

SUBJECT: Aorere and Kaituna Rivercare Group Meeting held on 03 October 2012
Present:

Tasman District Council: Giles Griffith (Chairman), Philip Drummond, Lindsay McKenzie Martin Doyle , Councillor, Paul Sangster.

Taylor's Contracting: Neil McKay, Neil Donaldson.

MWH: Rick Lowe

Fish & Game

Rivercare Group Members

Apologies: Nil.

DETAIL:

Item / Task	Action	By
<p>1. Introduction</p> <p>Giles Griffith opened the meeting and introduced MWH Consultant, Taylor's Contracting and other Tasman District staff.</p> <p>Martin Doyle conducted a presentation on Aorere Flood Warning System and explained that council had a more reliable system and was able to directly notify people through email and text messaging regarding flood levels.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is now direct radio link to the recorder station and does not have to rely on a repeater station as was previously required. • New system has capability to automatically notify ratepayers by text or email at a set flood level height at Salisbury bridge recorder site. • Would like feedback of what stage flood height everyone might be interested in. • Interested people where invite to fill in registration form to obtain information on future flood levels by text of email. • A ratepayer commented it was hard to get information previously and needs to be in one place so people can access it easily. 		
<p>2. Minutes of Last Meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting had been placed on the Tasman District Council's Rivers website.</p>		
<p>3. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting</p> <p>There were no matters raised from the previous minutes.</p>		
<p>4. Overall Objectives 2012</p> <p>Giles Griffith outlined the agenda for the meeting which included the following:</p> <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.	<p>Gravel Management Working Group</p> <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. • Council to review existing process with the view to implement changes by the end of 2012. • Ratepayers encouraged submitting input into review by Council's Website, Community Board Meetings and by open workshop forums planned for the future. • Resource Consent required for gravel relocation work. 		
6.	<p>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 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. 		
7.	<p>General Comments from Presentation and Other Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Giles Griffiths explained the structure and process for Rivers. • Lindsay McKenzie the new Tasman District Council's CEO gave an overview of how the process for gravel extraction review was being progressed with the main points considered as part of the review as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Environment Internal policy has to be considered. 2. Gravel behaviour in rivers. 3. Resource Consents are slow and costly. 4. Interaction with scientist and river contractors required. 5. Gravel concepts don't necessarily align with Council policy. 6. Not a complete re-work of Council policy intended i.e. Part IV of Regional Plan will apply. 7. Financial issues – gravel royalties. 8. Gravel moves around in channel not necessarily more gravel coming into system. 9. Open forum to follow up in November/December. • A ratepayer commented when Catchment Board was disestablished have had bad gravel build up problems since. • Another ratepayer commented that there has been no gravel extraction of note since the Catchment Board disbanded and believed that there is generally a big build - up of gravel in the Aorere River channel. • Ratepayer stated that there had been four gravel crushing plants operating in the river in the past. • All ratepayers believed that gravel build up at Ferntown Bridge needs removing. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A ratepayer commented that white baiters have been driving out onto the beach upstream of the Ferntown Bridge and shows how much gravel has built up there. • Philip Drummond stated that the gravel build up will be removed after the white baiting season. • Topographical survey has been completed of gravel beaches upstream of Ferntown Bridge. • Gravel extraction at present restricted to 1m³ per day. • To extract gravel landowners can: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Apply to for a Resource Consent to Tasman District Council's Planning and Compliance Department. 2. Giles Griffith and Philip Drummond commented that some gravel for river management purposes can be done under the rivers global resource consent. • Ratepayer commented that someone had applied for a Resource Consent to extract gravel but has found it difficult in meeting all the required information requested. Council confirmed that a resource consent application is required to be actioned within 20 days. • Reported that Aorere River Island of Strange's is being washed away. • River work is proposed in Aorere River. • Full River inspection proposed for 2013/14 financial year. There is a problem with Bitter Willow being washed out. • Philip Drummond explained the history around crack willow removal. Tasman District Council are part of a trial for new willow species and should be available in the next couple of years from nursery trials. • Sue Brown reported that erosion downstream of the recent work on her frontage was occurring along the Kerr property frontage and required inspecting by Council Engineers. • Swafford at River distance of approx 10km erosion getting in behind existing works and needs looking at. • Morley Creek overflow needs to be inspected regarding flood overflows. • It was stated by a ratepayer that the duration of flood events seem to have a short peak now. 		
	<p>Future Meetings: Proposed to go back in June/July, with an on-site meeting in February 2013.</p>		
	<p><i>Meeting concluded at 4:20 pm</i></p>		