

FRIENDS OF BANKS PENINSULA - MINUTES FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Thursday 26th November 2020 - 5:30pm at the Trinity Church Hall, Rue Lavaud, Akaroa

Chair for meeting: Kevin Parthonnaud

Present: Sue Church, Craig Church, Kevin Parthonnaud, Jan Cook, Lois Cook, Annette Moore, Chris Moore, Suky Thompson, Brent Martin, Steve Carswell, Kath Reid, Brian Reid, Geraldine Guillemot-Peacock, Gavin Shepherd, Averil Parthonnaud.

Apologies: Bryan and Nancy Tichborne, Lee and Marian Robinson, Bill and Jaynie Abbott, Hollie Hollander, Ad Sintenie, Dianne Carson. (Accepted Brent M/Chris M)

Minutes of 2019 AGM: Read and unanimously approved – **(Steve Carswell/Geraldine Guillemot-Peacock)**

Matters Arising: The review of the Society's 'Principles' document will be examined at a later date.

Chairman's Report: Attached - Accepted (Kevin P/Brent M)

Financial: 2020 financial statement read and approved (Gavin S/Jan C)

Annual financial report:

General account	85.41
Grehan Valley Wasp Account	980.07
00 account	2,287.45
Wastewater account	5,428.19
SRB Law Trust account	<u>483.75</u>
Total	\$9,264.87

- Honorary Auditor – It was agreed that an Honorary Auditor would not be appointed for the following financial year.
- Annual subscriptions - It was agreed to continue with the current subscription fee of \$10 individual \$15 family. (We have 27 family and 15 individual memberships) Kevin/ Jan
- Accounts to approve - all from Wastewater fund: (Approved Jan C/Chris M)
 - October - Suky Thompson - Printing reimbursement - Pavitt report \$195.10
 - 10 Oct 2020 - Geoff Walls - ecologist - \$1000.50
 - November 2020 - Suky Thompson - Printing reimbursement for compendium - \$421.95
 - November 2020 - Sue Church - Reimbursement - Old waterwheel books for hearing panel - \$100
 - November 2020 - Tektus - \$3,659.88
- Many thanks to Gavin Shepherd for the great work he is doing in the role of treasurer.

Correspondence: All important correspondence has been posted on the Friends of Banks Peninsula website.

Election of Officers and Committee: The following people were nominated as officers and committee members and were unanimously appointed: (Chris M/Gavin S)

- Current Officers and Committee:

Chair - Kevin Parthonnaud

Deputy Chair - Jan Cook

Secretary - Sue Church

Treasurer - Gavin Shepherd

Committee - Suky Thompson, Brent Martin, Averil Parthonnaud, Julian Calcutt, Steve Carswell, Flore Mas, Geraldine Guillemot-Peacock, Brent Schultz

General Business:

- Grehan Valley Wasp Control update – report submitted by Hollie Hollander (attached)
- Wastewater Steering Committee update:
 - Three Pavitt Cottage Open Days held this year - one in conjunction with Christchurch Heritage Festival
 - Community fundraised around \$30,000 for wastewater campaign - Takamatua Ratepayers Association provided \$10,000 of this
 - Comprehensive submission compiled endorsed by 340 people
 - Presentation made to hearing panel by Brent and Suky, Pru Steven and Tektus engineering
 - Hearing panel recommendation – the panel listened in part to the views of the FOBP submission, with suggestions to try and reduce the I&I to 20%, the acknowledgement of concerns surrounding the storage ponds and climate change concerns were commented on. The wording of the recommendation is quit weakly expressed in parts and stronger wording is needed to ensure the listed conditions are actually fully carried out. The decision will be made by the full Council in December. Individuals are encouraged to write to Councillors - the wastewater steering committee are currently working on a letter.
- Regenerate Subcommittee Update: Report submitted by Geraldine Guillemot-Peacock (attached)

Note that the following was approved by email - 5 Feb 2020:

"That the 'Regenerate' subcommittee be officially launched on the Friends of Banks Peninsula website to coincide with Sea Week 2020 and the drafted website content be approved." Approved by Gavin S, Suky T, Sue C, Jan C, Kevin P, Averil P, Geraldine G, Brent M.

Any other business:

- It was noted that the runanga at Tumbledown Bay have begun a 10 year planting plan.
- Milk in glass bottles from the company 'Canterbury's Choice' will possibly be available in Akaroa by the summer.
- There has been recent media coverage of the Council's decision to remove the contents of the old rubbish dump site at Le Bons Bay and transport to the Kate Valley landfill at a cost of up to \$1 million. There are various old dump sites around Akaroa Harbour and the outer bays. The proposed sewer pump station in Akaroa is to be located on such a site, very close to sea level, and leachate from the old Onuku dump site is still causing issues. Steve and Jan will follow up with the Council to liaise on this issue.
- Follow up from the underwater Marine Reserve monitoring is now continuing, with DOC taking on a student to assist with the artificial intelligence program that has been developed to count and monitor fish.
- The question was raised about the selling of the Paulin's property at Takapūneke and why nothing has been done by either the Council or Ngāi Tahu to purchase the significant site. Kevin will draft a letter to Andrew Turner questioning why nothing culturally appropriate is being looked at to or an effort made to secure this property.

Meeting closed: 6:25pm

Chair Report – November 2020

Hello everyone,

Thank you for being here today.

I think it is fair to say that 2020 has been a year that we'll all remember and unfortunately not for the best. But it's been a year to rethink and reset and good things can come from hard times.

It all started well with Regenerate putting on a good couple of events for See-Week at the end of February and then, tadada... Covid.

It is great to see that Friends of Banks Peninsula is getting more active and the sub group Regenerate has had some good conversation and organized events that saw great turn outs; even after regenerative farming event canceled the 1st time due to Covid they still managed to eventually put on the regenerative ag talk which did indeed inspire many locals and many good comments have come out of this.

Then there is the wastewater topic.

It has seen so many hours spent by some of us and I would like to acknowledge Suky Thompson, Brent Martin, Sue Church, Jane Cook, Chris and Annette Moore and Lee Robinson for those long hours working on sustainable, future focused solution for the Akaroa wastewater scheme.

The submission that was presented was of very high quality, supported by technical advisors and by over 300 residents.

The submission presented a solution that dealt with Akaroa water shortage, climate change, and allowed a reassessment of the situation at every step of the way in order to end up with the most efficient solution.

It is disappointing to see that the Hearing panel didn't commit more of the Friends submission in their recommendation to the Council.

But the year is almost over so let's hope that 2021 will bring us more joy and good news than 2020 has brought us. But knowing that we are stronger when we work together we can push for positive regenerative change for our community well-being and our environment.

To continue with last year's speech and recommendation of watching a documentary, I would simply like to finish by suggesting watching "Kiss the ground" a documentary about regenerative farming.

Thank you all.

Kevin Parthonnaud
Friends of Banks Peninsula Chair
26 November 2020

Report for AGM – Hollie Hollander – Grehan Valley Wasp Project

2019-2020 Season-

Between January & April 2020 24 wasps nests were killed in the Grehan Valley, mostly with petrol bottles or wasp powder, 'No Wasps'. This included hiking up the Curry Track and we killed four nests along the track. We found the 'No Wasps' powder very effective and could be purchased locally at the Peninsula Trading Post. There was an increase in wasp activity from the previous season.

We are expecting wasps to be in significant numbers this summer, as it was a warm dry winter and we have seen many queen wasps flying. Watch this space.

Currently we still have plenty of Vespex on hand and a little 'No Wasps' powder. We need to do a mail letter box run around the neighbourhood introducing ourselves, updating our contact data and telling people about the programme as there are many new people in Rue Grehan and Grehan valley.



AGM Report - 19th of November 2020 – Regenerate sub-committee

Regenerate Banks Peninsula started brain storming a year ago about possible actions around environmental issues. The sub-committee was officially launched in February 2020 for Sea-Week.

Sea-Week 2020 : 2 events were organised with the big help of Jesu Valdes, marine biologist.

- Panel talk with students presenting their studies about marine species on Banks Peninsula: Hector Dolphins, Yellow-Eyed Penguins and Leopard Seals. The donation at entrance paid the hire of the room (Boat shed). Over 60 people attended
- Quiz night with a local marine environment topic. The money raised was donated to Rachel Hickox to help with travel cost for her research on Yellow-eyed penguins.

Plastic issues :

- Averil and Geraldine approached 4Square last July by email to offer a meeting to talk about possible alternative to plastic packaging (eg. Bulk bins). The offer was well received by John and Carrie however the return to level 2 Covid alert led to a cancellation of the meeting without being able to re-organise it since then.
- Flore has approached The General Store but the answer wasn't promising, probably due to the size of the shop.
- Averil approached the local Butcher who was very keen on accepting customer's own containers.
- Barry's Bay Cheese was also asked about the possibility of selling cheese bulk without packaging as an alternative to plastic packaged cheese in supermarkets. This is possible with their cheddar offcuts however the price offered is found a bit too expensive for an average family (\$25/kg vs \$10-15/kg for a packaged cheese at 4Square)
- Regenerate uses the Facebook page to promote Christchurch businesses who are using bulk bins (eg. Bin In, Good for...)
- A few more NZ food businesses have been contacted about the plastic packaging issue. Despite the awareness of the need to find alternatives to plastic waste, most businesses don't seem quite ready to make a change... However we can see our actions/letters as "plant a seed" in people's mind.

Regenerative Agriculture talk : finally took place on the 15th of October with 3 guests speakers. A very good turn out on the day and a few people willing to create a local farmer's discussion group around regenerative agriculture. To be continued...

DIY : Flore has been posting during October recipes to promote DIY products (toothpaste, deodorant)

The **Facebook page** is getting more and more followers and engagements from people so we are hoping to reach wider and wider...

Penguin survey: has been going at full steam since 1st of November. A film is being made by "Blue Cradle" following groups of volunteers in different places to count penguin's burrows. The film/documentary will be released for Sea-Week 2021.

Carpooling: Annelies is working hard on creating a network of people - and hopefully an App - to promote carpooling on Banks Peninsula and reduce emissions (anyone willing to help is welcomed). Since the creation of the sub-committee Regenerate BP has been increasing its network of people working in the same direction than us: Redcliff Eco-village in ChCh, Little River group, Quorum Sense, marine biologists, Blue Cradle (collaboration between different people including Happen Films), volunteers, local businesses, community members etc