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Meeting Title: Wairoa Wastewater – Inaugural Stakeholder Focus Group Meeting
Date & Time: Monday 10th April 2017; 9:30-12:30pm
Location: Memorial Hall (Meeting Room)
Organiser: Jamie Cox
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Stakeholder Group Attendees: Charles Lambert; Jean Cooper; Katarina Kawana; Naomi Wilson; Paul Kelly; Gary Mayo; Beretta Keefe; Michelle McIlroy; Paul Sullivan;
WDC Staff and Project Team: Jamie Cox; Duane Culshaw; Moira Barber; Neil Cook; Hamish Lowe.
Apologies: Craig Little
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Timing	Activity
9:30 am	<p>Session 1 - Introduction</p> <p>Discussion: Karakia Mihi/Introductions Purpose of Stakeholder Group Roles & Responsibilities</p> <p>Outcome: Ultimately any decisions about how to proceed are the responsibility of the elected representatives (Councillors). The Stakeholder Group is not a decision making group, but group to help guide council. Group is to help Council develop best practicable option (BPO) Refer to Pilot Hill as Rangihoua Discuss ability for any plan to be implemented over time i.e. doesn't necessarily need to be in place immediately – there is acknowledgement that changes will take time and resources to put in place Accepting a role on the Stakeholder Group is commitment. Having new people coming and going would not be helpful to the process. Where someone misses a meeting we will do what is required to 'catch up' – this is preferable to anyone sending a delegate. Will be need to do some 'homework' between meetings so fast progress can be made</p>
10.00 am	<p>Session 2 – Big Picture</p> <p>Discussion: Overview of Wairoa's existing Wastewater system Public engagement Q & A</p>



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	<p>Outcome:</p> <p>Current discharge is to the river. People need to be aware of it. If there are concerns, now is the time/chance to do something about it. Need to make sure we engage with the whole community and not just parts of it. Need to balance 4 pillars: -Cultural -Environmental -Recreational/social -Financial</p> <p>Whatever system the community may want needs to be workable and affordable by the community. No 'external' funding is available at the moment, but this doesn't stop asking. Consent process means that need to try and have BPO established later this year and consents lodged with Regional Council by end of next year.</p>
10:45 am	Morning Tea
11:15 am	<p>Session 3 – What We Know</p> <p>Discussion: Summarise Q & A from Session 2 Current wastewater system Issues with wastewater system Resource consents Q & A</p> <p>Outcome: Lot of reticulation and parts of it leak Has been pump station overflows, but likely when river is flowing high Diffuser has been added to current outfall to stop it getting blocked Stormwater getting into pipes is a big problem, through both leaks in main pipes and also 'illegal' connections. Up-river land use (farming/forestry/Waihi Dam) and other dischargers likely to impact on water quality; not just WDC discharge. WDC impact on water quality may not be causing harmful effects Shared what other communities are doing; issues facing Wairoa no different</p>
11.45 am	<p>Session 4 – Where To From Here</p> <p>Discussion: Summarise Q & A from Session 3 Themes and Options for wastewater discharge Q & A</p> <p>Outcome: Good decisions based on good information Need to pull together existing technical information to make informed decisions. Wairoa Restoration Group have a lot of information. This needs to be added to pool of information. We have a journey we need to take. This will build knowledge and information on the journey to arrive at the destination which is a recommendation of a preferred option. Group encouraged to speak to others and share process and information. Group wants more information on treatment Good to visit Wairoa WWTP and other sites to see what is done. Need to collect information to allow the 4 pillars to be 'balance' – it is not all about</p>



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12.30pm	<p data-bbox="336 338 699 371">Session 5 – Administration</p> <p data-bbox="336 383 874 568">Discussion: Record keeping Communication Meeting schedule Contacts and administration of group Other Business</p> <p data-bbox="336 580 1417 862">Outcome: Everyone got 'living' folder. This is to be added to over time. All happy to share contact details There will be information circulated to read/comment on before next meeting Agreed a 'name' for the project would be good. This includes imagery. Naomi will coordinate a subgroup to work on this. Meetings will be every 3-4 weeks for next 6 months Next meeting in about 3 weeks. Meeting attendance fee will be paid. Jamie to contact each individually to discuss.</p>
1.00pm	Lunch