

DATE: 11 December 2012

TIME: 10:40 a.m. @ Takaka Rugby Clubrooms

SUBJECT: Takaka , Waingaro and Anotoki Rivercare Group Meeting held on 03 October 2012
Present:
Tasman District Council: Giles Griffith (Chairman), Philip Drummond, Councillor Paul Sangster

Taylor's Contracting: Neil McKay, Neil Donaldson,

MWH: Rick Lowe

Fish & Game
Rivercare Group Members
Apologies: Tasman District Council – Lindsay McKenzie (CEO)

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1. Introduction Giles Griffith opened the meeting and introduced MWH Consultant and Taylor's the River Maintenance Contractor.		
2. Minutes of Last Meeting The minutes of the last meeting had been placed on the Tasman District Council's Rivers website.		
3. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting There were no matters raised from the previous minutes.		
4. Overall Objectives 2012 Giles Griffith outlining the agenda for the meeting which included the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gravel Management Working Group. • Update on 2012 objectives. • Council structure and rivers. • Future meeting format and timing. • Current Work Programme (AOMP) 2012/13. 		
5. Gravel Management Working Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillors have asked that community concerns about gravel management be dealt with. • Working group will assess where sensible gravel extraction / management is practical under the existing policy framework. • Working group will not change the existing policy framework – Part IV of the TRMP. • Tasman District Council is to review existing process with the view to implement changes by the end of 2012. • Ratepayers encouraged submitting input into review by the Council's Website, Community Board Meetings and by open workshop forums planned for the future. • Resource Consent required for gravel relocation work. 		

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<p>6. Update on years objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main flood damaged works repaired still some work to be carried out in Rameka Creek. • Further removal of crack willow from river systems on hold until policy reviewed. • Further flood damage has required having rock bank protection works undertaken as opposed to changing to soft re - vegetation options. • Aerial spraying consent for control of brush weeds currently being considered by Council's consent department. • Currently little opportunity in working with DoC on river projects. 		
<p>7. General Comments from Presentation and Other Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AOMP programme on website showing timing of works to be undertaken for rivers fully maintained. • The Council want to move to soft river control options to include gravel relocating, vegetation plantings, gravel extraction. • AOMP Programme includes following work: chemical spraying, burning of previously removed crack willow heaps, laying of shrub willows, willow plantings, native plantings, stopbank mowing and rock protection works. • Maps of proposed works on website have key showing type of works to be undertaken. The main work in Golden Bay area is planned for January through to April 2013. • AOMP inspections for 2013/2014 programme due to commence. • Giles Griffith gave an overhead presentation on how to navigate around Tasman District Council's website and showed where other information could be found that maybe of interest such as rainfall and river levels. • Riparian Planting – Giles Griffith stated it was the Council's responsibility to manage land and do something with it and he wanted to put rough riverbed areas back in native plants. Stated that natives were not a replacement for crack willow. Still intend to plant shrub and tree willows. • Giles Griffith informed meeting that Tasman District Council had its own nursery to supply scrub and tree willows. • Ratepayer in Waingaro River had noted that vegetation control has worked well over the years and that it needs to continue. Giles Griffith confirmed that it is intended to continue. • Future Rivercare meeting planned for June / July and option to inspect site prior to work commencing. • Ratepayer asked how much of the river maintenance money was spent in Golden Bay - normally approx. 30% but has been up to 50% in recent times. • There was a lot of discussion regarding gravel extraction with main points discussed as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Council want to look more at gravel relocation than extraction gravel extraction can cause river to become incised and require more protection. ○ The Council has a working group set up to review areas for potential gravel extraction. ○ The Council intend to consult with community regarding gravel extraction. ○ Councillor Sangster believed that gravel in the Takaka River has built up at the mouth and is causing river to divert to the sides and causing bank erosion. 		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Philip Drummond explained that the science behind gravel relocation was for the river to disperse energy during flood events. ○ Philip Drummond explained that the restraints placed on river management where from Environmental and Planning. ○ Waingaro River gravel extraction only likely to be suitable from downstream section of river. ● The Council is due to do re-survey of rivers using LIDAR but is noted that levels cannot be recorded under water. ● Review of before and after 2010 flood in Aorere River showed only 5 - 10mm difference in river profiles. ● Ratepayer asked what if work cannot be afforded in River Z areas – the Council responded that work would not be done. ● Councillor Sangster said LIDAR did not pick up the stopbank at Duncan’s and wondered how accurate it was. 		
<i>Meeting concluded at 12:05 pm</i>		