



**Meeting Minutes – Porangahau and Te Paerahi Wastewater Community Hui #2**

<b>Project</b>	Porangahau and Te Paerahi Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades	<b>From</b>	Darren de Klerk
<b>Subject</b>	Community Hui		
<b>Venue/</b>	The Duke of Edinburgh (1 Abercromby Street, Porangahau)		
<b>Date/Time</b>	18 March 2020, 18:00pm		
<b>Present</b> Council/ Consultants	Cr Kate Taylor (Councillor) Cr Brent Muggeridge (Councillor) Hamish Lowe (LEI) Katie Beecroft (LEI) Reynold Ball (DHB)		Josh Lloyd (CHBDC) Darren de Klerk (CHBDC) Dean Alsop (CHBDC, part meeting) Sophia Chan (Veolia, part meeting)
<b>Present</b> Community	Don Stevenson Pauline McDonald Tassie Houkama Horiana Ropiha Tama Houkama Shane Tutaki Rose Tahuparae		Angela Houkama Ihipera Ropiha Don Tipene Jude Henry Reihana Sciascia Morehu Smith Anthony Tipene-Matua
<b>Apologies</b>	Wikitoria Brown Karl Tipene		Will Foley (HBRC Councillor) John Crawford (BECA)* <i>*due to Covid-19 travel restrictions</i>

Hui Invitation communicated via:

**Meeting Notice** – provided as a flyer in all letterboxes, on our facebook page as an event and on our website: <https://www.chbdc.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/002155-Porangahau-TePaerahi-WastewaterEvent-Flyer-a.pdf>

*Central Hawke's Bay District Council would like to invite the community to an open meeting to present an update on the wastewater options related to the Porangahau and Te Paerahi wastewater treatment plants as we head towards replacing the resource consent expiring in mid-2021. The hui will be to hear and share with the community the progress we have made on options available as we work towards a best practicable option (BPO) for the future of wastewater in the towns.*



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<p><b>Josh Lloyd (CHBDC)</b> – opened the meeting and outlined CHBDCs commitment to listening to the community and considering their point of view. Discussed district wide obligations for moving on and implementing infrastructure projects. Gave examples.</p> <p><b>Darren de Klerk (CHBDC)</b> – introduced the project and progress to date. Used a slide presentation (<a href="#">attached</a>). Summarised previous meeting and provided an update on work undertaken. Acknowledged frustration within the community over speed of process, but noted it was not simple.</p> <p><b>Hamish Lowe (LEI)</b> – outlined the land and water discharge options and decision making process as given in presentation slides.</p> <p>Presented the three basic options of 1: river discharge, 2: land discharge and 3: combination of land and water.</p> <p>Noted that intention of all options was for Te Paerahi to cease discharge at current site and for discharge to be joined with Porangahau. Ideally, Te Paerahi ponds would be relocated to Porangahau or a new site. While a basic system could be several million dollars, a total rebuild of new treatment and irrigation for both communities could exceed \$10 million.</p> <p>Community needed to consider how strong the push was to make change as it has to be affordable – someone has to pay for it and the current budget only provides for a minimal change. The ultimate solution could be developed over time as funds and opportunities became available. Therefore, important to consider staging of proposal. Acceptance of this concept.</p> <p>Discussed the need to manage very wet conditions. In winter soils will be too wet to irrigate. To provide for storage for worst case wet conditions would be extremely expensive and they would be used infrequently. Therefore consideration should be given to 'relief' valve, being the use of a seasonal land passage or even direct river discharge system. This could be limited to flood flows in the river. There was general appreciation and pragmatism of this dilemma/issue i.e. not support but not opposition.</p> <p><b>Katie Beecroft (LEI)</b> – presented mapping of landscape and water properties around the two communities as given in presentation slides. This was to assist with identifying areas that could be used for irrigation.</p> <p><b>General</b> Following the presentation, the group discussed key aims/objectives for the new systems. Information recorded from the group is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Not in river<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ High flow possible</li><li>○ Include land passage</li></ul></li><li>• Cease at Te Paerahi (discharge and treatment)</li><li>• Away from river</li></ul>	<p><b>Note</b></p>



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- Cockle beds adjacent
- Landscape needs more trees
  - Irrigate
  - Natives
  - Biodiversity
- Need trust
- Community involvement
- Tour of sites
- Maori funding

Discussed need to identify critical area of significance to Maori.?

**Action: CHBDC** - To provide a map to community members identify key areas to avoid with envelope for return postage.

Discussed possible land areas and farmers who might be interested in irrigation. Several names were exchanged for CHBDC to follow up on.

**Action: CHBDC** – discuss with landowners once suitable land identified.

Hui to be held at Rongomaraeroa marae to further discuss project and cultural impacts, drivers and how we progress a CIA when required.

**Action:** Rongomaraeroa and CHBDC to arrange hui, was planned for 5 April, but to be postponed due to COVID-19 restrictions.

**Meeting closed at 20:10 on Wed 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

**Next Community Hui Proposed for June/ July 2020**