

DATE: 11 December 2012

TIME: 1:30 p.m. @ Tapawera Community Centre

SUBJECT: Upper Motueka Rivercare Group Meeting held on 01 October 2012
Present:
Tasman District Council: Giles Griffith (Chairman), Stuart Bryant (Councillor)

Taylor's Contracting: Neil Donaldson

MWH: Rick Lowe

Fish & Game: Lawson Davies

Rivercare Group Members
Apologies: Nil

DETAIL:

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1. Introduction Giles Griffith opened the meeting and introduced the Tasman District Councillor, 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 presented a power point presentation outlining the agenda for the meeting to include: <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. • One ratepayer thought Council's Engineering Services should have full control of what happens in rivers. • Resource Consent required for gravel relocation work. • Main proposed works for 2012/2013 include: chemical spraying. 		

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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 ie: vegetation options. • Aerial spraying consent for control of brush weeds currently being considered by Council's Consent Department. • Currently no benefit working with DoC on river projects. • Overhead presentation showing available information on Council's website. 		
<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. • Soft river control options include gravel relocating, vegetation plantings and gravel extraction. • Giles Griffith explained the Council's structure and processes show overhead of structure. • 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. • AOMP inspection for 2013/2014 programme due to commence. • 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. • One ratepayer raised that there had been problems with non-sterile clones in the past being supplied by Tasman District Council. • Giles Griffith confirmed that the Tasman District Council's nursery had approximately 5000 willows available and were all sterile clones. • There was a general discussion about gravel removal ratepayers generally agreed they believed that the river systems in their area were not cutting down as suggested by the Tasman District Council. • A ratepayer asked where the gravel royalty payment goes too. Giles confirmed that gravel royalties go to Environmental and Planning for monitoring purposes and what is left over goes back to the Crown. • One ratepayer believes the gravel belongs to the landowners where a lot of it originated from land erosion. He stated that the Tasman District Council should forgo royalties. • Giles Griffith stated that under the existing resource consent 40,000m³ of gravel could be removed from the district wide rivers with no more than 4000m³ off any one beach in a twelve month period. • Councillor Bryant informed the meeting that the Council were considering a new approach to gravel extraction and that it was intended to hold a workshop with invited attendees such as Fish and Game, Tasman District Council and other users. It is hoped to hold these work shop meeting in October / November with a decision on any changes by the end of November 2012. 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A landowner in the Wangapeka River catchment expressed concern of what was being carried out in the channel and asked whether the Council were aware of the recent works being carried in removing gravel and willows. Giles Griffith stated that a plan had been approved for river works in the area and would inspect for compliance with that plan. • Lawson Davies from Fish and Game stated that they generally were not supportive of gravel relocation within the river channel and were more supportive of gravel extraction from the dry riverbed. • Giles Griffith confirmed that the Sherry River had been replanted with native and some tree willows. 	
<i>Meeting concluded at 3:15 pm</i>		