

## 12. CARTWRIGHTS STREAM NATURALISATION

RR 8048

A report from the Water Services Unit sought support to implement minor waterway enhancement works in Cartwrights Stream.

Details of the background to this particular project were elaborated on along with the specific elements of the intended works. Mention was also made in the report to legal matters associated with protecting the Council's investment in drainage assets undertaken on private property.

In an accompanying comment in the agenda, the Board Chairman referred to the concerns expressed earlier this year that the Council's enhancement programme seemingly provided a benefit to private land owners and by virtue of what was set out in the report believed it appropriate that clarification of any legal issues involved be sought before this particular project was progressed any further.

The Land Drainage Manager from the Water Services Unit was in attendance and he responded on this and other related matters regarding the Council's waterway enhancement programme.

The Board **decided** that subject to clarification from the Legal Services Manager regarding the legal matters mentioned in the report, the Board supports the implementation of the planting project for Cartwrights Stream and furthermore that a flexibility of plant colour and species be introduced.