

RECORD OF MEETING



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Open Stakeholder meeting held in the Wainui Surf Lifesaving Club, Moana Road, Gisborne on Wednesday 5 December 2012 at 6.pm

PRESENT:

Chair: Peter Higgs Deputy Chief Executive/Group Manager Engineering & Works (Gisborne District Council), Gisborne District Council staff: Water Utilities Manager Kevin Strongman, Property Services Manager Grahame Smail, Utilities Admin Assistant Lynnette Brown and Secretarial Services Supervisor Jill Simpson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Members of the public (refer to attendance register attached).

APOLOGIES:

Cr Brian Wilson, Sheryl Smail, Susie Bull, Jenny Harre-Hindmarsh and Simon Cave

Record of Wainui Beach Management Strategy (WBMS)

Open Stakeholder Meeting

1. Welcome and Purpose

Deputy Chief Executive Peter Higgs welcomed everyone to the meeting. He told the meeting the purpose is to provide feedback on the WBMS. The Working Group (WG) are working out options which are then taken to the Key Stakeholders Forum (KSF) and then to the open stakeholder group.

Water Utilities Manager Kevin Strongman thanked the group for attending and updated the stakeholders on the WBMS. Kevin thanked the representatives on the WG or KSF. They are the conduits for any information you may require.

Kevin outlined the meeting process and said there would be an opportunity for questions of clarification, comment and discussion. He said the purpose of the WBMS was:

- To develop a sustainable strategy that identifies the preferred management of coastal hazards affecting Wainui Beach taking into consideration the wider economic, environmental, social, recreational and cultural context.
- The goal is to achieve a WBMS that has broad acceptance amongst the community because it will provide a framework for future development and decisions related to Wainui Beach.

The KSF Group consists of 28 members committed to attending a meeting each month. The KSF need broad acceptance from the Wainui community to put forward into the Strategy.

The Working Group work within the KSF guidance and agree work plans with the KSF.

The Specialist Advisers consist of Richard Reinen-Hamill (engineering and scientific background) and Dr Amber Dunn.

Kevin spoke to his Powerpoint presentation and the following was noted:

- Council will make the final decision on the WBMS.
- The Gibbs Report broke Wainui Beach into four distinct areas but we cannot do any one thing in isolation, it must be within the entire beach.
- Wainui Beach is a closed beach, ie sand within the system stays within the system (approximately 5% is lost).
- Large storm events that have occurred have lined up with the astronomical (tidal) cycle.
- Sea level rise is occurring at a faster rate than expected.
- The Hamanatua Stream training wall stops the stream migrating south. It is working well as a training wall but not as a groyne.
- There are three other groynes but they are buried and basically ineffective. The groynes are not significant enough to do what they are meant to do. They are too short in length. For groynes to be effective they need to be 3:1 and approximately 100m long and that is in a low impact situation. Wainui Beach would be classed as a high impact situation.
- Initially thought that Groyne 27 was working well but after discussion with Dr Amber Dunn and Richard Reinen-Hamill the broad acceptance is that it is doing more harm than good and not doing what it was designed to do.
- Vertical seawalls may help protect properties directly behind but are not acceptable as outlined in the Regional Coastal Policy.
- Riprap also helps protect properties directly behind them. Because they are sloped they absorb the energy.
- Gabions are used in river protection schemes because that is what they are designed for. They are not designed for beach protection.
- The beach at the southern end is attempting to realign.
- There is long term and cyclical erosion.
- Must look at the future especially 50 – 100 years.
- Richard Reinen-Hamill maintains that any infrastructure provided in certain locations is not going to hold forever, it is only buying time.
- Looking at reviewing the hazard zones.
- A more detailed analysis will take place on the following options:
 - prohibiting to developments within 100 year hazard zone
 - cobble berm revetment
 - dune enhancement
 - emergency Geobag protection
 - asset relocation/abandonment
 - rock revetments
 - beach nourishment

- Looking at the beach as a whole and developing a strategy.
- Tuahine Point is eroding at a faster pace.

Kevin told the meeting that during December, January and February the WBMS document will be populated. The WG will meet mid to late February followed by the KSF to reach an agreement on the discussion document. There will be another opportunity to have discussions on the document for those not on the KSF.

Minutes of the meetings are available on the Gisborne District Council website.

Questions

Q At the end of the process is there a possibility that nothing will be done?

A Yes, that is a possibility. Some of the structures that already exist may also be removed.

Q What about the effect of development on the beachfront?

A That will also be considered.

Q What is the relationship with the Regional Coastal Policy?

A Sections within the Policy must be abided by.

Q Because of developments inland, the quality of the stormwater is poor. Is anything being done?

A Peter explained that last winter there were many extreme events with large amounts of runoff.

Q How long will it be before something is done regarding the standard of the stormwater?

A Peter said Council was reasonably satisfied with quantity. The quality is difficult to control.

Kevin thanked people in WF and KSF for volunteering their time and effort.

The meeting concluded at 7.25pm.

Kevin Strongman

Convenor

Next Meeting: early 2013