

## MEETING MINUTES

<b>Subject</b>	Battersea Drain Consultation Meeting	<b>File No.</b>	
<b>Time/Date</b>	4.30pm, 11 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	<b>Location</b>	GWRC Chapel St

	Attendees	Company
1.	Tim Lewis (TL)	Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC)
2.	Fraser Woods (FW)	Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC)
3.	Hamish Fenwick (HF)	Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC)
4.	Scheme Member 1 (SM1)	Landowner/Scheme Member
5.	Scheme Member 2 (SM2)	Landowner/Scheme Member
6.	Scheme Member 3 (SM3)	Landowner/Scheme Member

**Apologies:** A total of 104 scheme members were not present

Item		Completed By	By When
<b>1.</b>	<b>Introduction</b>		
	TL – Introductions	NOTE	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Battersea Drainage Scheme Presentation/Feedback</b>		
	TL proceeded with the presentation	NOTE	
	SM1 advised, no, I've got none at all really (in relation to feedback). Where I'm situated on the scheme, I'm right at the bottom end of it, so none of the management that currently is undertaken has much impact on me at all	NOTE	
	TL, responded, thanks SM1	NOTE	
	SM2 advised, I'm just interested in the engagement process. There is a 107 of us, I'm a smaller member, I've only got the drain in the front of my house but obviously there is some large landowners that have got the drain running through their properties. It sounds to me like costs aren't going to come down and there needs to be some kind of engagement with those 107 members. I can see there's two other people (in the meeting) which is a little bit worrying given that if we were to have a flood the result could be a huge flood; so, we do need to talk about this. I'm not sure who I'm talking to I guess I don't know who was leading the meeting because I came in late, apologies; but what do we do now in terms of engaging with the other 107 members to try and get some consensus on what people want to do?	NOTE	

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	<p>TL responded, yes, it is a disappointing attendance really. We have written to everybody, everybody was invited. We've not had anybody sort of say they wanted to change the venue or change the time or anything, which we could have accommodated</p>	NOTE	
	<p>SM2 queried, that was just a letter put in the letter box wasn't it?</p>	NOTE	
	<p>SM3 responded, it was an email</p>	NOTE	
	<p>SM2 advised, email, oh I didn't get an email I just got a letter in the letter box. I nearly threw it away</p>	NOTE	
	<p>FW advised, if we had your email address then we would have sent you an email with the letter in the email and if we didn't have your email address then we would have mailed it out to you</p>	NOTE	
	<p>SM2 responded, okay can I suggest then that maybe one of the three of us on this call and I'm quite happy to do it, is to email all the other people in the scheme and say guys we need to make some decisions here. If you don't engage, decisions will be made for you because decisions have to be made because it can't continue the way it is. I don't know SM3, I don't know you at all, I'm probably sounding a little bit assertive here or SM1, but obviously we do need to talk to other people and find out what they are feeling and thinking about this</p>	NOTE	
	<p>FW advised, no we totally agree, totally agree yup</p>	NOTE	
	<p>SM2 advised, I don't know whether a local resident might be a better way forward and say actually guys we live here, this is our community and if we don't get this right when there is a major flood who are we going, where do we go?</p>	NOTE	
	<p>FW responded, yup so in a minute TL is going to go to the next slide, and in that slide there it's going to suggest having a meeting within two to three months and we are hoping to put forward some options to the scheme members, and obviously we are hoping for a greater attendance than tonight</p>	NOTE	
	<p>SM2 advised, okay, well I'm going to volunteer to be, I'm quite happy SM3/SM1 if you're interested, if you think it's a good idea or bad idea just let me know, but I'm quite happy to email or ring or knock on the door to all the other 107 members, and</p>	NOTE	

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	<p>say this meeting is important and you need to be there. I've seen the flooding that happens here, it's not funny. It's something that we think about all the time, we have a drain at the back, and we have a drain at the front (of our property), the drain at the back is not a Battersea drain but it is a part of the network. It wouldn't take much, I've been working in Tairāwhiti so I know how easy this happens, it wouldn't take much for water to reach the level that it would flood houses around here and there are more houses, so it is really important that we get these people engaged. I would image its probably just apathy more than anything and not understanding the gravity of the situation. So, I'm quite happy to volunteer to do that if it's okay to share people's private information or whether I write a letter and you forward it onto them as a resident, whatever way we can do this. Maybe get some coverage in the local paper not that everyone reads the paper, put it on the Greytown social media pages, just find different ways of getting people's attention</p>		
	<p>FW advised, yup, so we won't be able to provide you with the contact details of the scheme members, but we will look at alternative methods for the next meeting to make sure we get better attendance, and we can put flyers up in libraries, we can put something in the paper, we can put something in social media. We are just trying to reach out to everyone that is a scheme member</p>	NOTE	
	<p>SM2 responded, social media would be a good place to start, I think. I mean is there any possibility of being able to give addresses, along the scheme. Is there a list that's available that maybe we could just go and knock on doors and say guys</p>	NOTE	
	<p>FW advised, yeah, that's something I would need to discuss and come back to you</p>	ACTION	NEXT MEET
	<p>SM2 responded, okay, because you are not going to get the engagement unless we go to people, they are not going to come to us</p>	NOTE	
	<p>FW advised, no, we fully agree</p>	NOTE	
	<p>SM2 responded, yup, SM3/SM1, I'm talking on behalf of you two there, you chip in</p>	NOTE	
	<p>SM3 provided an introduction and advised, I'm very new to the area, in fact we haven't actually moved into our land just yet.</p>	NOTE	

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	<p>We've been working on the land and we are moving a transportable house onto the land next week or the week after, so yeah very new. I actually would like to understand just a little bit more, so for our property the drain comes along and then towards the end of it, it just kind of stops. I don't quite understand what/how that happens. What it does is it floods part of our land so that's why I'm interested to know exactly what's what with that</p> <p>FW responded, okay SM3, we'll need to get your address and we might need to come out and have a look</p> <p>SM3 advised, okay, that would be much appreciated just to understand what's going on. I'm not adverse to having a wet area but it did get very wet this year so it would be good to understand what's what. I agree with SM2, we want to do something about this, we do want to engage, so however I can help with that, I don't have a lot of time for going and knocking on doors but however I can help with that I would be happy to do what I can</p> <p>FW responded, thank you</p> <p>TL advised, well thanks both for your offer of assistance, we will definitely take you up on that and we will check with our team here on what information we are allowed to release or not, and we will have a catch up with you and see how we can get this information out there to the rest of the scheme members</p> <p>SM2 advised, I'll send an email to gravity drains</p> <p>SM3 queried, who do I contact if we don't want sprays, who do we contact?</p> <p>FW responded, you can send it to <a href="mailto:gravitydrains.govt.nz">gravitydrains.govt.nz</a>, otherwise like TL said when the sprayers are coming out to your property they will contact you, so you can change it at the last minute</p> <p>SM3 replied, okay, alright, thanks</p> <p>TL closed out the meeting</p>	<p></p> <p>ACTION</p> <p>NOTE</p> <p>NOTE</p> <p>ACTION</p> <p>NOTE</p> <p>NOTE</p> <p>NOTE</p> <p>NOTE</p>	<p></p> <p>NEXT MEET</p> <p></p> <p>NEXT MEET</p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p>
<p><b>Meeting Closed: 5.02pm</b></p>			