

DATE: 10 December 2012
 TIME: 7:30 p.m. @ Dovedale Hall

SUBJECT: Dovedale Rivercare Group Meeting held on 1 October 2012
Present:
Tasman District Council: Giles Griffith (Chairman), Councillor Stuart Bryant (late)

Taylor's Contracting: Arnie Richards, Neil Donaldson

MWH: Rick Lowe

Fish & Game
Rivercare Group Members
Apologies: Tasman District Council – Lindsay McKenzie (CEO), Trevor Norris (Councillor)

DETAIL:

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1. Introduction Giles Griffith opened the meeting and introduced 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 outlined the agenda for the meeting which included the following: <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. • Council 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. • Resource Consent required for gravel relocation work. 		

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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 re-vegetation options. • Aerial spraying consent for control of brush weeds currently being considered by Council's consent department. Dove River not on list of rivers to be controlled aerially. • Currently no benefit working with DoC on river projects. 		
<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. • Council want to move to soft river control options to include gravel relocating, vegetation plantings, gravel extraction. • 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. Work in Dove River programmed for November / December 2012. • AOMP inspection for 2013/2014 programme due to commence. • Tasman District Council's website provides other information that maybe of interest such as rainfall and river levels. • 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. Still intend to plant shrub and tree willows. • Future Rivercare meeting planned for June / July and option to inspect site prior to work commencing. • There was a general discussion about gravel removal and ratepayers generally agreed they believed that the river systems in their area were not cutting down as suggested by the Tasman District Council and that there was a huge problem with gravel in the Dove River. • Council stated that the Contractor did not necessary want gravel from where it was available from. • There was reference to the lack of work in the mid-section of the Motueka River. Councillor Bryant explained that the mid-section of the Motueka River was not included as in the Y classified area as ratepayers did not support being part of the fully maintained river class as most of the area was naturally armoured with rock. • Ratepayers believed that there was a gravel build -up of concern under the Road Bridge by Sunday Creek. • Ratepayer reported that trees needed to be removed from the river channel at Riley's Flat. 		
<i>Meeting concluded at 8:30 pm</i>		