

MEETING MINUTES

Subject	Otahoua & Te Whiti Drains Consultation Meeting	File No.	
Time/Date	4.30pm, 4 th September 2023	Location	GWRC Chapel St

	Attendees	Company/Representative
1.	Tim Lewis (TL)	Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC)
2.	Fraser Woods (FW)	Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC)
3.	Scheme Member 1 (SM1)	Landowner/Otahoua Gravity Drain Scheme Member
4.	Scheme Member 2 (SM2)	Landowner/Otahoua Gravity Drain Scheme Member

Apologies: A total of 13 scheme members were not present

Item		Completed By	By When
1.	Introduction		
	TL introduced himself	NOTE	
	SM1 advised that the spraying completed last year was poor, however the year prior to that was good	NOTE	
	FW introduced himself	NOTE	
	TL started explaining the scheme; the focus is on the Otahoua Drain as there is no Te Whiti Drainage Scheme Members present	NOTE	
2.	Otahoua & Te Whiti Drainage Schemes Presentation/Feedback		
	TL proceeded with presenting the Otahoua & Te Whiti Drainage Schemes Presentation	NOTE	
	SM1 explained that the drain has been full for the past 18 months and was disappointed with the spraying works completed by a contractor engaged by GW	NOTE	
	TL advised that the spray needs to go onto the vegetation	NOTE	
	SM1 was disappointed that GW cannot access properties that won't grant access	NOTE	
	SM1 thought that this is why the scheme was set up, to allow GW access to the entire drain	NOTE	

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SM1 explained that the section shown in red, the deep section along the Otahoua Drain has been cleaned before	NOTE	
SM1 advised that it should only take 15 – 20 hours to clean out the entire drain	NOTE	
SM1 advised that the last time the drain was cleaned out, it was a good job but the digger that was used was a bit small	NOTE	
TL advised that minor spray works were completed last year	NOTE	
SM1 requested where the \$1,300 was spent	QUERY	
TL advised that spray diaries are to be confirmed	RESPONSE REQ.	NEXT MEETING
SM1 thought that there was only 4 in the scheme	NOTE	
SM2 wanted to confirm that it was just cattle in relation to the stock exclusion rules	NOTE	
TL discussed celery weed, both SM1 and SM2 haven't seen it on their properties	NOTE	
SM1 & SM2 both believe that machine cleaning is cheaper than spraying and/or the same price as spraying	NOTE	
SM2 mentioned that if GW cannot complete the spraying, then SM2 will look at other contractors	NOTE	
SM1 & SM2 are interested to see the falls through the drain	NOTE	
SM1 advised that they have tried to better the falls during previous cleans	NOTE	
SM2 requested for the maintenance works to be assessed during summer by Peter Hing	NOTE	
SM2 advised that if spraying is needed, then we should get someone locally. Potentially Lex?	NOTE	
TL advised that there might be better prices than our current spray contractor. Getting a machine in – can help with slumping	NOTE	

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SM1 requested records for the machine cleaning, it was only 20 hrs for the previous clean	NOTE
SM1 stated that the scheme was setup to protect scheme members and to ensure that landowners downstream wouldn't block out the drain	NOTE
SM1 stated that the whole idea is to protect scheme members	NOTE
SM1 spoke about the deepening of the drain that the district council paid half of	NOTE
TL asked if mechanical cleaning was preferred rather than spraying as needed, is more or less work needed	NOTE
SM1 would like to see the works programme over the past year. Nothing has happened over the past 18 months	NOTE
SM1 is happy with how things are going	NOTE
SM2 advised that GW and scheme members should look at the drain in Feb/March and decide what's needed	NOTE
SM1 explained that previously there was only one man in a ute that did a good job (done well). Now there is 6 guys in two utes who have done a poor job	NOTE
SM2 asked about the blockages in the Whangaehu River, around No. 2 and No. 7	NOTE
TL advised that Pete (Supervisor) is to call, carry on similar, liaison before works season	NOTE
SM1 advised that there are 8 rate payers (within the Otahoua Drainage Scheme) – 4 landowners + Energy	NOTE
TL advised that GW have homework to do	NOTE
FW asked if further information was needed on the website	NOTE
SM1 & SM2 answered no	NOTE
SM1 asked if it costs more for a contractor to come in rather than internal GW staff	NOTE
TL answered no	NOTE

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SM2 requested information on where the money spent last year	QUERY	
TL will advise on the above	RESPONSE REQ.	NEXT MEETING
SM1 asked how we could make the drain better	NOTE	
SM2 advised that the drain has a slump in it and there is work to be done	NOTE	
SM1 advised that there is 800mm of water in the drain TL asked if a mechanical clean was needed	NOTE	
SM1 advised that there are trees on a neighbouring property on both sides of the drain where a digger cannot get in (to complete a mechanical clean)	NOTE	
SM2 advised that when there is flooding within the Whangaehu River, it takes longer for the water to recede	NOTE	
TL closed out the meeting	NOTE	
Meeting Closed: 5.15pm		