

DATE: 28 March 2012

4:00 p.m. at Tasman District Council Service

TIME: Centre

SUBJECT: Aorere and Kaituna Rivercare Group Meeting

Present

TDC: Giles Griffith (Chairman) , Philip Drummond, Eric Verstappen, Mary-Anne Baker
Taylors Contracting Co Ltd: Neil McKay, Neil Donaldson,

MWH: Rick Lowe

Fish & Game : Nil

DoC : Nil

Rivercare Group Members: Ivan Riley, Ian Kerr, Ben Riley, Warwick Henry, John Nalder, Sue Brown, Bill Richards,
Larry Strange, Nigel Mountfort, Jo Pomeroy, Dean Pomeroy, Paul Storer, Stewart Riley,
Neil Christie, David Riley, Brian Nalder, Aaron McLellan, Vicki McLellan, Wendy McLellan

Apologies: Brendon McLellan, Hewleen McLellan, Eran McLellan, W McLellan

DETAIL:

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1. Introduction Giles Griffith opened the meeting and introduced Tasman District Council staff, MWH consultants and Taylors the River Maintenance Contractor.		
2. Minutes of Last Meeting The minutes of the last meeting had been circulated to all that attended the previous meeting. No discussion was held on the minutes of the previous meeting.		
3. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting There were no matters raised from the previous meeting minutes.		
4. Overall Objectives 2012 Giles Griffith gave a verbal presentation outlining the overall objectives for 2012, current issues, annual operation and maintenance programmes for 2011/12 and 2012/13 financial years. Overall Objective 2012 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete 2010 flood repair work in Aorere, Murchison and Wangapeka areas. • Get 2012 flood repair work underway (Motupipi to Wainui Bay area's) • Crack willow mapping and riparian management plan. • Strong focus on revegetation work and move towards soft options. • Gain consent to aerial spray in selected rivers. • Possible formation of interagency group with LINZ and DoC • Post regular information on website. 		
5. Annual Maintenance Operating Programme 2012 Rivers are dynamic high proportion of unscheduled work: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40% of all maintenance tasked completed to date not originally in AOMP • Unscheduled tasks make up 34% of AOMP budget for 2011/2012. Unscheduled tasks include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of dumped rubbish in river channels. • High river flow damage requiring additional bank protection work and removal trees and other vegetation. AOMP is regularly revised and task re-prioritised as flood events occur. An aerial photograph was shown as part of the power point presentation with the		

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proposed work sites for the Aorer River for the 2011/2012 financial year.		
<p>6. Other Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited scope for gravel removal now due to resource consent limitations, most rivers degrading (although individual reaches may be aggrading) • Challenges to part 4 of District Plan being worked through by our policy team • Ability for farmers to perform emergency works themselves in a defined period following a high event • Rights of iwi to own or extract gravel • The two recent extreme rain events, effects on livelihoods, prioritising and funding repairs and effect on existing resources • The control of crack willow not generally an issue in Golden Bay Rivers. 		
<p>7. General Comments from presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Giles Griffith explained that there had been delays in completing flood damaged works due to resource consents and other supply issues as well as other flood damage that had occurred in December 2011. • There was a general discussion regarding gravel removal with Eric Verstappen saying the science is telling that gravel extraction is undermining existing protection works. • Eric Verstappen confirmed LIDAR information taken prior to and after the December 2010 flood had shown that there had been no appreciable build up of gravel in the Aorere River. • Philip Drummond stated that approximately \$2.5 million had been spent on flood damage over the last two years. • Ratepayers at Ferntown believe they are experiencing higher flood level at lower recorded flood heights at the gauging station at Rockville. At present a flood level of 5.800 metres at Rockville has the same effect at Ferntown as that of a previous flood level of 7.200 • Philip Drummond responded and said that modelling of the Aorere River was presently being carried out using the latest LIDAR information and that results of that modelling will become available shortly. • Philip Drummond confirmed that resource consent for the gravel relocation at Nalder /Brown site has been applied for but would not be actioned initially until the proposed rock deflector groyne has been constructed upstream and monitored for its effectiveness. • A ratepayer raised an issue with wandering stock within the riverbed and complaints should initially be reported to the Tasman District Council Service Centre in Takaka. • A ratepayer asked as to what fencing was available from Tasman District Council, who responded and stated that their policy was similar to Fonterra and that there was provision to apply to Tasman District Council for assistance where areas along the riverbank are fenced off for native riparian planting. But generally Tasman District Council do not pay for boundary fencing. • A ratepayer asked whether council need resource consent for flood damaged works and whether the repair works at Bainham was going to have an impact on other landowners downstream. • Philip Drummond replied that council had a global consent that allowed for the repair of existing works. Other planned works not meeting the global consent requirement would need separate resource consent. • Protection of left bank abutment on Ferntown Bridge and possible affect downstream to be reviewed by Philip Drummond. • There were several small issues raised around the river maintenance in the Aorere and Kaituna Rivers that will need further follow up. 		
Meeting concluded at 2:45 pm		