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Subject	Ahikouka & Taumata Drain Consultation Meeting	File No.	
Time/Date	4.30pm, 6 th September 2023	Location	GWRC Chapel St

	Attendees	Company
1.	Tim Lewis (TL)	Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC)
2.	Fraser Woods (FW)	Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC)
3.	Scheme Member 1 (SM1)	Landowner/Ahikouka Gravity Drain Scheme Member
4.	Scheme Member 2 (SM2)	Landowner/Scheme Member
5.	Scheme Member 3 (SM3)	Landowner/Ahikouka Gravity Drain Scheme Member
6.	Scheme Member 4 (SM4)	Landowner/Manaia Gravity Drain Scheme Member

Apologies: A total of 31 scheme members were not present

Item		Completed By	By When
1.	Introduction		
	TL – Introductions	NOTE	
2.	Ahikouka & Taumata Drainage Schemes Presentation/Feedback		
	TL proceeded with presenting the Ahikouka & Taumata Drainage Schemes Presentation	NOTE	
	SM4 asked what work has been done on the drains, they are annually sprayed, which we know and what else has been done?	NOTE	
	TL advised that he would go through these queries during the presentation	NOTE	
	SM4 advised that they belong to the Manaia Drain	NOTE	
	TL advised that the Manaia Drain meeting was the previous night, however the content within this presentation will be relevant	NOTE	
	SM1 raised a point from the content/presentation, 1.44km is roadside drainage. Do you understand that over half of that	NOTE	

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	<p>distance is actually inside peoples' boundaries, not outside the boundary? Is GW aware that part of that is within scheme members properties</p> <p>TL answered, yes, we are aware of that, it's just stating that we have access from the roadside to maintain the drain</p> <p>SM4 asked, does the spray kill the water life?</p> <p>TL advised that the spray is supposed to be water friendly and just targets the vegetation</p> <p>SM4 advised that some people don't want their drains sprayed, so GW doesn't spray them? Why can they get away with their drains not being sprayed? When they do get sprayed all the dead stuff actually mounts up in the drain and wipes out bridges and all sorts of stuff</p> <p>TL advised that the drains are owned by the landowners and where the drain is on private land, we need permission to go on that land to complete any work; so it's down to the landowners, if they don't want it done for any reason then we have really little power to go in and enforce the maintenance works</p> <p>SM4 asked who changed the rules (in relation to permitted activity rules for GW have changed)?</p> <p>TL answered that it has basically derived from legislation, new legislation that has come up that has quite an effect on GW</p> <p>SM4 asked, so how do we go about anything caused by flooding that needs to be fixed (in relation to the responsibility of the landowner)</p> <p>TL advised that the scheme will fix the flooding but the damage caused by the flooding; the scheme hasn't got the resources or the funding to be able to fix the damage caused</p> <p>SM2 left the meeting</p> <p>SM1 advised that I have already spoken to a couple of the neighbours. Most of us have already been doing our own spraying. Those people are more than happy to do that themselves rather than wait for contractors that might come at the wrong time. I think what we need to do with the</p>	<p>NOTE</p>	
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	<p>numbers in our scheme that aren't particularly online tonight is look at conducting a survey. I know your documents talked about having a committee. I'm quite happy to organise a survey of the neighbours around who wants spraying and who doesn't. As far as the 5- or 6-year machine cleaning, it won't be happening at my place. The last couple of times it's been done they have created such a mess that they've caused all the sides to fall in because they've dug too deep; so that's a no, that won't be happening as far as I'm concerned</p> <p>TL asked which drainage scheme are you in?</p> <p>SM1 responded, Ahikouka. We happen to have one of the deepest sections. The last time they turned up here we weren't even consulted. The first thing I knew when I came home from work was the piles of mud inside my property that no one had asked me about</p> <p>TL advised that's not what we want. We don't want surprises like that, so I do apologise that that's happened to you</p> <p>SM1 advised that it happened to all the neighbours either side of me as well, they had no idea and got landed with piles of mud and when they dig so deep, its actually deep blue clay and it goes hard</p> <p>TL responded, yes that's not correct at all, and I do apologise. Feedback from Ahikouka Drainage Scheme is that you are almost suggesting that you want to disband the scheme and sort of give everything back to the landowner to manage?</p> <p>SM1 advised that we would have to survey the members of the scheme, there are very few of us online, but I'm happy to get around them, there is 18 of them and I would probably need a list. I know all of my neighbours, but there may be some that I'm not aware of due to land ownership and things. But most of its pretty self-explanatory of who's in the scheme and to deliver them a bit of survey of what's been discussed here, and the way forward wouldn't take much at all</p> <p>TL advised, that's great and we appreciate your offer of help with that. We will get in touch after the meeting and see how we can help you with that</p> <p>SM3 advised that, clearly, we all need to have a chat, all the members of the scheme. I agree with SM1 in the sense that</p>	<p></p> <p>NOTE</p> <p>NOTE</p> <p>NOTE</p> <p>NOTE</p> <p>NOTE</p> <p>NOTE</p> <p>NOTE</p> <p>ACTION</p> <p>NOTE</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p>NEXT MEETING</p>
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	<p>we just need to understand, all of us need to understand what we need to do</p> <p>SM3 advised that they missed the beginning/start of the presentation, when was it last sprayed do you know? because there seems to be a lot of weed there at the moment and the drain around our area is very full, our culvert is full all the time and the water is barely moving through so has it been sprayed this year?</p> <p>TL advised, no it hasn't, the next spray is due before Christmas</p> <p>SM3 advised, okay</p> <p>TL advised that Fraser will take down your details and we will get in touch. If the culverts blocked, we will come out and make sure its freed up</p> <p>SM3 advised that it's not completely blocked, but a little bit of water is getting through, but its full all of the time and the rivers right down so the drain is quite full</p> <p>TL advised that we will get in touch after the meeting and come and see if there is a problem with the blockage on your property</p> <p>SM3 advised, thank you</p> <p>SM4 raised a concern regarding the Manai road drain; when we had lots and lots of rain in February the drain was more or less chocker and there was hardly any water running down the far end of it, it was more or less all dammed up because of all the junk and everything in it and then that built up on our property and it nearly came into our house. We have put a drain in ourselves, right along and that's (since) helped it, still there is other properties that I would like to go and have a bit of a walk with someone that have dammed up the jolly creek and that is not letting the water get away and that's created less fall for our water that's running off our property. There needs to be something done about it because we nearly ended up with water through our house because of the creek being dammed up by someone. I actually went walking through the property and all of a sudden, they let the water go. That shouldn't be happening, its causing flooding and that its not the weed in the creek its actually the level of the creek has been lifted by being dammed up further on down the</p>	<p></p> <p>NOTE</p> <p>NOTE</p> <p>NOTE</p> <p>ACTION</p> <p>NOTE</p> <p>ACTION</p> <p>NOTE</p> <p>NOTE</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p>NEXT MEETING</p> <p></p> <p>NEXT MEETING</p> <p></p> <p></p>
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