

## WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LAND AND WATER COMMITTEE HELD IN THE FUNCTION ROOM AT THE RANGIORA TOWN HALL, 303 HIGH STREET, RANGIORA ON TUESDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2021 COMMENCING AT 1PM.

#### PRESENT

Councillors S Stewart (Chairperson), N Atkinson, K Barnett, A Blackie, N Mealings, P Williams, J Ward and Mayor D Gordon.

#### IN ATTENDANCE

G Cleary (Manager Utilities and Roading), C Brown (Manager Community and Recreation), S Allen (Water Environment Officer), K Steel (Ecologist – Biodiversity), and T Künkel (Governance Team Leader).

#### 1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

#### 2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

#### 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

##### 3.1 **Minutes of a meeting of the Land and Water Committee held on Thursday 10 December 2020**

Moved: Councillor Stewart

Seconded: Councillor Blackie

**THAT** the Land and Water Committee:

- (a) **Confirms**, as a true and correct record, the circulated Minutes of the meeting of the Land and Water Committee held on 10 December 2020.

**CARRIED**

#### 4 MATTERS ARISING

Nil.

#### 5 DEPUTATION/PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

## 6 REPORTS

### 6.1 Cam River Enhancement Fund Projects Update – S Allen (Water Environment Advisor)

S Allen provided a brief summary of recent progress made with the Cam River Enhancement Fund projects. She highlighted the following:

- The bank stabilisation work that would be carried out along the North Brook.
- The Drainage Maintenance and Minor Works in Waterways Consent was granted in December 2020, which would now enable the Council to proceed with the Cam River Enhancement Fund projects.
- The proposed creation of sediment traps, drainage wetlands and the bank stabilisation project to be carried out along the Tuahiwi Stream in 2021. The three existing sediment traps would also be cleaned. Staff had been advised by a Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga representative, that the Tuahiwi Stream was actually named Waituere Stream and documentation would therefore be amended accordingly.
- An Environment Assessment Notice template and flowchart for the Use of Consent had been prepared, with the first works anticipated to be carried out in April and May 2021. There were multiple and approval notification requirements.
- Staff were preparing an Environmental Assessment Notice for each project, which included supplying Erosion and Sediment Control Plans, Contaminated Land Assessments, and Cultural Management Assessments where required.

Councillor Atkinson believed that Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga should be formally consulted on the name of the Tuahiwi Stream and therefore suggested that the matter be raised at the next Mahi Tahi Committee meeting.

Councillor Stewart recalled that there had previously been a report to the Utilities and Roading Committee regarding naming of the Tuahiwi Stream. She requested staff to refer to the said report. G Clearly confirmed that no documentation would be amended prior to liaising with the Rūnanga.

Councillor Atkinson questioned the 30 working days notification timeframe for notifying the Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga regarding consents. S Allen explained that this notification timeframe referred only to the type of minor works to be done within an area with spring base flow.

Councillor Williams enquired if samples would be taken from the sediment while cleaning the sediment traps, as to ascertain if any heavy metals or other toxins were present in the waterway. S Allen advised that the 2018 monitoring of the sediment traps was done by a Masters student. However, due to the Covid epidemic it may be difficult to find a willing student.

Councillor Williams asked if it would be possible to determine a baseline prior to the work being carried out, because it would be important for the Council to be able to prove, that the work carried out made a difference. G Clearly advised that the matter would be investigated.

In response to a question regarding the bank stabilisation project, S Allen confirmed that the Council had approached the owner again, however, the Council had again been denied access.

Moved: Councillor Stewart                      Seconded: Councillor Williams

**THAT** the Land and Water Committee:

- (a) **Receives** report No. 210203017399.

- (b) **Notes** that there were existing budget allocations in 2020-21 and 2021-22 financial years for the Cam River Enhancement Fund.
- (c) **Notes** the Cam River Enhancement Fund projects of sediment trap and drainage wetlands installation, sediment trap emptying, and bank reshaping to be carried out for 2020-21.
- (d) **Circulates** this report to the Rūnanga Liaison Group, the Waimakariri Water Zone Committee, the Mahi Tahī Committee, the Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board and the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board for information.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Stewart noted that the Council had been waiting a long time for the Drainage Maintenance and Minor Works in Waterways Consent. The consent meant that the Council would finally be able to proceed with the Cam River Enhancement Fund projects. She concurred with Councillor Williams, that baseline was important for accurate future monitoring to prove value of ratepayers money.

## **7 PORTFOLIO UPDATES**

### **7.1 Biodiversity – Councillor S Stewart**

- The Council had applied for funding to the Freshwater Improvement Fund for various work to be done as part of the Cam River Enhancement Projects.
- She attended the first Biodiversity Champions of Canterbury meeting at Ecan. It was envisaged that the meetings would provide a platform for members to share knowledge and skills to enhance biodiversity in the region.
- Plan Change 7 Ecan's Officers Report had been released and there were some challenging changes advocated by Ecan. She encouraged all elected members to attend the hearing to be held on 26 February 2020.
- CWMS Waimakariri Zone Committee – The possibility of establishing a Biodiversity Community Trust for the Waimakariri District was being discussed and the Committee was asking for nominations.

### **7.2 Land based Indigenous Reserves (Including River Margins) – Councillor A Blackie**

- Attended the Te Kōhaka o Tūhaitara Trust Open Day which went well attended.
- The preliminary designs for the Mahinga Kai area in the Red Zone in Kaiapoi had been discussed at the Mahi Tahī Committee meeting.
- There had been problems at the Kaiapoi wharf with young people causing disturbances to members of the public and businesses. The Council was however dealing with the matter. The Mayor would be meeting with the Canterbury District Commander to discuss the problems being experienced in Kaiapoi.

## **8 QUESTIONS**

Nil.

## **9 URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Land and Water Committee was scheduled to be held at 1:00pm, Tuesday 16 February 2021 in the Function Room, Rangiora Town Hall.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 1.30PM



Chairperson

20 April 2021

Date

**BRIEFING**

Cam River Freshwater Improvement Fund application for the Cam River Enhancement Projects – S Allen (Water Environment Advisor)