

Minutes: Hikurangi Swamp Working Group Meeting Friday 27th June 10.00 am, Kauri Room, Walton Plaza

Minutes of meeting held at the Whangarei District Council Offices, Walton Plaza, Kauri Room on Friday 27th June at 10.00a.m

Facilitator	Councillor Crichton Christie
Purpose	Forum to discuss the Hikurangi Swamp Scheme Issues
Present	Cr Crichton Christie (facilitator), Andrew Carvell, Phillip Hindrup, Simon Donnelley, Neville Thorne, Cr Susie Bretherton Adam Twose, Simon Weston, Ken Finlayson, Jack Illich, Andrew Illich, Tess Dacre, Peter Houba (Opus), Chris Frost (Opus), Bruce Howse
Apologies	Mark Simpson, Te Raa Nehua, Wendy Holland, Evan Smeath, Andy Keith

Councillor Christie addressed the floor, opened the meeting welcoming members and staff representatives from the Whangarei District Council.

Item	Description	Action
Apologies	Accepted	Moved/Second Cr Christie
Minutes	Last Meeting Minutes. Accepted	Moved/Second Andrew
Terms of Reference	To continue with policy from May 2012. One invited representative from each pocket, upper catchment, NRC and Iwi. This is a process we want to follow and want representatives for the next meeting. Adam to organise emails to be sent out for pocket reps.	Adam
June Storm	Storm: Hydrotech performed a storm readiness procedure. 240 Pleuger pump at Okarika was temporarily unavailable when a contactor failed at 3pm 11 th June and was repaired by 7.30pm 12 th June. Spillways operated on all pockets between 1800 on 10 th June and between 1200 and 1600 on 11 th June with the exception of Junction pocket which continued spilling until 0600 on 12 th June. Spillways data: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Junction was the highest - Ngararatunua flat lined Junction Stopbank Cut <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cut by one of the farmers - NRC has issued an abatement notice and infringement. - Discussion regarding whether or not there is willingness to re look at the consent application. - Cost of the consent would be approximately \$5,000 – \$10,000. - Cuts and reinstatements would need to be done under Council supervision. 	Adam Adam Leave discussion for next meeting Cr Christie
Te Mata Electrical Board	Commissioned 9 th May Satisfactory operating during the storm event with no issues.	Adam

Pump re-wind Update	<p>Large recently rewound pump has been vandalised and has now been sent away for repairs to see how much it will cost.</p> <p>Neville requested the exact dates that the two small pumps were sent to be rewound.</p>	<p>Adam</p> <p>Neville</p>
Okarika Station Moir Tell Tales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - April didn't have a lot of movement. - May movement was quite a lot. - June – moved back to where it was. <p>Keeping an eye of the movements.</p>	<p>Adam</p>
Grazing Licences	<p>Issues of cattle being spotted on Council bermland with access to unrestricted waterways. Council is getting a lot of environmental pressure regarding this issue. Looking at withdrawing licenses upon third offence.</p> <p>Andrew to contact each license holder regarding the length of the new grazing licenses. Either 1 year term or 5 year term.</p>	<p>Adam</p> <p>Andrew</p>
AMP	<p>Required by law Flood Management Schemes Opus to look at pump station structures in Conal's absence.</p>	<p>Andrew</p>
Stopbank Adjustments	<p>Council put \$357k in annual plan. Need to go back to Clements to see if they hold the same price. Approximately 12 weeks to complete. Neville raised the issue that this is not completely the farmers issue and if Council doesn't look into this it will result in environmental court. Simon W explained that this is required as part of the conditions of the resource consent and for the monitors to be accurate the stopbanks need to comply with the resource consent. Options of lowering the river.</p>	<p>Andrew</p> <p>Neville</p> <p>Simon Weston</p> <p>Phillip H</p>
Drain Cleaning	<p><u>14-15 Drain Cleaning Proposal</u></p> <p>Will be giving out handouts of each drain along with a drain cleaning form to each pocket rep at the next meeting.</p> <p>The handouts will be a way for Adam to prioritise which drains are to be cleaned this year.</p>	<p>Adam</p> <p>Adam</p>
Environmental Issue	<p>Ox-bow lake is still there after the storm. Environmental river control. Environmentalists actively looking for anything that will reduce water quality.</p>	<p>Adam</p>

<p>Hikurangi Plains Water - OPUS presentation</p>	<p>Water program – to manage the water coming into the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Upper Attenuation - On farm Attenuation - Flood protection and storage. <p><i>“multi-purpose water management scheme, to attenuate, store and distribute water to the local community to enable inter-generational economic, social and environmental benefits to be realised”.</i></p> <p>Process: Feasibility →Detailed Design→Construction→Operation</p> <p>Government would be interested in assisting with funding. Issue of raising money to do the feasibility research. Concept is to slow the water down. Evan’s concern of individual building their own retention dams.</p> <p>Bruce suggested talking to Daryl Jones from NRC. NRC has put forward an application to the central government. Opus has already spent \$60-70,000 on this project.</p> <p>Need a proposal in dollar values</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community based project - Need a more detailed proposal. - Peter to bring a detailed proposal to the next meeting. 	<p>Peter Houba</p> <p>Chris Frost</p> <p>Peter Houba</p> <p>Bruce Howse</p> <p>Simon Weston</p>
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Meeting closed at 12.00pm

Next Meeting: TBA