

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WAIPARA RIVER WORKING PARTY HELD ON MONDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2010 AT 7.00PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 66 CARTERS ROAD, AMBERLEY.**

**PRESENT**

Garry Jackson (Chair), Julie Coster, Fred Murray, Douschka Saunders, David Beer, Brent Maguire, Leigh Love, Paul Williams, Ross Williams, Greg Bennett, Grant Campbell (DOC), Tony Fitzsimmons, Gareth Renowden

**APOLOGIES**

Norton Hiller, Andrew Parrish, Rob Gerard, Sarah Hughes-Games, Brian Jensen, Mark Jones

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Amelia Dalley (Minutes), Helga Rigg, Richard Goord

**MINUTES**

It was raised that T Lenihan mentioned in passing that some Māori also enjoying using vehicles and other such recreation in the riverbed and that this has become a cultural value. It was agreed that this should be reflected in the minutes.

THAT THE PREVIOUS MINUTES BE ACCEPTED WITH THE ABOVE AMENDMENT

Jackson/Saunders

CARRIED

**RABBIT CONTROL MEETING REPORT**

A Dalley and H Rigg attended a meeting of adjoining land occupiers on the Waipara riverbed held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2010 to discuss a co-ordinated approach to rabbit control in the Waipara River between Wash Creek and Stringers Bridge. The meeting was advised by Canterbury Regional Council that rabbit numbers in the river are reaching a level where landowners may be required to comply with the Regional Pest Management Strategy. It was noted that some landowners have already received notice of this.

Canterbury Regional Council officers outlined the rabbit control options available to land occupiers. It was proposed to hold a second meeting on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2010 after Steve Palmer, rabbit co-ordinator had contacted everyone concerned.

**WORKING PAPER 7**

H Rigg introduced the working paper and gave a presentation on ownership issues in the riverbed. The Working Party referred to aerial maps provided by Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) which indicated areas along the Waipara River that are under the administration of LINZ, DOC and Hurunui District Council. The photographs were also used to understand where AMF rights may apply. There was a general discussion with respect to ownership along the river and it was determined that further information was required with respect to some of those areas identified as esplanade strips / reserves.

It was questioned whether the landowner or the Council was responsible for enforcing the conditions on an esplanade instrument.

Working Party members were invited to provide suggestions to Mayor Jackson with respect to appropriate uses in the river, including proposed locations and timeframes for these uses.

*Action Points:*

- *Council Officers to research the history with respect to the creation of the Millist Esplanade Reserve.*
- *Copy of Council's legal opinion on AMF rights to be provided to all Working Party members*
- *Council Officers to find out whether the public have the right to access the river in those areas where the river directly adjoins an unformed legal road or crown land.*
- *Council Officers to determine whether unformed legal road on north side of Waipara River has been surveyed.*
- *Council Officers to identify the landowner / occupier of the land not administered by LINZ, DOC or Hurunui District Council near State Highway 1 bridge.*
- *Council Officers to find out further information regarding those areas that appear as esplanade strips downstream of SH1 bridge.*

Next meeting confirmed for 15 March 2010

Meeting closed 8.55pm