

RECORD OF MEETING



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**Held in the Wainui Surf Club
13 November 2013 at 6pm**

PRESENT:

Cr Brian Wilson (chair), Kevin Strongman (Interim Environment and Planning Group Manager, GDC) Ronnie Amman, Peter Anderson, Dick Calcott, John Logan, Anne Muir, Chris Shaw, Jeff Allen, Sandy Bull, Simon Cave, Fleur Ferris, Virginia Gunness, Jennie Harre-Hindmarsh, Deryk Jenson, Allen Marx, Susan Marx, Stewart Patrick, Mike Vita.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Kim Smith (Special Projects Manager, GDC), Sheryl Smail (Pivotal), Lynnette Brown (Utilities Administrator, GDC), Grahame Smail (Park and Community Property Manager, GDC)

APOLOGIES:

Ingrid Searancke, Nikki Searancke, Rebecca Lander, Jamie Quirk, Larry Foster, Dein Ferris, Susan Bull, Andy Cranston, Phil Dreifuss, Peter Higgs

Record of meeting of the Key Stakeholder Forum for the Wainui Beach Management Strategy (WBMS)

1. Welcome

The Chair, Cr Brian Wilson, welcomed the attendees.

2. Purpose and Agenda

The Chair explained the purpose of the meeting:

- Walk KSF members through feedback on WBMS for Coastal Erosion Background & Discussion Document
- Agree key outcomes from feedback
- Determine what the KSF wants done next to take WBMS forward
- Next steps

An agenda for the meeting and a summary of activities since the last KSF meeting was also provided.

3. Presentation and Discussion of KSF Survey Results

Sheryl Smail presented a summary of feedback from the KSF survey participants.

Following was an extensive discussion. This included concern from some members about the scope of the project, i.e. its focus on hazards, and a desire to look more holistically at all the issues affecting the beach. It was noted that the KSF priorities developed at the beginning of the process were not focused on erosion management and property protection. Kevin Strongman responded that the project is trying to look at all issues holistically in determining the right approach to erosion management but is not proposing to solve all issues. The Chair, Cr Brian Wilson, indicated that Council is approached about erosion management and needs to determine its approach to this issue.

There also remained concern from some members about runoff in the headwaters of the Hamanatua Stream, water quality and flood management. It was noted that Wainui waterways are not the priority of the Fresh Water Advisory Group and the water plan. Kevin Strongman suggested these concerns be noted in the KSF advice to the Council on the strategy.

Some members expressed concern with the value of the ranking question in the survey and its analysis showing the average response and the range of responses. Others thought that each question provided a different perspective and all had value. It was also pointed out that only a small number of people were surveyed (only the KSF members), therefore the survey results provide mainly a qualitative insight (key messages), rather than quantitative information.

Discussion amongst the KSF suggested that there was confusion about the concept of retreat in the option "Soft Management and Community Led Retreat". Kim Smith explained that the intended meaning is that choices about whether to relocate/remove assets would be left to the property owner as applies currently and in contrast to retreat being forced through regulation, which is proposed in Option 5. KSF members pointed out that community led retreat could be called a component of all options 1-4 and it put a negative spin on Option 4 by including the retreat message in its title. KSF members present indicated a large degree of support for this option and broadly agreed that the results of the survey on this option were unreliable.

4. Vision

The GDC staff working group proposed that the draft vision in the discussion document be retained but, to meet some KSF member concerns, a set of broad goals and principles be added. In response it was suggested that the guiding vision for the strategy should be broader, i.e. about the management of Wainui Beach rather than the management of coastal hazards. Similarly it was proposed that the principle on evidence based approach should not be limited to coastal management.

DRAFT VISION AGREED

"Integrated management of Wainui Beach that conserves and enhances the environment for current and future generations"

Broad Goals:

- Retain beach access (public and private)
- Protect property (public and private)
- Conserve and enhance the natural environment

Key Principles:

- Evidence based approach
- Management strategy supported and relevant over longer term
- Natural ecology of beach sustained
- Needs of beach users and beachfront property owners balanced
- Integrated and holistic approach recognising different issues along beach
Affordability of management strategies for current and future generations
- Iconic surf breaks protected
- Community and tangata whenua values reflected
- Broad community acceptance

5. Agreeing Key Outcomes for the Strategy

The Chair led a discussion to determine the key outcomes/messages that could be taken from the survey results. This focused on validating the summary points provided in Sheryl Smail's presentation.

5 Options:

- Buy Time is most preferred option AGREED - Although noting concern that results on Soft Management and Community Led Retreat are not reliable.
- Soft Management is a supported AGREED - although concern was expressed by one member about geobags being used as part of soft management.
- Most respondents were in agreement with, or open to, protection works being used in some areas AGREED
- Retreat Focus is least preferred option AGREED

Regulatory Tools:

- Most in agreement with restricting subdivision AGREED
- Most in agreement with designing for relocatability AGREED
- Most in agreement with, or open to, restricting building additions & alterations, in Extreme & High Hazard Zones NOT AGREED - While the survey results indicated support for these options, at the meeting there were concerns expressed about this with the view that development should be at the property owner's own risk.

- Covenants have lowest level of responses in agreement AGREED

Concern was expressed that it depends what parts of the beach respondents were thinking about when answering the regulatory questions.

Hard Protection Structures

- High level of agreement with training wall at Hamanatua Stream & Wainui Stream AGREED
- High level of agreement, or willingness to consider, rock revetment Tuahine Crescent, North of Tuahine Crescent & immediately south of Wainui Stream AGREED - although there was concern expressed that there were many messages in the survey).
- High level of disagreement with cobble berm revetment or rock revetment north of Stock Route AGREED

Beach Nourishment

- Survey showed support for beach nourishment AGREED – although noting concerns about cost of option.

Dune Enhancement

- Supported all along the beach – AGREED

Beach Scraping

- Survey showed support North of Wainui Stream to Hamanatua Stream and North of Hamanatua Stream AGREED - noting members concerns that specialists engaged to provide advice.
- While the survey indicated split views for beach scraping south of Wainui Stream, an alternative proposal was put that it was supported beach scraping all along the beach – AGREED - noting members concerns that specialists engaged to provide advice.

Financial Instruments

- Survey shows low support for financial instruments - AGREED

6. Next Steps

- Kevin Strongman explained that to ensure appropriate budgets are allocated to implement the strategy it will need to be presented to the Council in May/June 2014.
- The KSF was asked to pencil in a potential meeting on 11 December. This would need to be confirmed once consultants were contacted.
- The Chair asked the KSF for guidance on how to take the project forward. There was a strong desire expressed to have the feedback drawn into some tangible options - drawings and concept details for the length of the beach. Kevin said he would contact Richard to get him to progress this.

- Several expressed strongly that Richard and Jim should both be developing the options going forward.
- Kevin said he would be working through Richard Reinen-Hamill and that Richard and Jim Dahm had worked together in the past.

7. “Fridge”

Issues that were raised but not addressed in the meeting were:

- Whether it would be possible to use Council road reserve for relocation of buildings (can the land be transferred to landowners)?