

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

PRESENT

Ross Williams, Brent Mcguire, Greg Bennett, Julie Coster, Douschka Saunders, Brian Jensen, Sarah Hughes-Games, Gareth Renowden, Fred Murray, Rob Gerard, Paul Williams, Mark Jones, Stewart Ward

APOLOGIES

Garry Jackson, Ross Little, Leigh Love, Norton Hiller, David Beer, Tony Fitzsimmonds, Andrew Parrish,

IN ATTENDANCE

Amelia Dalley (Chair), Helga Rigg (Minutes), Richard Goord, Chris Rhodes

MINUTES

There was disagreement between members of the Working Party with respect to the following paragraph: *'It was raised that T Lenihan mentioned in passing that some Māori also enjoy using vehicles and other such recreation in the riverbed and that this has become a cultural value'*.

Some members of the Working Group were of the view that just because Māori may enjoy using vehicles in the riverbed, that it could not be assumed that this is a cultural value. It was agreed to set this paragraph aside until the next meeting and to ratify the remainder of the minutes.

THAT THE PREVIOUS MINUTES BE ACCEPTED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE PARAGRAPH REFERRED TO ABOVE.

Williams/Williams

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING

Rabbit control Meeting report – there was a discussion on current rabbit control measures with landowners adjoining the Waipara River. Members of the Working Party expressed concern with respect to the potential use of 1080 poisoning and the possible closure of the river for up to 6 months after a poison drop. It was suggested that Steve Palmer, rabbit co-ordinator, be invited to the next meeting.

Action Point - Council Officers to keep the Working Group updated on any developments.

Millist Esplanade Reserve - Council Officers reported that the land contained within the reserve previously formed part of a property known as The Mound and was farmed by Mr Millist. Mr Millist agreed to sell 8 hectares of land directly adjoining Darnley Road to the Gospel Mission Trust (Camp David). A condition of the subdivision consent (RC/045) required that an esplanade reserve be created along the bank of the Waipara River. The reserve was established on completion of the subdivision on 19 May 1993.

WORKSHOP ON APPROPRIATE USE IN THE RIVER

The Working Party broke into small groups to discuss appropriate use of the riverbed. The outcome of the workshop was as follows:

- General agreement in relation to the three sensitive areas:
 - White Gorge to Doctors Gorge: no public vehicular access, walking access only.
 - Stringers Bridge to White Gorge: no public vehicular access other than restricted and controlled access to official combined 4WD club outings on specified dates and / or with permission of the landowner.
 - Waipara River Mouth: no public vehicular access other than on a defined tract providing access to the Rocks.
- Broad agreement regarding the section between SH1 / Boys Brigade and Stringers Bridge: public vehicular access to be limited to the SH1 area.
- Broad agreement that if there is to be any section of the riverbed to which vehicular access be permitted, that this should be limited to the section between SH1 and Greenwoods Bridge.
- Camping should generally be limited to the areas accessible from SH1 and the area downstream from Webbs Road in the willows.

Next meeting confirmed for 12 April 2010

Meeting closed 9.08pm