

<b>ORGANISATION</b>	Chamber of Commerce	<b>DATE</b>	21/03/2018	<b>NOTES TAKEN BY</b>	Edwina Ashwell
<b>MEMBERS (28)</b>	Mayor Meng Foon, Councillor Larry Foster, Councillor Malcolm McLean, Nedine Thatcher-Swann (GDC), Pauline Foreman (GDC) James Baty (GDC) Nick Zaman (GDC), Heather Kohn (GDC), Edwina Ashwell (GDC), Terry Sheldrake, Lena Bevan, Paul Naske, Kathy Sheldrake, Les McGreevy, Tony Simpson, Trevor Jukes, Joe Martin, Belinda McKay, Sue Costello, Johan Jacobs, Hec Ramsay, Nikki Archdale, John Hockey, Kevin Taylor, Dianne Taylor, Ian Chatfield, Richard Searle, J. Larsens.				

**ACTION REQUIRED****1. Endeavours**

Member: What about the Endeavours?

Response: They are coming, Mayor Foon acknowledged Councillor McLean who is part of a working group to have them replaced. They could be in by December.

No action required

**2. Weir**

Member: Is there any possibility of reviewing the weir system in the river? If we had a weir system we would have a place to for all recreation users to be.

Response: Mayor Foon has been seeking this out for a while. Councillor Foster, "we met today actually to try and determine needs for water users. The Weir at the moment has not been considered a priority."

No action required

**3. Forestry Rates**

Member: 25% for forestry is one off, or is that on average every year for the next 10 years?

Response: The way we present what the rates increases are, are based on the previous year. Discussion followed about commercial rates increases.

No action required

**4. UAGC**

Member: Page 52, the UAGC, when was the last time council reviews UAGC?

Response: Every year, and it is not allowed to exceed 30% of the total rate.

No action required

**5. Tourism**

Member: There will be a greater increase of tourists, camper vans. We only seem to be scratching the surface of tourism opportunities. Are you confident that this LTP will cater to this need?

Response: Yes I'm confident, we can actually water 60k people. The pressure comes from the campervans. The govt has offered support for small regions to cater to tourist infrastructure through grants. But we need more motels/hotels, there is a chronic shortage.

No action required

**6. Roads**

Member: Roads, what is the investment you are looking or

Response: 100m

Member: Are you confident this is enough, there are more trucks coming, it seems to be at capacity now, it doesn't seem enough.

Response: This Govt is interested and this is what they are offering. This is a one-time lolly scramble of 3 billion dollars, so we lobby as hard as we can. In terms of confidence in securing the 100, on a scale of 10... 7 1/2

No action required

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Discussion followed about the Green Party and the blue highway

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7. **Wastewater Options**

Member: Can you talk through the wastewater options please?

No action required

Response: Discussion followed around Wastewater Options and the possibility of wetlands

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8. **MAR**

Member: MAR project is important, if the trial goes well what is the timeline for a good case scenario where we will be recharging the aquifer.

No action required

Response: We have to be careful that when we introduce new water into the aquifer, the process is rigorously tested, we could be looking at 3 or 4 years' time, it depends on the weather. The main thing is we have started, it's a long process.

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