

Kāeo River - Whangaroa Catchment Working Group Record of Actions

Meeting held in the Weslydale Church
Kāeo
on Thursday 17 August 2023, commencing at 10.30am

Tuhinga/Present:

Chair NRC councillor, Marty Robinson
Whangaroa Ward farming representative, Michael Hayes
Ratepayer representative, Ngaere Manning
Area representative, John Richardson
Te Runanga O Whangaroa, Raniera Kaio
Community representative, Geoff Stone

I Tae Mai/In Attendance:

Full Meeting

NRC Rivers and Natural Hazards Manager, Joseph Camuso
NRC Rivers Project Manager, Meg Tyler
NRC Consents Officer, Garth Richards
NRC Natural Hazards Specialist, Toan Nguyen
NRC Secretariat, Erica Wade
Cian Henwood
Roly Rush
Brian Page
Kevin Cassidy
Gill Bouzaid
Maggie Rudolph
Les Jackson
Ian Hayes
John Rud
Thomas Hautin
Hoskin Civil, Andrea Panther
Hoskin Civil, Kevin Hoskin
Rob Rush
Bree Davis
Jeremy Hunter
Mooch Rudolph
Katharine Q

The meeting commenced at 10.30am.

Ngā Mahi Whakapai/Housekeeping (Item 1.0)

Ngā Whakapahā/Apologies (Item 2.0)

CEO Northland Regional Council Jonathan Gibbard, FNDC Councillor Ann Court, Hugh Rihari

Record of Actions – 30 July 2021 (Item 3.1)

Presented by: NRC Secretariat, Erica Wade

Secretarial note: Discussion around the length of time between working group meetings. This has been noted and in future will be held every six months. The last minutes were distributed via email to the Kāeo River – Whangaroa Catchment Working Group on 11 August 2021 and all agenda and minutes can be accessed through the NRC website.

Agreed action points:

- Set up meetings every six months

Recent heavy rainfall events – July, August 2022 (Item 3.2)

Presented by: NRC Rivers and Natural Hazards Manager, Joseph Camuso

Secretarial note: Phase 1 is complete however, analysis of rainfall data suggests that Phase 1 has not been fully tested due to lower rainfall in this catchment. It is important to note that Phase 1 was only set up to reduce flood risk and fast flowing flood water, not to prevent flooding.

Agreed action points:

- The PowerPoint presentation shown is to be shared with the group.
- Web links to the environmental hub is to be sent out with the minutes.
- Working Group can email the secretary (ericaw@nrc.govt.nz) if they would like to subscribe to Alarmist. This will notify subscribers of when rain gauges record over 20 mm/hour or when the river gauges reach a threshold level.

Budget (Item 3.3)

Presented by: NRC Rivers and Natural Hazards Manager, Joseph Camuso

Secretarial note: Discussion around the large surplus and how it should be spent. NRC showed the group an option for Phase 2 however it will need the group members to pass the resolution which NRC will email.

The community would like to see money spent on more river maintenance. All work completed will have prior landowner approval.

Agreed action points:

- NRC to send the members the resolution for phase two.
- NRC to look at Pupuke bridge for maintenance and more river maintenance work in the area is to be schedule and discussed with landowners.

Stage 1 Kaeo Flood Mitigation - Review (Item 3.4)

Presented by: NRC Rivers and Natural Hazards Manager, Joseph Camuso

Secretarial note: Discussion around Waikare stream and how the community hasn't seen it backflow.

Community would like annual, regular maintenance to help mitigate further flood risk. They would like this Mahi done with local contractors who know the area.

Community to contact NZTA regarding bridge replacement, including the one on Leigh Street.

Agreed action points:

- Report on Phase options is to be shared with the group.
- NRC to look at targeted areas for river maintenance.
- NRC to follow up with district council regarding the drainage and culvert cleaning on School Valley Road, as well as revamp of water pipes as during flooding the issue is with water quality rather than the water itself.

Stage 2 Kaeo Flood Mitigation - Discussion (Item 3.5)

Presented by: NRC Rivers and Natural Hazards Manager, Joseph Camuso

Agreed action points:

- No action

Option for investigating weir behind the Community Hall (Item 3.6)

Presented by: NRC Rivers and Natural Hazards Manager, Joseph Camuso

Secretarial note: Discussion on adding a weir behind the community hall. Using Phillip Greene's paddock as a holding pond for peak flood waters. Working group to pass this resolution once landowner approval has been sought.

Agreed action points:

- Landowner approval will be sought before any works can be carried out to install the weir behind the community hall. Once this is complete, NRC to send working group members the resolution to install the Weir.

Tauranga Bay works + Taupo Bay (Item 3.7)

Presented by: NRC Rivers and Natural Hazards Manager, Joseph Camuso

Secretarial note: No Tauranga Bay or Taupo Bay community members present at meeting.

Discussion around how locals are having to dig out the estuary themselves. NRC opened the River Mouth before COVID and the mouth closed on the next tide.

Agreed action points: No actions

Permitted activity rules (Item 3.8)

Presented by: NRC Rivers and Natural Hazards Manager, Joseph Camuso

Secretarial note: Permitted activities can take place as long as NRC have been informed, including the taking of shingle.

Agreed action points:

- NRC to query C.2.1.2 (8) on the Permitted Activity Rules
- Permitted activity Rules to be sent to the group in a readable format.

Any other business (Item 3.9)

Presented by: NRC Rivers and Natural Hazards Manager, Joseph Camuso

Secretarial note: Local group would like to do some planting along Waikare stream to help beautify the town.

Acknowledgement of the works already been undertaken by the rivers team.

Agreed action points:

- NRC to inform community group of any planned activities/maintenance i.e. spraying to ensure their planting will not be damaged
- Jeff Stone would like to resign as community representative from the Kāeo River – Whangaroa Catchment Working group and will send NRC Rivers and Natural Hazards Manager his nomination for replacement.

Whakamutunga (Conclusion)

The meeting concluded at 12.27pm.