

DATE Monday 04 August 2014

TIME: 11am, Takaka Rugby Club Rooms

SUBJECT: Takaka Rivercare Meeting 2014

Present:

Tasman District Council: Giles Griffith, Rick Lowe, Gary Clark, Cr Paul Sangster, Bettina Koessler

Taylors Contracting: Alex Ainley

Ratepayers: 11

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| 1. | <p>Welcome: Giles welcomed all attendees to the meeting</p> |
| 2. | <p>Presentation:</p> <p>New Approach</p> <p>Giles advised that Council is working toward a new approach to river management. The focus will shift from a reactive to a proactive approach, taking into consideration holistic and multi-objective considerations. There will be a greater reliance on landowners who live along riverbanks to get in contact with Council when they notice any issues with the River.</p> <p>Fairway Lines</p> <p>This is a new management tool which has been developed to guide what river works will be undertaken. It involves drawing up an ideal location for the river channel with a two year design flow. So far it has only been drawn up for the Waimea, Upper Motueka and Motupiko Rivers. It is important to realise that it is only a guide for Council staff, and is not yet publically available. This does not yet been drawn up for rivers in the Golden Bay area.</p> <p>It was questioned where the 'Fuzzy' dotted line fits in with private land and how this would affect rates. Giles advised that this has not been fully investigated however, he assumes that it will be within the Y rated area.</p> <p>Stop banks</p> <p>Stopbanks are a key rivers asset. Council has recently produced a stopbank brochure which provides information on responsibilities and requirements of those living along a stopbank. A copy of the brochure is available on the Council website or the Council offices.</p> <p>Illegal Dumping</p> <p>Unfortunately this is a growing issue around the district. Council has organised signage and surveillance at key sites where dumping is occurring in the district but not in Golden Bay yet. Council is very reliant on members of the public reporting people if they witness illegal dumping taking place, but details such as the registration of the car, a good description of the person or photos are needed as evidence to be able to catch the offenders.</p> <p>It was questioned whether the fines given to offenders would increase. Giles was unsure as this is based on the public litter act, although fines could be increased through a bylaw process.</p> <p>Local landowners expressed their concern about the Collingwood Transfer Station closing down as this would most likely lead to an increase in illegal dumping. It was suggested that even having the transfer station open for one evening a week would be beneficial. It was noted that these concerns would be passed onto the appropriate department within Council.</p> |

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	<p>It was further noted that this issue would be discussed in more detail at the Golden Bay Community Board meeting in September during which time Council can further explain the process.</p> <p>Takaka, Anatoki and Waingaro</p> <p>Giles provided information on the works that are planned for the Golden Bay region which includes the possible installation of No dumping signs at the end of Haldanes Road and Reilly Street, a general tidy up at the end of Haldanes Road and the extraction of gravel from Rose's Beach.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>General</p> <p>3.1 Gravel Extraction process</p> <p>A ratepayer questioned Council's process around consents and gravel extraction. It was explained that all gravel extractions require a consent, and the best way of getting the work done was under the Rivers Global Consent. It was further noted that it is also possible to apply for a separate consent, however as this can be a timely and costly process, it is recommended to contact Council Rivers staff in the first instance. The Rivers Global consent is currently under review and will include a fully notified process as part of its renewal. It was noted that Federated Farmers would like to be notified (at the Christchurch Office) once the submission process begins.</p> <p>3.2 Rivercare Meeting Frequency and Location</p> <p>Council Staff were asked to consider organising a meeting in the Collingwood area for those who are not able to make it to the Takaka meeting in future.</p> <p>3.3 Annual Work Programme</p> <p>Giles advised that since the new financial year the maintenance plan would be for 3 months rather than the previous maintenance plan which forecasted the programme for 12 months. The Golden Bay area is usually looked at during the summer period. Emphasis was put on the importance of public feedback.</p> <p>3.4 Progress and Encouragement</p> <p>A ratepayer thanked Council staff for the great work they have done in the Aorere following the 2010 major flood. They have seen a real improvement in the area and understand that it is an ongoing process.</p> <p>3.5 Spraying</p> <p>The spraying method of Council's contractors was questioned. Attendees were advised that aerial spraying is the best and most cost and time efficient method of weed control.</p> <p>It was further questioned if spray monitoring was covered under the consent conditions. Giles confirmed that monitoring is required. The current spraying consent will expire next year, and will have to be renewed. Signage will be erected at public access points if necessary, however spraying usually takes place before the swimming season commences. The consent will not cover aerial spraying in Golden Bay as there is currently no need for this.</p> <p>A question was raised regarding the progress on the vinegar based spray trial. Giles answered in saying that trials have proven the spray to be impractical and ineffective. Council will continue to look for alternative spray solutions as more products become available on the market.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Conclusion</p> <p>Giles thanked all present for attending the meeting.</p>
<p>Meeting concluded at 1:06pm</p>	