

Urban Whangārei Rivers Working Group Record of Actions

Meeting held in the Council Chamber
NRC, 36 Water Street, Whangārei
on Thursday 3 August 2023, commencing at 10.00am

Tuhinga/Present:

Chairperson, NRC Councillor Jack Craw
WDC Representative, Andrew Carvell
Iwi representative, Mira Norris

I Tae Mai/In Attendance:

Full Meeting

NRC GM Community Resilience, Louisa Gritt (*arrived 10.25am*)
NRC Rivers and Natural Hazards Manager, Joseph Camuso
NRC Senior River Management Engineer, Barney Brotherhood
NRC Rivers and Natural Hazards Advisor, Matthew Jolly
NRC Kai Whiri Iwituna Senior Catchment Advisor, Chantez Connor-Kingi
NRC Land Management Advisor, Holly Chappell
NRC Climate Action Change Consultant, Matt de Boer,
NRC Secretariat, Erica Wade
NRC Secretariat, Nyla Jackson
Hoori Kingi

The meeting commenced at 10.01am.

Karakia Whakamutunga

Cr. Jack Craw

Ngā Mahi Whakapai/Housekeeping (Item 1.0)

Ngā Whakapahā/Apologies (Item 2.0)

Moved: Norris / Carvell

NRC CEO Jonathan Gibbard, WDC GM Infrastructure Jim Sephton, WDC CE Simon Weston, WDC Sarah Irwin, Hona Edwards

Carried

Secretarial note: Amendment to the minutes dated 3 August 2023; Apologies were accepted from WDC Mayor Vince Cocurullo

Confirmation of Minutes – 10 October 2021

Moved: Craw / Norris

That the minutes of the Urban Whangārei River Management Group meeting held on 10 October 2021, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Carried

Financial Report (Item 3.1)

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

Moved: Norris/ Carvell

1. That the financial report be received.

Carried

Agreed action points:

- NRC Rivers and Natural Hazards Manager will check with the finance team to confirm if repayments are ahead of schedule.

Investment outcomes (Item 3.2)

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

Rivers team are currently implementing the recommendations of the five yearly CDSR review.

Discussion around the silt left after rain events and the impact this can have on the streams. The planting that has taken place is assisting with the silt however this is not enough. The Working group agreed for more planting to take place and to use contractors rather than having to rely on volunteer help.

Because the Hopua te Nihotetea Detention Dam is designed to hold water for 2 days, holding water for longer periods for silt deposition would compromise the dam's ability to detain flood water with back-to-back flood events.

Planting the previously grazed paddocks may help reduce run-off from the NRC dam land. The Rivers team to connect with the local planting specialists Te Parawhau SilverCom for recommendations on planting at the dam.

Agreed action points:

- Presentation to be shared with the group.
- Accelerate the planting at Hopua te Nihotetea Detention Dam

Whangārei Urban Flood Model (Item 3.3)

Presented by: VMC Consulting & WDC Representative, Andrew Carvell

Agreed action points:

- No actions

Terms of Reference (Item 3.4)

Presented by: VMC Consulting & WDC Representative, Andrew Carvell

Discussion around boundaries, and where we draw the line with flooding and stormwater funding. More clarity on what this entity will look like to be presented at the next meeting.

Agreed action points:

- NRC and WDC to have further discussions around the ToR and be clear around responsibility and membership. Draft ToR to be presented at the next meeting.

LTP update (Item 3.5)

Presented by: NRC Consultant Climate Action Change, Matt de Boer

Proposal at ELT for funding in the Urban Whangārei area. WDC also looking at matching this funding for further investigations.

Agreed action points:

- BECA report to be shared with the group

Raumanga Stream - Remedial works (Item 3.6)

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

Community voicing concerns around weed/logs in and around stream and the potential for the stream to flood. Because of the Hopua te Nihotetea Detention Dam, the Raumanga Stream is a reduced flood risk and the weeds along the bank present as an eye sore rather than a flood risk.

There are a number of Flame trees in and around the banks however, the Whangārei District Council are currently executing a project targeting pest weeds.

NRC inspect the Kirikri Street Stream annually and remove any trees blocking the stream.

Agreed action points:

- NRC to send a letter on behalf of Cr. Craw to Mayor Cucurullo explaining the above.

Any other business (Item 3.7)

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

Agreed action points:

- No actions

Karakia Whakamutunga

Hoori Kingi

Whakamutunga (Conclusion)

The meeting concluded at 11.45am

Unconfirmed