

HAURAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL

TARAMAIRE DRAINAGE DISTRICT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TARAMAIRE DRAINAGE DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NGATEA SERVICE CENTRE, 84 ORCHARD WEST ROAD, NGATEA ON THURSDAY, 01 APRIL 2021 COMMENCING AT 9.00AM

PRESENT Messrs S Crooymans (Chairperson), D Thompson, Cr P Buckthought and Cr R Garrett

IN ATTENDANCE E J Wentzel (Utilities Manager), G Russell (Land Drainage Contractor), Mr B Stephens (Drainage Overseer) and Ms C Black (Council Secretary)

APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

There were no apologies.

LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

CONFIRMATION: TARAMAIRE DRAINAGE DISTRICT COMMITTEE MINUTES – 03-12-20 – 2868183

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Taramaire Drainage District Committee held on Thursday 03 December 2020 be taken as read and confirmed.

TDD21/01 Buckthought/Crooymans **CARRIED**

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters raised.

Introduction of Utilities Manager – EJ Wentzel and Land Drainage Contractor – Guy Russell

The Utilities Manager introduced himself and advised the Committee that he has taken over the area of Land Drainage under the auspice of Utilities. He also introduced Guy Russell to the Committee and explained that Guy has been contracted on a part time basis to assist in the management of Council's Land drainage network.

Taramaire Stream Mouth – Minutes of Taramaire Landowners Meeting # 2931490

The Chair tabled a set of minutes from a meeting held with landowners in the Taramaire District. The landowners have raised their concerns regarding works they considered are necessary to the mouth of the Taramaire Stream within the Coastal Marine area. They request that the mouth of the Taramaire stream be widened to allow more water to get away expeditiously. The landowners believe the reach of the stream below the road bridge has reduced in width from mangrove growth and sediment accumulation.

The Chair advised that a survey has been undertaken by a surveyor of the stream bed levels and that shows the bed level is not the issue but the stream width is. A GIS aerial photo of the area was tabled.

The Drainage Overseer stated that Council can only open the mouth to what it was previously in the coastal marine area (CMA), no more, only widen to the original banks. He considered that any works would need to be undertaken in June-July over winter months.

Guy Russell and the Drainage Overseer stated that a consent is not required in the CMA if the normal size of the mouth of the stream is not exceeded. Where the CMA boundary sits on the ground would need to be agreed through consultation with WRC.

Mangrove Clearing at the Mouth of the Taramaire Stream

The Chair asked if landowners are legally allowed to remove mangroves at the Taramaire Stream mouth to allow more water flow out.

The Chair requested that staff meet with himself and the Deputy Chair at the location of the Taramaire Stream mouth to review what can be done about this matter.

Staff advised that as the mangroves are on DoC land, permission would need to be sought from them for any works to proceed. In addition, if the area is not within the CMA then a resource consent would most likely be required from WRC.

Stopbanks – Taramaire Stream

Members asked if the heights of the stopbanks located above the bridge on the Taramaire stream are sufficient. Members expressed a desire to future proof their stopbanks from the impact of climate change.

Action: Guy Russell to investigate if there are plans for a design standard for the stopbanks located above the bridge on the Taramaire stream.

DRAINAGE ACTIVITY REPORT AND FINANCIAL REPORT – FEBRUARY 2021 AND FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 8 MONTHS TO 28 FEBRUARY 2021- 2916066

The Utilities Manager presented the drainage activity report to February 2021 and the financial report for the 8 months to 28 February 2021.

RESOLVED

THAT the report be received.

TDD21/02

Crooymans/Thompson

CARRIED

Routine maintenance and inspections of floodgates and culverts has been undertaken and cleared as required.

There were no matters of significance to report on.

MEMBERS' COMMENTS

There were no other comments raised.

The meeting closed at 10.07am.

CONFIRMED

S Crooymans
Chairperson

07 October 2021