

COMMUNITY	Gisborne City	DATE	28/03/2018	NOTES TAKEN BY	Angela Stuart
ATTENDEES (23)	Deputy Mayor Rehette Stoltz, Councillor Larry Foster, Councillor Brian Wilson, Councillor Malcolm MacLean, Councillor Meredith Akuhata-Brown, Councillor Karen Fenn, Angela Stuart (GDC), Nick Zaman (GDC), Jason Chambers (GDC), David Wilson (GDC), James Baty (GDC), Barbara Barwick, Richard Stannard, Margaret Thorpe, Ian McInnes, John Smolka, Ben Cooper, Jill Cooper, Patrick Cooper, Murray Owen, Peter Wooding, Hazel Wooding, Ani Bingham				

ACTION REQUIRED

1. Customer Service and the RFS system

Resident - Customer Service staff are a credit to the organisation and the RFS system works really well

No action required

2. WTF Campaign

Resident - Why is GDC giving away childrens toys with a rude acronym on it?

Response – It stand for What’s the Future. We used different techniques to attract attention and make no apology for using the acronym or the campaign which sought to increase engagement with people from all walks of life. We succeeded in increasing engagement by 700 % and went to older groups meetings such as U3A who loved the idea. We went to schools and got their ideas because the youth may not be ratepayers now but will be in the future. Whilst we were attracting children with the toy (fidget spinner) we could talk to the parents and get their opinions and ideas for the Long Term Plan.

No action required

3. Finance

Resident The averages are wrong the Gisborne Herald has pointed it out.

Response – It is a global increase across the entire sectors. Yes we got it wrong for Forestry. You need to check your own property on our website to see how it actually affects you.

No action required

4. Representation

Resident – What is being done to even out the number of residents to councillors? Will they change the rules, can it be changed?

Response – We doubt there is any scope to change the rules. Legislation is really clear and prescribed, central government control it.

Resident – What is the population per councillor?

Response – around 3000 per councillor.

No action required

Resident - I would like to understand the loyalties of councillors to their wards, can he vote for what is good for his area if it is bad for the region?

Response – not a simple answer, Wards get you to the table but you are then elected to serve the whole community, they are district councillors not ward councillors but your ward may influence your decision.

Resident – Why did we reject community boards?

Response – We aren't so big that we require Community Boards, our councillors already act as a community board would.

Resident – I never had a ward meeting, Why not?

Response – We have council meetings that you are welcome to attend and you have speaking rights. You can even watch them via live streaming. We want your opinions on representation and how you should be represented, this is your opportunity.

5. Grant Road

Resident – The reserve used to have good play equipment, it was removed about 10 years ago. It needs to be replaced or looked into, there are many young families now living in the area. The picnic table needs to be moved to a better, brighter position it's too dark where it sits. Plus kerb and channel needs replacing or provided as too much run off is going into peoples properties.

Recommendation to Reserves for response

6. Peel Street Toilets

Resident – The Peel Street Toilet spend is \$400K ??

Response – We had petitions and public outcry wanting the toilets kept open and upgraded. They are well used and patronised especially by those coming down from the coast. This is why they are going to be brought up to standard and earthquake strengthened.

No action required

7. Waste Management

Resident – stuff that can't be recycled is currently going to Paeroa, I've heard there is a proposal to work with Wairoa?

Response - we've only just started a discussion with /Wairoa, early days. They have 150 years further life in their existing landfill. Looking into sharing resource and developing our Waste Minimisation.

No action required

8. Stormwater

Resident – I understand the peak flows in sewerage system coincide with the rainfall this suggests it is water going straight into Gully Traps. If we can eliminate direct discharge into gully traps surely this will improve this greatly. It's a more obvious problem should we be focusing on that?

Response – We have 4 full time staff inspecting properties. Need to put permanent solutions in place to stop people from undoing what has been done in previous years and currently.

No action required

9. **Public Toilets** - I've noticed the GDC toilet cleaning situation is not that good. Can we have perfumed disinfectant and nice surrounds that are left dry after cleaning? Having toilets hosed out is not nice it leaves puddles and women get wet clothes.

Recommendation to Amenities for response

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| <p>10. Botanical Gardens - the quality has dropped substantially in the last two years, two foot high weeds. Overgrown, privet. Used to be well maintained by a man who did 40 hours a week. Trimming and pruning not being done well, it looks unloved. Could more funding be put to the gardens because it was beautiful and now it is just sad. The ponds are absolutely shocking, appalling.</p> | <p>Recommendation to Reserves for response</p> |
| <p>11. Dogs – Lots of unleashed dogs going through the Botanical gardens. More monitoring of dogs across Gisborne is needed.</p> | <p>Recommendation to Animal Control</p> |
| <p>12. Whataupoko Reserve - page 35 Community Facilities resident read out the text - his point. Question is this a 10 year plan will there be any improvements in our facilities such as the Whataupoko Reserve. It would be great to revegetate it with natives.</p> | <p>Recommendation to Reserves for response</p> |
| <p>13. Roothing Regional Transport Plan
 Resident - what happened to the July report and what is happening?
 Response - It is ongoing, it will be considered as part of the overall picture. The roading rate has been put up as the amount that is being spent on forestry area still doesn't cover the costs.</p> | <p>No action taken</p> |
| <p>14. Water for drinking
 Resident – Should we be looking at this sooner in the Long Term Plan?
 Response - we are going to have to look at future demand. We are also looking at better more efficient use. We are going to have to use water more affectively. Water Metering is certainly a factor as it would immediately lower water use.
 General discussion on the idea of water tanks on all new builds for supplementary water supplies.
 Resident - Water from house to water tanks - had water tested from roof run off and it came back as high levels of heavy metal because of road dust and exhaust and giardia from birds so we'd have to careful about these proposed water tanks.</p> | <p>No action taken</p> |
| <p>15. Cycle ways
 Resident – Cycle ways seem to be only for recreational use. The ones in town are not safe but we have too many vehicles parked along them. We are only talking about recreational stuff we need everyday cycle use for transport.
 Response - we are trying to make people feel safer on cycles. The proposed cycle way has no rates funding.

 Staff spoke about the proposed cycle way and the work from grass roots at schools to get kids back on bikes.</p> | <p>No action taken</p> |