
Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Joint Committee OPEN MINUTES

Date: Tuesday 15 May 2018
Time: 4.10pm
Venue: Akaroa Recreation Pavilion, 28 Rue Jolie, Akaroa

Present

Chairperson	Paula Smith - Community Representative
Members	Gina Waibl - Community Representative
	Garrick Thorn - Community Representative
	Fiona Nicol - Community Representative
	Pam Richardson - Community Representative
	Elizabeth Cunningham - Councillor Environment Canterbury
	Manaia Cunningham - Te Rūnanga o Koukourarata
	Benita Wakefield - Te Rūnanga o Wairewa
	Pere Tainui - Te Rūnanga o Ōnuku

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The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

1. Apologies

The apologies for absence from Andrew Turner, June Swindells and Ian Lloyd, and apologies for lateness from Elizabeth Cunningham, Manaia Cunningham and Garrick Thorn, were accepted.

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Committee Decision

It was decided that the replacement minutes of the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Joint Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 17 April 2018, as tabled, be confirmed containing the following amendments:

- Under 4 Deputations by Appointment, the inclusion of Deputation information by Philip King, Loudon Farm
- Under each decision, instead of “Joint Committee Decision” it should be amended to read “Committee Decision”

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

- (i) Farm Environment Plans – The Farm Environmental Plans group decided not to meet and instead agreed via email on the location and dates of the workshops.

4. Deputations by Appointment

There were no deputations by appointment.

5. Identification of Urgent Items

Nil.

6. Identification of General Public Contributions

Nil.

7. Facilitators Update - 16 May 2018

The report was taken as read.

Matters Arising

- (i) Nature Agents Day – Pam Richardson and Gina Waibl attended the day’s event with Akaroa school, which involved approximately 40 children and was a lot of fun.
- (ii) Whakaraupo Catchment Management Plan- The Chair advised that Ian Lloyd has expressed some concern about losing community momentum. Elizabeth Cunningham advised that implementation will be the focus of the upcoming governance meeting.
- (iii) Forestry – Questions regarding CCC role in managing forestry would be addressed by Council staff present at the meeting.

- (iv) Onsite Wastewater Systems – ECan science staff are scoping the proposed research project. Zone team are contacting maintenance contractors and will report back at the next meeting.
- (v) Youth Engagement – Pam reported that there is a lot of youth engagement directly through school programmes. The Committee agreed that it would be worth inviting Hannah Dunlop (Youth Engagement Team Leader) to a future meeting.
- (vi) Omnibus Plan Change 2019 – The Facilitator asked if there were any additional regionally significant topics that should be included in the Plan Change. Members supported the inclusion of forestry as a regionally significant topic and raised two questions regarding the Plan Change.
 - 1. Would the implementation of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management mean that there would be a requirement to fence waterways on flat land on Banks Peninsula?
 - 2. Does the Omnibus Plan Change propose to change the rules that apply to community drinking water protection zones? It is thought that these are restrictive and impractical to implement on Banks Peninsula.

Elizabeth Cunningham, Manaia Cunningham and Garrick Thorn joined the meeting at this stage of the proceedings.

Committee Decision

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Joint Committee:

- 1. Receive the information in the Facilitator's report.
- 2. Support the inclusion of forestry in the Omnibus Plan Change.
- 3. Request a response from Environment Canterbury planning staff on the questions raised regarding stock exclusion and drinking water protection zones.

8. Verbal Briefing from Christchurch City Council Planning Staff

Kent Wilson advised that the new National Environment Standards (NES) for Forestry came into effect on 1 May 2018, resulting in councils having to bring their respective plans into line with the standards. Kent explained that given the document is new, staff are still working to understand what it will mean.

Based on his initial assessment he advised that:

- some of the existing responsibilities for forestry would pass from territorial authorities to regional authorities.
- the NES is generally very enabling of forestry activities and enables some vegetation clearance.
- ECan will need to give effect to the NES and consider what changes to the Land and Water Plan are appropriate.

Members raised concerns about forestry and specifically mentioned the Moepuku forestry block in Lyttelton Harbour and another in Port Levy.

Steve Firth (Zone Manager) advised that ECan has established an internal Forestry Working Group. Members suggested that the Forestry Working Group work with Christchurch City Council staff.

Kent spoke briefly about inundation of low lying land in Teddington Basin. He advised that the Christchurch City Council is working with an affected landowner to discuss options and that Christchurch City Council plan to undertake culvert cleaning in Teddington in the summer months. He reiterated that sea level rise is a national issue and currently there is no national or regional directive on how to address this issue.

Kent explained that the District Plan does not stipulate minimum lot sizes in Papakāinga zones, instead this is at the discretion of manawhenua. In circumstances where there is no reticulated wastewater system, lot sizes need to accommodate an onsite system. The amount of land required for this depends on factors such as the type of system installed and proximity to drinking water supplies.

Committee Decision

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Joint Committee:

1. Receive the briefing.
2. Request Environment Canterbury and Christchurch City Council planning staff work together to implement the NES for Forestry.
3. Request the Facilitator to compile a list of forestry issues/risks previously raised by members. This will be circulated to members and provided to Councils to inform discussion about NES implementation.

9. Strategic Allocation of Immediate Steps Biodiversity Project

Members discussed concerns about the lack of strategy around funding decisions and the time that applicants are waiting for funding responses. Possible options for addressing these issues were briefly discussed.

Staff Recommendations Decision

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Joint Committee:

1. Establish a Biodiversity Working Group to develop a strategic approach for allocating the IMS Biodiversity Fund.

Committee Decision

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Joint Committee:

1. Hold a Zone Committee workshop in June to consider the current Immediate Steps applications and to develop an agreed strategy for managing future applications.

Pam Richardson advised her apology for the June Zone Committee Meeting.

The Committee dealt with Item 11 at this time.

11. Stream Bank Brochure

Members agreed that the target audience for the information is all landowners on Banks Peninsula and that the key topics include:

- Stream bank management
- Culverts/fish passage
- Mahinga kai
- Stock exclusion rules
- Rules for working in waterways
- Stream habitat

It was suggested that a series of cards rather than brochures should be used, with bullet points and visuals. These could be distributed as part of a wider engagement package.

Committee Decision

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Joint Committee:

1. Support the development of a series of information cards
2. Agree that Paula Smith, Pam Richardson, Fiona Nicol and Benita Wakefield will work with Christchurch City Council staff on the development of the cards.

A dinner break was taken between 6.00pm and 6.45pm.

10. Zone Delivery Team - Quarterly Report

In addition to the written report, Steve Firth and Geoff Thompson spoke to a series of slides to update the Committee on progress.

The Chair raised concerns about how long it is taking to identify sites for the road cutting trial. Pam offered to support Geoff Thompson with a presentation to the Wairewa Runanga Natural Resources Portfolio Group on the Wairewa Bank Stabilisation Project.

The issue of stormwater in Little River was raised however it was noted that the issue had been raised by Little River Trust in its submission to the Christchurch City Council Long Term Plan.

Committee Decision

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Joint Committee:

1. Receive the information in the Quarterly Report and the verbal update.

Verbal Update from Working Groups

The Chair advised that the Roadshow Working Group met and agreed to host a pilot workshop in Port Levy and Purau. Pam advised that she had since spoken with several landowners and they felt it would be more appropriate to host Port Levy and Pigeon Bay together. Some members doubted whether residents of various communities would attend roadshows, given the number of events held in each community already.

The Chair reminded the committee that the ZIP review is the primary piece of work for this year and it should not be delayed.

Alternative engagement options were discussed including drop in sessions, surveys, and engaging in existing events.

It was agreed that given the existing ZIP is based on a large amount of community consultation, the Committee would progress with developing a draft streamlined ZIP. The Committee could then do a 'check in' with the community to ensure it reflects their priorities.

Committee Decision

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Joint Committee:

1. Request the Facilitator and Chairperson work together to complete a draft chapter as an example for discussion with the Committee.

The meeting concluded with a Karakia.

Meeting concluded at 7.45pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 19TH DAY OF JUNE 2018