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***Northland Regional Council***

***Tabled Item***

***Environmental Management  
Committee***

***Monday, 13 October 2014***

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**ISSUE: Tabled Item for the Environmental Management Committee Meeting – 13 October 2014****ID:** A696318**To:** Environmental Management Committee, 13 October 2014**From:** Bruce Howse, Land/Rivers Team Senior Programme Manager**Date:** 13 October 2014**Summary** The purpose of this report is to place before committee the tabled item for inclusion in the meeting agenda. The report concludes with the recommendation that the tabled item be received.

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<b>Significance:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Low

**Report:**

The Minutes from the Kerikeri-Waipapa River Liaison Committee meeting of 6 August 2014 were reported to 25 August 2014 Environmental Management Committee meeting in the Rivers Update report. However, the resolution for an appointment to the Kerikeri-Waipapa River Liaison Committee was not included in the Rivers Update report and the appointment is required to provide for upcoming meetings of the Kerikeri-Waipapa River Liaison Committee.

Thus it is recommended that the supplementary item be received.

**Recommendation:**


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That as permitted under section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, the tabled item "Appointment to the Kerikeri-Waipapa River Liaison Committee" be received.

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**ISSUE: Appointment to the Kerikeri-Waipapa River Liaison Committee**

**ID:** A696132

**To:** Environmental Management Committee, 13 October 2014

**From:** Bruce Howse, Land/Rivers Programme Manager

**Date:** 10 October 2014

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**Report:**

The **attached** minutes from the Kerikeri-Waipapa River Liaison Committee, held on 6 August 2014, record the following resolution:

**Resolved:** That NRC staff requests the Environmental Management Committee to approve the Kerikeri Irrigation Company Ltd (Bill Hunter) being appointed as a member of the Kerikeri-Waipapa River Liaison Committee. **Action: Bruce Howse**

Joe Carr : Dover Samuels

It is recommended that Mr Bill Hunter, representing the Kerikeri Irrigation Company Ltd, is appointed as a representative of the Kerikeri-Waipapa River Liaison Committee, particularly given that the Kerikeri-Waipapa River Liaison Committee are progressing investigations into the feasibility of a multipurpose flood control/water storage dam.

**Legal compliance and significance assessment:**

The council activities detailed in this report are provided for in activities described in the council's Long Term Plan and as such are in accordance with the council's decision making process and sections 76-82 of the Local Government Act 2002. This matter is considered to be of low significance, as the terms of reference for the Kerikeri-Waipapa River Liaison Committee specify that the Environmental Management Committee may, from time to time, appoint to the Kerikeri-Waipapa River Liaison Committee any person because of their particular skills or knowledge.

**Recommendation:**

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1. That the report Appointment to the Kerikeri-Waipapa River Liaison Committee, by Bruce Howse, Land/Rivers Senior Programme Manager dated 10 October 2014 be received.

2. That Mr Bill Hunter, representing the Kerikeri Irrigation Company Ltd, is appointed as a representative of the Kerikeri-Waipapa River Liaison Committee
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Report of the meeting of the Kerikeri-Waipapa River Liaison Committee, held on  
Wednesday 6 August 2014  
Woodlands Motel and Conference Venue, 126 Kerikeri Road, Kerikeri  
commencing at 10.30 a.m.

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**Present – Committee Members:**

Joe Carr	(Chairperson)
Dover Samuels	NRC Councillor
Fred Terry	Lower Puketotara and Kerikeri catchment
John Dawn	Bay Care representative
Peter Kennedy	Waipapa Catchment
David Stewart-Jones	Middle Kerikeri catchment area

**Also in Attendance:**

NRC staff:	Bruce Howse, Joseph Camuso, Nick Gordon, Nola Sooner
Murray Wright	Member of the public
Bill Hunter	Member of the public

**APOLOGIES** Hamish Sheard, Peter Thorpe

**Resolved:** That the apologies from Hamish Sheard and Peter Thorpe be accepted.

Peter Kennedy : Joe Carr

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Resolved:** That the Minutes of 27 March 2014 be accepted.

Peter Kennedy : David Stewart-Jones

**MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

**2013-2014 WORKS PROGRAMME UPDATE**

Joseph provided an update on the Works Programme 2013-2014. He covered the following areas:

- Whiriwhiritoa Stream
- Proposed Works at the Stone Store Before
- Removal of gravel bank
- Removal of Bridge Abutment

\* Dover Samuels arrived

**2014-2015 WORKS PROGRAMME**

Joseph summarised the 2014-2015 Works Programme. He covered the following matters and requested the committee contact either Doug Foster or Joseph if they have identified additional works:

- Proposed Annual Work Programme for the Kerikeri River
- Various Tree and Log removal
- State Highway 10 Bridge – tree removal

Murray advised that a major Puriri tree has been identified to be removed above State Highway 10 Bridge.

**Resolved:** That approval is given for the 2014-2015 Works Programme to proceed.

Fred Terry : Joe Carr

#### **AMURI PLACE TO SPRINGBANK SCHOOL – FLOOD MITIGATION**

Bruce provided the history of ongoing flooding issues within this area. He noted that from NRC's analysis, remedial work done on the Springbank School has mitigated any adverse effects of previous work and NRC does not feel this is causing any detrimental flooding on neighbouring landowners. However, discussions with landowners has resulted in NRC coming up with a design to reduce the flooding for the affected landowners. Bruce asked the Kerikeri-Waipapa River Liaison Committee to consider if they felt that the targeted rate should pay for the resource consent costs.

The committee agreed that the cost of the resource consent should be paid by the affected landowners. It was noted that all landowners need to be on board before resource consent is applied for. Bruce advised that an upstream landowner has indicated that he is not happy with the proposed way forward and is unwilling to pay for any of the works to be done.

**Resolved:** That the Kerikeri-Waipapa River Liaison Committee will not consider contributing to resource consents until all affected parties are committed to undertaking the necessary work as put forward by Northland Regional Council staff.

Fred Terry : Dover Samuels

#### **2013-2014 AND 2014-2015 BUDGET**

Bruce presented the 2013-14 budget result and the 2014-15 budget.

**Resolved:** That NRC staff are requested to seek clarification on Northland Regional Council's Treasury Policy on interest charged on borrowed funds and interest received on accrued funds and report back to the Kerikeri-Waipapa River Liaison Committee.

Peter Kennedy : Fred Terry

### DETENTION DAM UPDATE

Joseph advised a model simulation with the dam in place was undertaken. He summarised the 100yr CC ARI Extent – Baseline vs Detention maps.

Joseph noted there is a 230mm decrease at the State Highway. The detention dam provides the most benefit to the Waipapa Industrial Estate and downstream of the State Highway there is very little benefit.

Bill spoke on behalf of the Kerikeri Irrigation Company and their strong interest in being involved in providing more water storage dams within this catchment.

\* Bill Hunter left the meeting.

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Joe Carr : Dover Samuels

Fred noted that the lack of water storage within this area is starting to become an area of concern.

David asked for the River Liaison Committee to concentrate on achieving things that can be done straight away rather than putting things in the “too hard basket”.

It was agreed this committee supports in principle the water storage plan and acknowledged the flooding in the Waipapa commercial area but noted that in order for it to be viable it will probably need the inclusion of other stakeholders e.g. Kerikeri Irrigation Company, FNDC.

Bruce noted that if the dam was changed to multi-purpose it would affect capacity and the costs would increase.

Bruce noted NRC staff could undertake a fairly basic approach in respect of investigating further the potential for a multi-purpose dam which would be around \$20,000, or undertake a preliminary design approach which would be more expensive and include some ground testing at around \$100,000.

**Resolved:** That the Kerikeri-Waipapa River Liaison Committee requests staff to contact Jackie Robson, Strategic Engineer, Far North District Council regarding the development of a viable storage/multi purpose dam K3A and agrees to the provision of \$20,000 from the Kerikeri-Waipapa reserve funds to enable this and requests FNDC's presence as Committee members at future meetings of the Kerikeri – Waipapa River Liaison Committee. **Action: Joseph Camuso**

Fred Terry : Dover Samuels

Fred confirmed he will raise this matter with Cr John Vujcich, FNDC. **Action: Fred Terry**

Joe Carr asked should we still progress with proceeding towards resource consenting with an objective to go ahead with the work. Bruce noted we could still progress lodging the resource consent application within the next month without going ahead with the works. He noted if a decision was made not to proceed with lodging the resource consent application there is a risk that the affected landowner could develop the land which would lead to increased costs.

**Resolved:** That the Kerikeri-Waipapa River Liaison Committee requests NRC to proceed with lodging a resource consent application and designation for the proposed spillway scheme on the basis of a metal access track for access across the spillway. **Action: Joseph Camuso**

John Dawn : Peter Kennedy

Joe asked for staff to investigate the lowering of the channel over a couple of waterfalls below SH 10 Bridge that was raised by Murray Wright. NRC staff to meet with Murray Wright, landowner to discuss further. **Action: Joseph Camuso**

It was agreed NRC staff would also investigate the effect of the detention dam on the dimensions of the spillway scheme. **Action: Joseph Camuso**

The Kerikeri-Waipapa River Liaison Committee requested that the construction of the spillway scheme project, which is provided for as capital works in the 2014-15 NRC Annual Plan, be deferred for a 12 month period.

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

There was no general business.

Meeting closed at 12.25 p.m.

*Post Meeting Note:* Joe Carr reported that NRC Council has confirmed membership of the River Liaison Committees has been rolled over for the next three year period and recorded appreciation to committee members for their contribution.

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