
Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Joint Committee OPEN MINUTES

Date: Tuesday 16 May 2017
Time: 4pm
Venue: Orton Bradley Park Visitor Centre, Charteris Bay

Present

Chairperson	Paula Smith - Community Representative
Members	Pam Richardson - Community Representative
	Elizabeth Cunningham - Councillor Environment Canterbury
	Ian Lloyd - Community Representative
	Kevin Simcock - Community Representative
	Manaia Cunningham - Te Runanga o Koukourarata
	Pere Tainui - Te Runanga o Onuku
	Claire Findlay - Community Representative
	Thomas Kulpe - Community Representative

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Peter Ramsden opened the meeting with a Karakia.

The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

1. Apologies

The apologies of Councillor Andrew Turner, June Swindells and Manaia Cunningham were accepted.

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Committee Decision

The minutes of the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Joint Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 18 April 2017 were confirmed, subject to the following amendments:

- 7. Wairewa Lake Health – The decision be amended to read
 - (a) It was agreed that the information be received and
 - (b) the Committee recommends that a Working Group be established to look at the lake issues and consider a way forward, including advocating for provision in council Long Term Plans, when appropriate.
- 12. Facilitators Update – 18 April
 - Whakaraupō/Lyttelton Harbour project – “\$250,000” be replaced with “\$215,000”
- 14. Round Table – Update from Members
 - Committee Refresh – The word “unfair”: be replaced by the words “badly conceived”.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

- 7. Wairewa Lake Health
 - The Chair is to highlight the Lake Health matter at the forthcoming City Council meeting 25 May.
 - John Benn, representing DOC reminded members of the department’s legislative responsibility for the lake bed and its margins and that DOC wishes to be part of any discussion on possible lake interventions.
 - Need to make clear for everyone the governance structure.
 - Keep on the ZC agenda as a regular item.
- 11. Review of Banks Peninsula Zone Implementation Programme
 - Clare Findlay noted that the review of ZIP Chapters 1 and 10 was not included in the Agenda.
- 12 Facilitators Update – 18 April 2017
 - Whakaraupo/Lyttelton Harbour Project
 - Ian Lloyd advised that the Science Advisory Group should be ready to report on their finding to the committee next month.

4. Deputations by Appointment

There were no deputations by appointment.

5. Identification of Urgent Items

Nil.

6. Identification of General Public Contributions

The CCC Water Partnership Initiative

Clive Appleton, Christchurch City Council advised that he was here to provide details of a proposed \$1million per annum initiative in the City Council's LTP. It was primarily centred round a behaviour change programme focusing on surface water but also sustainable water use. He briefly described the inability of stormwater infrastructure to meet surface water standards required by legislation. Using infrastructure was the ambulance at the bottom of the cliff. He noted that it was better not to put contaminants into the system in the first place.

It was everyone's responsibility not to discharge contaminants into the system in the first place. To enhance the chances of such an initiative surviving the LTP process the Council needs to be confident there is community support.

He enquired whether the committee was supportive of such an initiative and whether the committee could:

- Support the initiative in principle
- Host a workshop of community groups with the Christchurch/West Melton Zone Committee

Joint Committee Decision

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Joint Committee:

1. Support the Water Partnership in principle; and
2. Join with the Christchurch West Melton Zone Committee in hosting a meeting of community groups to gauge support for such an initiative.

7. Update from the Whakaraupo Working Group

Christina Robb, Project Manager, gave an update on progress. The Science Advisory Group is currently working on a draft of its report that it hopes to have completed by June and discuss with the community in July. The current timetable is to have a draft plan by September that is finalised in November.

The Chair requested that the Science Advisory Group give a briefing to the Zone Committee and Community Board in June before going out to the community.

Staff Recommendations

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Joint Committee:

Receive the report.

Joint Committee Decision

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Joint Committee:

1. Receive the report
2. Organise with the Banks Peninsula Community Board a briefing from the Science Advisory Group.

8. Immediate Steps Biodiversity Projects February 2012 - May 2017

A report was presented to the committee on all the Immediate Steps projects funded February 2012 – May 2017.

The Chair raised the issue of fish barriers and whether some funding should target their removal.

Kevin Simcock asked whether staff had been in contact with Morgan's Gully applicants and was assured that staff had been in contact and provided advice on alternative funding sources in February and would contact the applicant again in July (ref ZC decision 14 March). Note - The assurance given that staff had been in contact with the Morgan's Gully applicant to convey the decision to approve funding, if no other source has not been found, has on inquiry found not to have been conveyed.

The Chair requested more copies of the Immediate Steps report (tabled) in order to present to Environment Canterbury councillors 15 June and to include a map of the location of the project sites.

Staff Recommendations Decision

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Joint Committee:

Receive the report; and

Identify ways the committee wish to celebrate the biodiversity achievements of landowners, community and the zone committee on Banks Peninsula.

Joint Committee Decision

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Joint Committee:

1. Receive the report; and
2. Considers this item again during the Committee's June 2017 meeting.

9. The Year Ahead - 2017

There was considerable discussion on whether new "priorities" should be added. There was also the question of the ongoing Five Year Outcome projects.

Reference was made to:

Ecosystem Health and biodiversity indicators – two workshops held in 2016 identified some clear actions. Follow-up on these actions is a priority.

Drinking Water Quality – community supplies were a real risk (ref Havelock North) e.g. Tikao Water Supply – needed a contact in ECan consents to assist.

Akaroa is a major catchment, with considerable sediment problems – aim to reduce sediment using Takamatua Stream as test project. Akaroa Waste Water Disposal Scheme – this could be of national and international interest.

Farm Environment Plans represented a good way forward. There is also a need to address the issues of the more highly developed Whakaraupo and Akaroa Harbour areas with their many small settlements, rural roads etc.

Quantifying permitted takes.

Rural road cuttings project underway – Whakaraupō.

ZIP review – a key piece of work to progress in 2017.

Investigating the effects of road discharges on freshwater systems and harbours- Whakaraupo and Akaroa.

Staff Recommendations Decision

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Joint Committee:

Receives the report; and

Agrees that in 2017 the committee will focus on

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Joint Committee Decision

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Joint Committee:

1. Receive the report; and
2. In addition to the key work for 2017 (as recorded in the 2016 Annual Report) the committee wished to add to their work priorities;
 - Akaroa Harbour – reducing sediment inputs
 - Freshwater biodiversity indicators
3. Change the 20th June meeting from the Wairewa catchment to the Whakaraupō catchment - focus Whakaraupō Catchment Management Plan, Science Advisory Group.

A dinner break was taken between 6.30pm and 7.00pm.

10. CWMS Target: Recreation and Amenity Opportunities River and Lake Swimming in the Canterbury Region

It was noted that it was not just about swimming, it was also about other forms of recreational pursuits in the water such as children playing and paddling.

Thomas Kulpe noted currently there are three sites listed on the Peninsula, Lake Forsyth/Wairewa, Okuti River at Kinloch bridge and Okana at Little River township and he wished to see many more.

Peter Ramsden voiced concern about listing sites and noted many will be significant to rūnanga.

Staff Recommendations Decision

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Joint Committee receive the report.

Joint Committee Decision

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Joint Committee:

1. Receive the report.
2. Decide that an overarching statement recognising that all permanent streams with public access are likely to have recreation and amenity values.
3. Decide that members email Lesley Woudberg with suggested additional sites for inclusion.
4. Provide the rūnanga representatives with an opportunity to review the final list of sites and recommend their inclusion on a list or not.

11. 5 Year Outcomes - Advocates Update

Effective flood management in the Wairewa Catchment – Pam Richardson

Geoff Thompson is regularly working out of the Little River office.

In response to a question from Kevin Simcock on the progress of the bank stabilisation programme, Geoff Thompson advised that planting needs to be done June/July. Additional staff resources have been made available.

Resource Consent Monitoring – Kevin Simcock

While nationally Didymo is a problem, it is not a big issue in Banks Peninsula, the “check, clean and dry” method should deal with it. More signage could be problematic as people don’t take any notice if there are too many signs.

Compliance – No violations of “high risk” consent condition. There are few people reporting sediment issues through the 0800 Pollution Hotline. Staff respond to complaints. There is a proposal to give out information on septic tank performance. There is limited data on the effectiveness of different tanks in different environments.

Staff Recommendations Decision

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Joint Committee:

- ☐ Welcomes the updates from committee members and celebrates the progress made; ad
- ☐ Reviewed the current allocation of Outcomes between members and made the following amendments
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Joint Committee Decision

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Joint Committee welcomes the updates from committee members and celebrates the progress made.

12. Facilitators Update - 18 April

Staffing - new staff at Environment Canterbury were introduced – Olivia Smith replaces Lesley Woudberg as the Banks Peninsula facilitator. Steve Firth joins James Tricker in the ECan implementation team.

Alternative Zone Committee Refresh Process - Kevin Simcock took the opportunity to talk to his report, strongly reiterating that the process should examine the ability of existing members to be on the committee.

Joint Committee Decision

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Joint Committee:

Receives the Facilitators report.

Round Table – Update from Members

Zone Committee Meeting Attendance – Kevin Simcock suggested that members take the opportunity to attend other Zone Committee meetings as a means of learning different approaches/techniques.

Annual Report – Clare Findlay advised that staff at ECan Customer Service were not aware of the ZC's Annual Reports. Copies should be made available at City Council libraries and Service Centres once they had been presented to both City and ECan councils.

Farm Track Stream Pollution – Thomas Kulpe advised of a rural farm subdivision where the owner had constructed a farm track alongside a stream. This had led to severe pollution of the stream. Thomas believed the owner was not aware of any information related to the new rules on farm access tracks. This was not, however, reported to the Pollution Hotline. The revised *Erosion and Sediment Tool Box* will be online next month. ECan staff are happy to talk to contractors.

Coastal Futures Group - Pam Richardson - the process of reviewing the Tonkin Taylor report has just commenced. A workshop is to be held and a report will be going to the City Council. Marine Farm Group – A meeting took place today, at which they will be talking about raising the profile of marine farming.

Environment Canterbury Strategic Direction – Elizabeth Cunningham - Councillors had a strategic day, the results of which will be published soon. Sharing information with Community Boards and improving relationships would be covered.

Committee Facilitator - Lesley Woudberg was thanked for her role as facilitator to the Committee. She would retain a relationship with the Committee, but in the capacity as the CWMS Facilitator Team Leader.

Meeting concluded at 8.10pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 20TH DAY OF JUNE 2017.

**PAULA SMITH
CHAIRPERSON**