail that the Strategic Surface Water Implementation Plan would deal with, e.g. pick up everything related to surface water except for wastewater, and coastal water.

The type of monitoring carried out was noted that includes Total Suspended Solids, Zinc, Copper, E.coli and other contaminants/measures. Wet weather monitoring is also carried out. Emerging contaminants are being considered for inclusion in future.

Questions were asked about inclusion of behaviour change methods within these plans it was noted this would be funded by Council within the Community Waterways Partnership but that behaviour change is included in some of the methods such as erosion and sediment control and other work programmes such as cycleways. The Committee felt it was crucial to make clear the importance of behaviour change.

Paul asked Zone Committee members to feedback, via Shelley Washington, any thoughts/ideas they have about how the Council is best to do their community engagement on the SMP. Examples were raised by members that included:

- Council could promote issues more widely and discuss with Central Government;
- informing landlords of stormwater issues;
- encourage to gather community input on values and visions and broader topics. Utilise that input to the correct places within either council, rather than limiting the community to only engaging on the more narrow in scope aspects of SMP;
- informing groups of residents e.g. through including SMP consultation with Coastal Hazards consultation;
- encourage picture style/easy to understand communication and about reductions, simple ways and talking about actions and solutions;
- Stormwater Superhero trailer at events;
- Zone Committee assistance e.g. Lyttelton Farmers Market;
- maybe opportunity when ECan is consulting on its Integrated Planning Framework, encourage connection with that. The Committee agreed that the Community Board's view that the engagement is best to be via other community events coming up that the community will be involved in;
- some online consulting during Draft Plan, Facebook etc;
- consider the cultural values assessment also. Paul agreed to provide the Committee with a copy of the cultural values assessment once complete.

Further discussion was held about other areas that can be considered such as use of rainwater.

Committee Resolved BPZC/2021/00014


That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Receive the information in the Stormwater Management Plan Engagement report.
2. Encourage CCC and ECan to carry out where possible integrated community consultation on the development of the ECan Integrated Planning Framework and CCC SMP/Integrated Surface Water Strategy.

Lan Pham/Trudi Bishop

Carried

Attachments

- A Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Committee - 16 November 2021 - Presentation Stormwater Management Plan Consultation 

10. Opportunity to Nominate a Representative to the Whakaraupō Lyttelton Mt Herbert Coastal Panel as part of the Coastal Hazards Adaptation Planning Programme

The Committee noted the matter of a representative onto the Coastal Planning Programme and agreed they would like to make a nomination.

Cr Pham nominated Gina Waibl, seconded by Rik Tainui.

Committee Resolved BPZC/2021/00015

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Receives information on the Terms of Reference of the Whakaraupō Lyttelton Mt Herbert Coastal Panel.
2. Confirms it does wish to have a representative on the Coastal Panel.
3. Nominates Gina Waibl to be its representative on the Coastal Panel.

Lan Pham/Rik Tainui

Carried

11. Canterbury Water Management Strategy - Action Plan Budget 2021-22 Allocations Recommendations

Gill Jenkins explained that not all the projects are ready to be implemented, but could be delayed and decisions made by April 2022. Discussion was held about reallocating that budget to other projects. Any that are unable to go ahead can be considered later on again for the following financial years.

Committee Resolved BPZC/2021/00016

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Committee recommends to Environment Canterbury the following budget allocations:

1. Bayview: upper Sams Creek catchment riparian planting and fencing: \$10,000 (2021-22 financial year)
 2. Le Bons Bay spring head protection: \$15,000 (2021-22 financial year)
 3. Wharf Road fencing and planting stream: \$10,000 (2021-22 financial year)
 4. Okuti Valley Project enhancement of the wetland margins of the Okuti River for bittern, fern bird and crane: \$5,000 (2021-22 financial year)
 5. Community engagement expenses for climate change engagement: \$2,500 (2021-22 financial year)
 6. Community engagement expenses for Wainui wastewater: \$2,000 (2021-22 financial year)
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7. That the Committee will make a recommendation on the allocation of the remaining \$5,500 by 20 April 2022 to other projects or expenses that helps the Committee implement their action plan, or projects from items 1 to 6 above that are unable to go ahead.

Rima Herber/Gina Waibl

Carried

12. Facilitator's Update - 16 November 2021

Marion Schoenfeld referred to the Endeavour project run by NIWA in Little River, working with Wairewa Rūnanga –an update via a one-page brief of information will be provided to the Zone Committee about this. This is a nationwide project to improve the consistency of flood modelling and there is a case study in Wairewa Catchment.

Gill Jenkins reported about a summer student working at ECan in relation to pressures on Banks Peninsula streams from water takes, where water is taken from for marae drinking water and other matters. Johannes Welsch mentioned this to the Committee in September and confirmed they will seek landowner permission.

The Zone Committee members considered ideas on process for identifying future projects for the CWMS Action Plan Budget, such as advertising, and inviting community groups and landowners to present on their projects. Discussion was held about the process for this input. Information includes criteria and ideas of how the project would fit within the Committee's action plans, and providing past project information. The Committee would like Shelley Washington to do a first check to ensure that projects are relevant, before being presented to Committee.

Noted that confirmation will be sought from Ben Manson about whether the Little River Show will be held, as the Committee is planning to have a display if it goes ahead and has booked a site.

The Zone Committee's end of year function was agreed for Tuesday 14 December. Details to be provided by the Zone Facilitator.

A farewell and thanks for contributions was given to two members resigning from the Committee at the end of 2021 when their initial three year term was due to expire. Elizabeth MacPherson and

Rima Herber spoke positively about their time on the Zone Committee. Elizabeth is very happy to stay in touch with any questions about freshwater law and policy, and opportunities for students to do research that is helpful to the Committee.

Members' Highlights

Elizabeth MacPherson – Reported back that she has discussed with an ECan Planner and Consenting staff member about Te Mana o Te Wai and what they are doing to implement this under the National Policy Statement for Freshwater. Confirmed that the Land and Water Regional Plan will be changed to meet Te Mana o Te Wai by 2024 and will deal with permitted and consented water takes differently. Confirmed ECan is seeking to take an integrated Ki Uta Ki Tai approach and will be developing the regional plan, coastal plan and regional policy statement together in a more integrated way. Zone Committee members should continue to raise awareness about the issue of water shortage in small Banks Peninsula streams for both waterway health and the needs of the community, their livelihoods and lifestyles. Te Mana o Te Wai is being applied now via consenting as if enforced. Noted that this issue is particularly complex for Banks Peninsula as the community does not have easy alternatives for water supply and water from streams is needed for the health of the river, as well as drinking water, domestic use, and stock water. The Committee may wish to advocate for ECan to engage with the community on this topic from now until 2024 to support the community to gradually change and adapt. Elizabeth will forward the notes from that discussion to Committee members for their information.

Trudi Bishop – Met with ECan communications and engagement staff that support the committee, or do climate change engagement work, about communicating the climate change information to be more accessible. Trudi has developed an idea of identifying community members who are willing to share their own experiences with changes they are noticing and dealing with such as fires, drought, flood, and erosion. This is so that the interconnectedness is well understood and community can support and learn from each other. Met with the Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust Chair about good stories of climate change effects on the Peninsula and how this is being dealt with.

Councillor Pham departed at 6.30pm.

Rik Tainui – needs Tori and Lan to organise time with him to discuss water matters. Mentioned the drinking water supply work his Rūnanga are working on. Confirmed will have the Zone Committee visit Ōnuku in March 2022. Advised stream for drinking water runs down the side of the marae so working with DOC on translocation of freshwater crayfish into the stream for the purposes of mahinga kai, education of tamariki and improving water quality.

Noted from Elisa Knight about meeting with some of ECan's on-site wastewater working group to discuss their upcoming campaign, and has reached out to the Wainui Residents' Association.

Rima Herber – reported about a group of people who have bought a section of land to protect (High Bare Peak) in the Wairewa catchment, and also some land near the head of Te Roto o Wairewa that they will eventually turn into a wetland. Rima will send Shelley some contact details for this group.

Tori Peden – Wairewa River Rating District Committee had a meeting where three of its five members attended, and will be checking with the community for their feedback at the Little River Flooding Hui when that happens. CCC is waiting for Covid levels to change as needs to be able to accommodate a large audience. Birdlings Flat matter about resource consents for discharge of

wastewater from septic tanks ceasing from August 2022 so CCC is investigating with ECan the possibility for extending the consent to provide more time for the solutions to be found.

Gina Waibl – Advised that she, Trudi, Elisa and Aurora attended a combined Central Zone Committee Induction, Chairs, Deputies and Secretaries workshop on 2 November. Noted that there will be great value in collaborating with other Committees i.e. Christchurch West Melton and Selwyn Waihora. For example, potential for combining CWMS Action Plan Budget across all three zones for shared actions such as and erosion and sediment control. Attended a meeting organised by Whaka Ora in Governors Bay about pest control plan for the catchment, i.e. modern pest control on catchment scale. Red zoned properties particularly top of Governors Bay (Zephyr Stream) and developing pest control in those areas.

Karen Banwell noted she is happy for Shelley to share the student report on providing for access in Steadfast Reserve with the Committee.

Note the roles of Chair and Deputy is to be considered at the March meeting 2022 for members to consider and elect.

Committee Resolved BPZC/2021/00017

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Committee:

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

Rima Herber/Tori Peden

Carried

The meeting with a Karakia/Whakamutunga.

Meeting concluded at 6.53pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 15TH DAY OF MARCH 2022

**GINA WAIBL
CHAIRPERSON**