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## **Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Committee OPEN MINUTES**

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**Date:** Tuesday 16 April 2019  
**Time:** 5pm  
**Venue:** Okuti Hall, Okuti Valley, Little River

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### **Present**

Chairperson	Benita Wakefield - Te Rūnanga o Wairewa
Deputy Chairperson	Gina Waibl - Community Representative
Members	Rima Herber - Community Representative
	Ben Manson - Community Representative
	Garrick Thorn - Community Representative
	Elizabeth Cunningham - Councillor Environment Canterbury
	Pere Tainui - Te Rūnanga o Onuku
	Aurora Smith - Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke/Rapaki

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**In Attendance:** Environment Canterbury – Lesley Woudberg, Gillian Jenkins, Helen Greenup; Okuti River Project Co-ordinators – Alison Evans and Marcus Puentener

**15 April 2019**

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Zone Facilitator  
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**Environment Canterbury**

Prior to the meeting, members undertook a site visit to the Okana and Okuti Rivers. They discussed the progress that has been made to clear willows and about developing a hydrological model as part of the Little River Rating District, and riparian planting by the community that began about 12 years ago. They also received a presentation on the Okuti River Project 2018 by Alison Evans and Marcus Puentener and then undertook another site visit to a nearby section of the Okuti River relating to environmental monitoring and streamside planting for that project.

Elizabeth Cunningham opened the meeting with a Karakia/Timatanga.

The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

## **7. Identification of General Public Contributions**

### **The Okuti River Project 2018**

Alison Evans thanked the Zone Committee for prioritising the Okuti River for funding its project, and noted the support of the Committee was appreciated. Alison noted the following concerns of the participants involved with the project, as:

- the project requires further financial support through the next financial year;
- feedback is sought from the Councils on willow removal from the Okuti River;
- mitigation should be considered for forestry run-off, particularly from Reynolds Valley.

### **Committee Resolved BPZC/2019/00018**

That the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Request staff to work with river engineers to follow up on the priority work undertaken on the Okuti River, in particular the removal of the willow trees.
2. Report the outcome back to the Zone Committee.

Elizabeth Cunningham/Garrick Thorn

**Carried**

### **Te Roto o Wairewa – Lake Forsyth**

Joe Power, the Manager of Kinloch was introduced to the meeting. Joe expressed concern about the height of the lake level of Te Roto o Wairewa – Lake Forsyth prior to it being opened as this did not occur until it was at 2.7 metres. With additional rainfall, particularly in winter months, the issue of flooding was a concern.

The Committee members agreed that this matter should be raised with the Christchurch City Council through Deputy Mayor Turner as the Council's elected representative on the Zone Committee, and to provide the Zone Committee with a copy of the Christchurch City Council resource consent in relation to the Lake opening/closing regime.

Benita reminded members that as part of the Zone Committee's role they should help influence decisions, consider a strategic position and pass information received on, rather than becoming involved in operational matters.

## **1. Apologies**

### **Committee Resolved BPZC/2019/00019**

That apologies for absence from Andrew Turner, Paula Smith, Elizabeth Macpherson and Manaia Cunningham, and for early departure from Elizabeth Cunningham, be accepted.

Aurora Smith/Pere Tainui

**Carried**

## **2. Updates from Banks Peninsula Zone Committee Members**

Benita Wakefield suggested each issue or event should be mapped to show an overview of the locations on the Peninsula.

Members highlighted particular events relevant to the Zone Committee, including:

1. An attendance at the Regional Committee where the CWMS Fit for the Future project was discussed and requested lakes be added to lowland streams in the targets (Rima).
2. A field trip on Farm Environment Plans is being organised for 14 May 2019.
3. Opening of Te Roto o Wairewa – Lake Forsyth should be opening at drains to allow fish to get to the sea, e.g. tuna (Pere).
4. The Whakaraupō Management Plan has received an award through the Planning Institute – suggestion the adaptation of that Plan could happen in other harbours (Elizabeth C)
5. Any sediment issues relating to the new Sumner to Lyttelton road (Garrick).
6. Annual Report presented to the Christchurch City Council and a CCC workshop on an integrated water strategy is being developed (Gina).
7. Pest management in Little River involving a cyanide drop an issue relating to mahinga kai (Elizabeth C).

## **3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

### **Committee Resolved BPZC/2019/00020**

That the minutes of the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 19 March 2019 be confirmed.

Garrick Thorn/Benita Wakefield

**Carried**

## **4. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

A letter from a resident of Okains Bay relating to the Opara River was noted by the Committee. Concerns expressed in the letter related to trees blocking the river flow and creating a loss of vision in a 100 kilometre speed zone. The letter will be passed onto the appropriate staff at the Christchurch City Council for comment, with the request that a progress update be provided to the Zone Committee.

## **5. Deputations by Appointment**

There were no deputations by appointment.

## **6. Identification of Urgent Items**

### **Rūnanga**

Elizabeth Cunningham advised that Rūnanga had received notice from the New Zealand Police to be on high alert and not invite people onto the Marae until further notice. This is post the 15 March Christchurch terror attack.

Benita advised that she and Gina will hold an agenda-setting meeting each month. If members have any matters would want to raise at a meeting, please email Benita.

**Meeting concluded at 6.05pm**

**CONFIRMED THIS 21ST DAY OF MAY 2019**

**BENITA WAKEFIELD  
CHAIRPERSON**

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