

MINUTES EMERGENCY SERVICES FOCUS GROUP WEDNESDAY 6 JUNE 2012 HELD IN THE RUAMAHANGA ROOM SWDC

PRESENT Clrs Riddell, Sexton, Gray, Craig and Officers Glenn Bunny and Mark Allingham.

APOLOGY Clr Davies

Previous minutes confirmed.

- 1 Confirmed that letters have gone out to all Emergency Service Team Leaders at local level with Job Description included inviting them to afternoon tea and meeting on 27 June 2012 after the Council meeting. Invitations also to other people who offered their services. Murray Johnson, Paul Walker and Craig Hamilton will be in attendance to present an update and details of their roles. All Councillors invited to attend.
- 2 A briefing on the CDEM management plan throughout the region was given by Mark and Glenn. The SWDC Business Continuity Plan was discussed, alongside our Response Plan and Regional Business Plan. Noted that SWDC switchboard needs upgrading so that 0800 number can be used. Present generator old and unreliable.
- 3 RECOMMENDATION TO LTP: That SWDC purchase a Power Gen generator 45-60 kva at approximate cost of \$35,000. This will enable our Business Continuity Plan to function with uses at Council Office, fresh water pumping stations, waste water stations and civil defence emergency management including lighting for welfare centres and being portable taken where the greatest need is. This would round off our Emergency Management Plan and we will all be assured that this generator would power up and do the hard work.
- 4 Meeting Closed at 1.45pm with the next meeting to be advised.

J Riddell

Focus Group Chair

## **WASTE WATER, WATER RACES & WATER SUPPLY MEETING HELD 6<sup>th</sup> JUNE AT 2.30 PM COUNCIL CHAMBERS SWDC**

**Present: Crs Sexton, Napier, Robertson, Gray, Riddell, Jepson and Mark Allingham**

### **Consents**

Mark outlined the progress made on consents since the last meeting. The consultation process has not gone well with Perception Planning; they are now only preparing the Greytown consent which is now 99% complete. Geange Consulting have been engaged and Mark and Bill are working with Kerry Geange who has submitted the last consent for Featherston. Greater Wellington has accepted the AEE for Featherston. Martinborough consent has been sent back with 6 different points raised; this will now be completed and re-submitted by Geange Consulting. Glenn Bunny joined the meeting and was thanked by Mark for his considerable efforts in the consent process.

### **Waste Water**

Cr Gray, as chairperson of the oxidation ponds, expressed concern about the delay of an update letter which was to all stakeholders to address their issues. Mark responded that if any issues are directed to Cr Gray he was to pass them on to Mark to deal with. Mark is happy to speak to any stakeholders with issues. Cr Gray asked that he speak to John Van Vleit. Mark also added the Community Boards have been updated by Mark via reports.

Part of the WW Strategy was land discharge to interested properties. Mark advised Cr Gray that the process had started. This is currently being drafted in more detail, however there is a lot more to do starting with piloting our own land first.

*Action: That an update letter is sent to all stakeholders and that Mark speaks to John Van Vleit.*

### **Water Races**

Cr Napier said she had noticed no maintenance work had been carried out on the races for at least the last 6 months. Mark said it will be part of our new maintenance contract.

A conflict of interest was declared by Perception Planning with Bob Tosswell. Glenn Bunny added SWDC had also been disappointed with the time lines given by Perception Planning. SWDC are now driving for productivity for the consents and although a lot of time has been wasted we are now back on track.

There was a discussion on Bob Tosswell's proposal of creating a dam. Cr Sexton said others have done this however Cr Napier said she would like to see the same playing field for all so if it's open to him what about the other properties. Mark explained about Bob's consent to GW, that SWDC are giving him a letter to support the initiatives in his consent and is happy to do the same for others if they wish to make them. Cr Gray wishes to have a copy of this, all agreed they need the letter circulated to them and that all parties/properties should have the benefits. Cr Gray tabled (attached) his recommendations with the need to look at the bigger picture and provide a total review of Moroa Water race – which should go into the LTP. Glenn added that Greytown could give an idea of the cost and time to put into the LTP.

*Action: A copy of the letter sent to Bob Tosswell to be circulated to the Focus Group.*

*Recommendation to Council: "That Council undertake a holistic review of the water race network in the District that;*

- Will provide a stocktake of all the water races in the District that identifies any existing issues that are compromising the optimal use of the network, acknowledging the original purpose of the water races as they were originally intended*
- Identify possible opportunities to improve the efficiency of water use and extend benefits to more water users*
- Identify any environmental and water quality concerns*
- Where possible work should complement or be carried out in accordance with the work on the water race resource consents and Bylaws*
- Provide a set of recommendations for the future purpose (including economic development), operation, maintenance and management of the network".*

## **Water**

Water meters are now all in with just a few leak repairs being made as they happen. Leak surveys have been completed across the three communities.

We have asked for an extension of time for the grant of work at Woodside. The first test bore was dry but the second test bore looks promising.

Mark discussed the power issues. A review of power was completed and the information back has shown little savings in waste water. We need more storage in Greytown and pumping off peak would give us some savings.

Greater Wellington is currently reviewing our consent application of water for the Greytown and Herrick's bore. Costing is coming in for another tank at the Featherston Bore.

Form letters for the public are being prepared for any problems with water in an emergency.

Cr Gray wanted to discuss Greytown Water. Mark discussed the power savings in filters etc., and that operational savings is a major focus. Cr Gray asked if Bassets Creek would be an option for additional water source. Cr Napier thought the water quality would not be up to standard. Mark will send someone to investigate.

Date for next meeting was not set. Chris Ferguson will send out meeting requests for availability.

Meeting closed 3.40pm.

Mark Allingham

8<sup>th</sup> June 2012

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**Attention Phillip Percy**

Dear Phillip

**PROPOSAL FOR USE OF MOROA WATER RACE**

Regarding Council's consideration of Mr Tosswill's proposal to utilize the Moroa Water Race for supplying irrigation water to his property. South Wairarapa District Council supports any proposals that:

- Increase the benefit of the existing infrastructure
- Assists economic development
- Provides improved environmental benefits

Council agrees to support the proposal in principle as summarised in your letter dated 16<sup>th</sup> May 2012 and look forward to receiving the details to be worked through before any formal agreement is made.

Yours sincerely

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