

Kāeo River - Whangaroa Catchment Working Group Record of Actions

Meeting held in the Wesleydale Church
Leigh Street, Kaeo
on Thursday 6 March 2025, commencing at 10:30 am - 12:30pm

Tuhinga/Present:

Chairperson, NRC Councillor Marty Robinson
FNDC Councillor, Ann Court
Ratepayer representative, Ngaere Manning
Business and commercial interests representative, Bruce Mills
Area representative, John Richardson
Te Runanga O Whaingaroa, Stephen (Pare) Rush
Area representative, Nyze Manuel
Area representative, Thomas Hawtin
Area representative, Les Jackson

I Tae Mai/In Attendance:

Full Meeting
NRC Rivers and Natural Hazards Manager, Joseph Camuso
NRC Rivers Project Manager, Meg Tyler
NRC Secretariat, Haylee Labelle
Les Jackson
Mooch Rudolph
Maggie Rudolph
Rob Rush
Raniera Kaio

The meeting commenced at 10.30am with karakia by Nyze

Ngā Mahi Whakapai/Housekeeping (Item 1.0)

Ngā Whakapahā/Apologies (Item 2.0)

Moved (Robinson/Manuel) Whangaroa Ward farming representative - Michael Hayes, FNDC Councillor Kelly Stratford, Bryce Aldridge, Michael Hayes, Ian and Lorelei Hayes, Lester Bridson, NRC councillors – Macdonald, Craw, Stolwerk, Crawford

Record of Actions – 11 December 2024 (Item 3.1)

Presented by: Cr Robinson

Agreed action points:

- None

Secretarial notes: NRC Rivers Manager showed a youtube video demonstration of what scouring looks like in a river bed (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cnOQUVJc1ZM>)referenced the work done in Kaitaia and the grade control put in place, noted rivers require gravel in order to have a stable bed. NRC rivers manager showed a youtube video with a 35yr time lapse of a meandering river (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mXLtj76tbRw>)

Receipt of Action Sheet - 6 March 2025 (Item 3.2)

Presented by: Cr Robinson

Agreed action points:

- **NRC to make a request to FNDC Elizabeth Stacey to arrange someone from FNDC to attend these meetings going forwards**
- **NRC to request NZTA representation at these meetings as no-one in attendance**
- **FNDC and NRC to collaborate on flood mitigation feasibility along Omaunu Road' – to sit with FNDC roading rep and NRC Rivers team**

Secretarial notes: Cr Court would like to see FNDC representation other than elected member perhaps a roading manager or engineer as concerned that the elected member may not be the most appropriate person. The community shared their appreciation for the cleaning out of the drains. Discussion on the short section of road on the other side of Omaunu Road and culvert feasibility.

Presentation Slides (Item 3.3)

Presented by: Meg Tyler

Agreed action points:

- None

Secretarial notes: Any discussion from the presentation is noted under the individual agenda items in these minutes

Budget (Item 3.4)

Presented by: Joseph Camuso

Agreed action points:

- **Budget slides to be circulated with the minutes following the meeting**
- **For future meetings, budget slides to be circulated to members ahead of the meeting**
- **Meg/Joe to revisit depreciation that is not showing in the budget for 23/24**

Secretarial notes: There are two accounts for the catchment, one for the maintenance work and the other for the FIR (capital) it was noted that Te Runanga o Whangaroa have abstained from any budget confirmation as the budget was not circulated prior to the meeting. Discussion on reasoning for budget not being included was a scheduling alignment with the agenda due date and accounts availability. Discussion on assets which is the stop bank from Whangaroa college to the pa site – privately owned land which NRC has an easement to maintain the infrastructure, the farmer undertakes the day to day maintenance requirements.

Stage 2 Kaeo Update (Item 3.5)

Presented by: Meg Tyler

Agreed action points:

- **NRC secretariat to circulate the amended map for Kaeo Stage 2 with the minutes**
- **NRC Rivers Project Manager to share ecological impact assessment report**
- **Working Group members to inform NRC Project Manager if they wish to be part of a subgroup**
- **NRC Rivers Manager to provide Gantt chart for Kaeo Stage 2 works to FNDC - A Gantt chart is a visual chart that tracks the different milestones of a project (detailed design, resource consent, land purchase construction etc.)**

Secretarial notes: Resource consent application has been submitted and an update was given on the current project status. Waiting on landowner agreements to come through in the next month before earthworks commence. Grade controls have been designed to keep the bed stable. Have received 2 out of 3 cultural impact assessments. The Archaeological authority assessment is complete but requires submission to Heritage NZ to review site (archaeological assessment is a requirement of the resource consent and archaeologist will need to be onsite for test pits) Land purchase is sitting with NRC CE to review the recommendation which includes looking to sell the balance of land not required once the work is completed. Meg presented a map which includes an update to the design (channel alignment adjusted and deflection bank length reduced since December meeting) and talked through these changes. Noted that there are three potential wetlands in the project area which may require planting/fencing and enhancement in accordance with ecological assessment, the planting plan is for implementation after the earthworks are finished. A lizard plan would be required for the bank edge (tracking to be undertaken firstly). A fish salvage plan and permit will be done in-house. All will be developed in consultation with the community and sought interest from working group to participate in sub groups.

Matangirau (Item 3.6)

Presented by: Meg Tyler

Agreed action points:

- None

Secretarial notes: no discussion on this item, noted the update provided by Meg in the presentation to the working group of work completed – Benching along stream and gravel extraction around and under the main bridge. Erosion protection work around river/road interactions.

Other River Works (Item 3.7)

Presented by: Meg Tyler

Agreed action points:

- None

Secretarial notes: no discussion on this item, noted the update provided by Meg in the presentation to the working group of work done: River shingle extraction and debris clearance downstream of Omaunu Road and Otangaroa marae, debris clearance from river.

Any Other Business (Item 3.8)

Presented by: Cr Robinson

Agreed action points:

- NIL

Secretarial notes: Discussed ideal communications channel for updates relating to Stage 2 works and determined a 1-page document to hand out would be ideal (containing details of what's been done and what is to be done) consider utilising the Whangaroa Whispers newsletter

Whakamutunga (Conclusion)

The meeting concluded at 11.46am with karakia

Un-confirmed