

Meeting Notes

Meeting title	Christchurch Banks Peninsula Biosecurity Advisory Group
Date	31 st May 2022
Time	2:00pm – 5:00pm
Venue	Tai Tapu Community Centre, Rhodes Park
Invited	Cllr Lan Pham, Rich Langley, Bruce Marshall, Laurence Smith, Carrie Keith, Paige Lawson, Morgan Shields, Pam Richardson, Philip Hulme, Paul de Latour, Colin Meurk, John Clemens, Cllr Jeff Bland, Richard Ball, Gabe Ross, Gina Waibl, Karl Dean, Carl Diamond
In Attendance	Councillor Lan Pham, Rich Langley, Bruce Marshall, Laurence Smith, Carrie Keith, Paige Lawson, Morgan Shields, Pam Richardson, Philip Hulme, Paul de Latour, Colin Meurk, John Clemens, Gabe Ross, Zoe Buxton
Apologies	Richard Ball, Cllr Jeff Bland, Carl Diamond, Karl Dean

Item No.	Description	Action
1	<p><u>Welcome, introduction, apologies and housekeeping</u></p> <p>Cllr Pham opened with a Karakia</p> <p>Laurence informed group that John Clemens is on a 3-month contract with Environment Canterbury undertaking nursery inspections</p> <p>Round table of introductions and how everyone is doing.</p>	
1.1	<p><u>Chair and Vice Chair Election</u></p> <p>Cllr Pham and Pam Richardson were both nominated for Chair, both accepted the nomination.</p> <p>Karl Dean nominated for Vice Chair and accepted the nomination.</p> <p>No further nominations received at the meeting.</p> <p>Colin: Can there be a Co-Chair arrangement?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zoe: Yes, there's nothing prohibiting this in the Terms of Reference. <p>Group agreed on Co-Chair arrangement.</p>	

	Cllr Pham and Pam both accepted positions as Co-Chair, no need for Vice Chair.	
2	<u>Notes/Actions</u>	
2.1	<u>Actions and Updates from last meeting</u> Morgan to meet with Pam regarding species to include in a future RPMP – They have met since the previous meeting.	
2.2	<u>Council Update</u> Deliberations and decisions on the annual plan. There have been no cuts to biosecurity programmes. There have been some cuts to biodiversity funding, mostly for landowner plantings. Cllr Pham chairs WhakaOra Group – there is an interest in emerging biosecurity hot topics such as marine pests. Phil Hulme gave brief update on his recent Australian and European Trips and some of the lessons that can be transferred to a New Zealand context. This included conversations around feral ungulate management in Tasmania.	
3	<u>Public Forum</u>	
3.1	No public attendance	
4	<u>Main Discussion Items</u>	
1.4	<u>Regional and Local Programme Update</u> Taken as read, Laurence to run through. Feral Animal Management Department of Conservation have approximately \$30 million out of budget, unsure whether this is for one year or ongoing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Pham: When is the DoC strategy available? • Laurence: Indicated at the agency meeting that it would be very soon. Has been trying to follow this up. • Can someone from DoC come to a future meeting to talk about the strategy? 	Laurence to follow up with DoC about attendance at future meeting.

	<p>Nassella Tussock Trending Monitoring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phil: Why are there more plants seeding now? Is this related to climate change? Laurence: No, it's down to landowners not undertaking grubbing before the plants set seed. Pam: Will forestry suppress the growth of nassella? Laurence: Unlikely, as they usually get milled, thinned or pruned which opens the canopy and lets light in. It's also expensive for control as you need to go down each row. The planting of native species, specifically for the purpose of long term-suppression of pest species like Chilean needle grass have proven successful. 	<p>Laurence to share gorse and broom maps for Banks Peninsula with group.</p>
4.2	<p><u>Research Update</u></p> <p>This will be moved until the next meeting when there is more community attendance.</p>	
4.3	<p><u>BAG Review Workshop</u></p> <p>Colin: Guardianship and Kaitiakitanga are missing from the purpose.</p> <p>John: The 'people' element is missing from the BAG statement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zoe: That's because it has been paraphrased from the biosecurity work programme in the Long-Term Plan. We can include it as a suggestion for the next plan. <p>Paul: Is a potential reason that the group feels more like a committee rather than an advisory group is that the group gives advice, but Environment Canterbury doesn't appear to take it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laurence: It's more the language that's used by members during the meetings, going through the chair, moving motions and wanting to take formal minutes. Colin: Can we record all ideas/advice given by members and can Environment Canterbury report back to those whose ideas have been incorporated into programmes/policy or not depending on limitations eg. Resourcing. <p>What hasn't worked well?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pam : No community involvement, only one member of the public has come along. There have been some groups to present topics in the past. Pam: No Rūnanga representation 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gabe: Tailoring topics that are relevant and important to each group. • Pam: How do we decide what is important to this group so we can talk about the right topics? <p>Flexibility of meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General agreement for this • Gabe: Can we have short catchups online between meetings if need be? • John: Good to have flexibility in agenda for out-of-scope topics or in depth discussions • Zoe: Need to be mindful if out of scope topics are outside of the biosecurity work programme and aren't relevant eg. Rivers. That's when we need to refer that to other teams for follow up and get back on track. <p>Pam: What is the process for bringing in new members in November?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zoe: That's still being established, the process will be outlined by the next meeting in August/September. <p>Territorial Authority Representation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phil: Might be worthwhile asking council representatives to be people on the ground rather than councillor. <p>Rūnanga Representation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pam: Can we send the regional/local updates to the Rūnanga offices? • Rich: Would these get read? They get inundated with mail each day and they may get lost. Might be better findings a champion/representative and they could be sent there instead. <p>Phil: We should look at programme planning at the start of the year rather than ad hoc/between meetings. This will enable us to get the right personnel along to meetings.</p> <p>Pam: Moving forward can we do a mixed model of in person and teams. That will help public attendance especially if only tuning in for a short time.</p> <p>Phil: Can we do more field trips and visit some of the things we discuss in the meetings. Eg. A meeting in the morning and field trip in the afternoon.</p>	
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4.4	<u>Community Contacts for Biosecurity</u>	
	Due to timing these will be followed up in an email.	Paige to share community contacts list with group.
4.5	<u>General Business</u> No general business	
5	<u>Next Meeting</u>	
5.1	22 nd August 2022: Venue TBC	
6	<u>Meeting Close:</u> 6:10pm	