

BANKS PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT ZONE COMMITTEE AGENDA

TUESDAY 20 DECEMBER 2011

AT 4PM

**IN LINWOOD SERVICE CENTRE BOARDROOM
180 SMITH STREET**

(Please use the entrance to the Boardroom off back car park)

Committee: Donald Couch, Commissioner Environment Canterbury (Interim Chairperson)
Wade Wereta-Osborn, Te Rūnanga o Koukourarata
Yvette Couch-Lewis, Community Representative
Iaeān Cranwell, Te Rūnanga o Wairewa
Steve Lowndes, Community Representative
Claudia Reid, Christchurch City Council
Pam Richardson, Community Representative
Kevin Simcock, Community Representative
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1. APOLOGIES

June Swindells.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 15 NOVEMBER 2011

The minutes of the Committees meeting held on 15 November 2011 are **attached**.

The Committee is asked to confirm the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

3. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

Nil.

4. IDENTIFICATION OF URGENT ITEMS

5. IDENTIFICATION OF ANY GENERAL PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS

6. REGIONAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

ATTACHMENT TO CLAUSE 2

**BANKS PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT ZONE COMMITTEE
15 November 2011**

A meeting of the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Committee was held in Akaroa Sports Complex on Tuesday 15 November 2011 at 4pm

PRESENT: Steve Lowndes, Community Representative
Yvette Couch-Lewis, Community Representative
Pam Richardson, Community Representative
Iaeen Cranwell, Te Rūnanga o Wairewa
June Swindells, Te Hapu o Ngāti Wheke/Rapaki
Pere Tainui, Te Rūnanga o Ōnuku
Claudia Reid, Christchurch City Council
Wade Wereta-Osborn, Te Rūnanga o Koukourarata
Kevin Simcock, Community Representative

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence was received and accepted from Donald Couch and Richard Simpson.

1. CONFIRMATION CHAIRPERSON

It was **decided** that the Committee appoint Steve Lowndes as Chairperson for this meeting.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 19 OCTOBER 2011

It was decided that the minutes be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting, subject to the following alterations:

Alteration to clause 15 (Appointment of Regional Representative), to read:

'The Committee discussed the request to replace Claudia Reid as the Committees Representative on the Regional Committee, who has been unable to attend ~~these~~ recent meetings due to a number of other commitments.'

Alteration to clause 16.1 (Next Meeting – Tuesday 15 November 2011) to read:

'The Committee were advised of the next meeting of the Committee to be held on Tuesday 15 November, at 3 4pm in Akaroa Sports Complex. Chairperson Donald Couch tendered his apologies for this meeting.'

Alteration to clause 16.3 (General Public Contributions) to read:

'Committee Members raised concerns received from the public regarding Algal Blooms around Banks Peninsula particularly from ~~Little Akaroa~~ Alymers Valley stream, and suggested that this be an area that the Committee should consider investigating.'

3. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

Nil.

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4. IDENTIFICATION OF URGENT ITEMS

Nil.

5. IDENTIFICATION OF ANY GENERAL PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS

Nil.

6. REGIONAL COMMITTEE UPDATES

The Committee were updated on the relevant work of the Regional Committee, including:

- Primary focus on water quality and developing regional parameters and methods, and include the surface water quality.
- Update on the Regional Implementation programme.
- Work undertaken by the Hurunui-Waiiau Zone Committee on the Hurunui River, with scientific input from Environment Canterbury staff and other professionals and stakeholders.

7. UPDATE ON WORK PLAN

Shelley Washington, Zone Facilitator, updated the Committee on the work programme for the coming months. It was suggested that the Committee may wish to consider setting up working parties to look at specific areas in depth and report back to the Committee.

It was **requested** that a coastal perspective be included in a future session, including consideration of the fresh water barrier with the sea, and the importance of this for fish migration and supporting other marine life.

8. PLANNING 101

The Committee received a presentation from Peter Skelton in relation to relevant statutory framework including the relationship between the framework and Resource Management Act Planning, and the implications for both the Regional Committee and the local Zone Committees.

9. ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY PLANS

The Committee received a presentation from Peter Constantine regarding how the Canterbury Water Management Strategy fits in with redeveloping the regional plan. The proposed Regional Planning framework is split into three key areas - Air, Land and Water, and Coast, to simplify planning for the region. The Committee discussed the need to define the Coastal environment and the landward boundary before the elections in 2013.

The Committee were advised of the following key issues being raised by submitters to the plans:

- Water allocation;
- Water quality and the need to manage the land;
- The need for the consenting process to be simplified;
- Concerns over the effect of larger irrigation schemes.

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10. CLIMATE SMART STRATEGY

The Committee received a presentation from Tony Moore in relation to the Climate Smart Strategy, specifically in relation to the role of the strategy in preparing for climate change, coastal change and expected sea level rises.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned from 6pm to 6.30pm.

12. BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY

Liz Garson briefed the Committee on the Biodiversity strategy, outlining the main areas of work:

- Biodiversity Partnerships;
- Funding for five Banks Peninsula groups, which means they will no longer need to apply for grants as part of the operational budgets;
- Operational Pest management programme;
- Ecological data Management Systems.

13. BIODIVERSITY

Robyn Russ, Biodiversity Officer, briefed the Committee on the Immediate Steps funding programme, which aims to protect and restore freshwater biodiversity and water use affected terrestrial biodiversity in Canterbury. The Committee noted the different options for allocating funds to projects, and **decided** to use option 1, fund year one projects straight away based on merit, and decide on priority areas for remaining funding at a later date.

14. OTHER MATTERS

14.1 PROPOSED ZONE COMMITTEE FIELD TRIP - SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2011

The Committee confirmed the arrangements for the field trip to be held on Sunday 20 November 2011.

14.2 UPCOMING PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

The Committee were updated on the progress with the public workshops, and were advised that newsletters will be sent to letterboxes and that adverts have been circulated to the Akaroa Mail, Lyttelton Harbour News and that emails have been sent to all those that signed up to receive information. The format for the public workshops will be to begin with an overview of the role of the Committee and the Canterbury Water Management Strategy, and then break off into smaller groups to identifying key issues and possible solutions, which would be facilitated by staff and Committee Members. Iaeen Cranwell, Councillor Claudia Reid and Yvette Couch-Lewis indicated that they were available to help facilitate.

14.3 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 4pm on Tuesday 20 December 2011, in the Lyttelton Recreation Centre.

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14.4 OPTIONAL ZONE COMMITTEE MEETING IN JANUARY

The Committee **decided** not to hold a meeting in January 2012.

14.5 CODE OF CONDUCT

The Committee received copies of the proposed Code of Conduct for consideration and will adopt this with any changes at the December meeting.

The meeting concluded at 8.30pm

CONFIRMED THIS 20TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2011

**DONALD COUCH
INTERIM CHAIRPERSON**

7. UPDATE OF WORKPLAN 4:05PM
8. SURFACE WATER STRATEGY 4:10PM
9. CULTURAL VALUES – A PRESENTATION FROM WAIREWA AND KOUKOURARATA
RŪNANGA 4:40PM
10. IMMEDIATE STEPS (BIODIVERSITY PROJECTS FUNDING) 5PM

Robyn Russ will brief the Committee on Biodiversity Projects Funding. The Committee is asked to consider detail and ecological and cultural assessments of Immediate Steps biodiversity project funding applications (refer **Attached**).

Banks Peninsula Zone Committee Meeting 20th December 2011

Immediate Steps

Subject	Banks Peninsula Zone Committee Immediate Steps Funding
Authors	Robyn Russ (Née Newham): Biodiversity Officer; and Rachel Puentener, Tangata Whenua Facilitator.
Action sought	Immediate Steps Funding: decision on Year One project applications.
Recommendations	That the Zone Committee: Note the ecological and cultural scores for each proposed Immediate Steps Biodiversity project and then identify which projects they wish to allocate funds to.

PURPOSE

To report to the Zone Committee the ecological and cultural scores associated with each of the proposed Immediate Steps Year One projects. Further details including maps, pictures, values and threats at each project site will be provided at the meeting. The table provided below gives the Zone Committee members a chance to get a feel for the ecological and cultural values for each project before attending the meeting on the 20th of December. The paper also gives each Zone Committee member some time to think about any questions, expressions of support/concern for each project and bring them along to the meeting.

It is hoped that the Zone Committee will have received enough information and feel confident by the conclusion of the meeting to decide which projects they wish to allocate Immediate Steps Funding to for Year One.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Zone Committee allocates Year One Immediate Steps funding to those projects that they feel have the highest ecological and cultural values and which help them to achieve the targets and goals of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy.

CWMS Immediate Steps: Banks Peninsula Zone assessed (potential) projects for Year One (2011/12) funding consideration

CWMS Water Resource (Annex I)	Name of project	Ecological assessment scores	Cultural assessment ranking	Total project cost	Immediate Steps funding requested	1/3 rd contribution	Land Tenure	Notes
Banks Peninsula Streams	BP2010 -10. Okana/Okuit River Wairewa (multiple landowners).	15/36 A number of threatened fish species (long and shortfin eel, lamprey) present will be protected and habitat enhanced. Will protect/improve a lowland stream. Project gets medium scores due to proximity and connectivity with Te Wairewa and due to the aquatic species supported. Project has good value as an education project and as a means to engage the wider community.	High Okana is a culturally significant River for Wairewa marae, especially for mahinga kai values. Also key tributary to the Lake. Part of a wider community project.	\$29,880	\$20,300	In kind from landowners \$7080. CCC \$2500.	Private (fee simple)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Willow control Native tree plantings Fence remaining areas without fencelines
	BP2010 -10a. Okana/Okuiti River Wairewa (single landowner).	15/36 A number of threatened fish species (long and shortfin eel, lamprey) present will be protected and habitat enhanced. Will protect/improve a lowland stream. Project gets medium scores due to proximity and connectivity with Te Wairewa and due to the aquatic species supported. Project has good value as an education project and as a means to engage the wider community.	High Okana is a culturally significant River for Wairewa marae, especially for mahinga kai values. Also key tributary to the Lake. Part of a wider community project.	\$11,385	\$7,900	In kind from landowner \$2935. CCC \$550.	Private (fee simple)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Willow control Native tree plantings Grebe expert advice from CCC
	BP 2010 -12. Te Wharau Stream. Orton Bradley Park.	31/36 Supports a number of rare and threatened aquatic species inc. longfin eel, koaro, bluegill bully, red fin bully and a number of endemic freshwater macroinvertebrates. This site has a very distinctive and endemic freshwater invertebrate fauna which is in good condition, unlike elsewhere on the Peninsula.	High High biodiversity values present and site of Kaupapa Kereru work (a Ngāi Tahu led project).	\$38,000	\$28,000	In kind from Orton Bradley Trust (labour, machinery, vegetation clearance etc)	Private (owned by a Trust but publicly accessible)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two culvert installations for stock crossings & associated 'funnel' fencing Native plantings alongside stream
	BP 2010 – 01. Aylmers Stream. Misty Peaks Reserve,	22/36 Restoring native vegetation will improve habitat for native fish species, removal and control of pest species will also be important for native fish. Improvements to fish populations are also contingent on there being enough water available (water supply stream).	Medium Important because of drinking water source. CCC responsibility? Lower biodiversity values.	\$30,000	\$20,000	In kind from CCC (contractor management, clearing of fence line, labour support)	Public Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fence headwaters of Aylmers Stream Approximately 2.5km of fenceline Multi-year funding request

	BP2010 – 04. Haylocks Stream.	23/36 Stock exclusion will improve and protect habitat for native fish inc, long fin eel, banded kokopu, koaro, inanga.	Medium Not culturally significant but important due to remaining biodiversity values.	\$23,000	\$11,100	Funds from BPCT and landowner \$17,400. In kind \$7500. Labour, project management)	Private (fee simple)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fence headwaters of Haylocks Stream and surrounding native bush <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 1km @ \$25/m – \$13,900 already approved from other funding To be covenanted
Hapua, lagoons, estuaries	BP2010-13. Head of Lyttelton Harbour. Teddington Salt Marsh.	29/36 Scores well as there naturally aren't many salt marshes in Canterbury and the project area is a high value area of a larger system. The wetland is typical spawning habitat for whitebait fish species and provides habitat for other species too.	High Culturally significant area and an area Rūnanga are interested to restore. High biodiversity values, including mahinga kai (inaka spawning site).	TBC at time of paper being written*	\$5,000	In kind from landowner (logistics, support)	Private (fee simple)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details of fence type, location and length unable to be clarified at time of paper being written*
Lowland Streams	BP2010 – 09. Takiritawai River Fencing Project. Below Okana/Okuti confluence.	14/36 Project will protect an area of threatened environment, but will not restore it. Also will protect a habitat of threatened species, but will not restore it. Scope and size of project is limited, therefore does not score well.	Low Questionable what biodiversity is being protected given rest of river is unfenced.	\$1950	\$1250	In kind (landowner supplies of posts and wire, project management)	Private (fee simple)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 70m of fencing and a gate to exclude stock from river below Okana/Okuti confluence
TOTAL					\$93,550			

* These details will be clarified at the December 20th meeting. Unfortunately they could not be confirmed down prior to this agenda paper being circulated. My apologies for this. Robyn Russ.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee will adjourn from 6pm to 6.30pm.

12. IMMEDIATE STEPS CONTINUED

6:30PM

The Committee will continue their consideration of the Immediate Steps for the Biodiversity Projects Funding, and consider the projects zone committee wants to be funded, and how much each, plus any other considerations.

13. VALUES EXERCISE

7PM

(Shelley Washington, Zone Facilitator)

14. FEEDBACK FROM PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

8PM

15. SUMMARY OF POLLUTION HOTLINE COMPLAINTS

8.10PM

(Marty Mortiaux, Environment Canterbury)

16. ADOPT CODE OF CONDUCT

8:25PM

17. OTHER MATTERS

8.35PM

17.1 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Zone Committee is scheduled for Tuesday 21 February 2012 at 4pm, Venue to be confirmed.

17.2 GENERAL PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION