

ORGANISATION	KAITI	DATE	07/04/2018	NOTES TAKEN BY	Edwina Ashwell
MEMBERS (..)	Councillor Meredith Akuhata-Brown, Nick Zaman (GDC), Anita Reedy-Holthausen (GDC), Eddie Ashwell (GDC), Jason Chambers,				

ACTION REQUIRED**1. RUTENE ROAD CYCLEWAY:**

Resident: Is the Rutene Cycleway definitely going ahead? I live in the corner of Rutene and Delatour, I asked for there to be a pedestrian crossing, but this was declined - response was that an unmanned crossing would be more dangerous. This is ludicrous. Add to that the proposed cycleway, kids will not be seen this is dangerous. Discussion followed around the cycleways and maps. Resident encouraged to make submissions.

No action required.

2. PETROL TAX:

Resident: How much of the new petrol tax will be coming to Gisborne?
Response: We are currently in discussion with Central Government about this, we have asked for \$100m for roads. With a focus on getting a fair share of road user charges.

No action required.

3. MONEY:

Resident: Where's the money coming from for the wastewater option?
Response: Funded by debts and rates based on 4.2%. User Pays. This is an upgraded system.
Resident: How properly costed is this \$24m, there has been massive budget blow outs in council.
Response: This has been robustly reviewed.
Resident: Costs continue to balloon with council projects, library, war memorial theatre. My concern is that as a rate payer we don't know if you are going to keep within the budget you list.
Response: There have been a number of proposals put forward for wastewater, this proposal was deemed to be the most financially prudent, with considered beneficial outcomes. There are separate conversations going on with national govt, so we have been proactive in trying to access all kinds of funding for infrastructure. Discussion followed.

No action required.

4. DRAINWISE:

Resident: Private properties were supposed to be sorted years ago, why are we doing it again?
Response: There are still properties that require fixing, and overwhelming our systems/drains.

No action required.

5. WASTE MANAGEMENT:

Resident: What's the rubbish disposal option with Wairoa? This is a poor decision, short sighted.
Response: Currently all our waste goes out of region, we are currently having conversations with Wairoa as they have the capacity to manage our waste.
Resident: Why can't we have a landfill?
Response: It would have significant impact on rates and isn't currently in the long term plan, but if this is what the community wants then we need submissions and to consult further with the community to consider it for long term planning.

No action required. Resident encouraged to make a submission re: Waste Minimisation.

Resident: What's the story with wheelie bins, is this up for discussion,

Response: Yes it is, submissions to the LTP will keep this on the table. Discussion followed around volume of waste, recycling.

6. TRANSFER STATIONS:

Resident: There was talk about some of the transfer stations being reduced in hours. What's the cost to run a transfer station? One staff member... can't be much?

Response: We don't have that info, but we will find it out and respond to your query.

RFS for info about cost of running transfer station.

7. WASTEWATER:

Resident: With the wastewater, how long is the planning for.

Response: 10 year plan, with three year cycles.

No action required

8. RATES:

Resident: \$7 Day, has the council thought about the affordability of their rate payers, how many in the region? There is approximately 12k... How long can these rates keep going up?

Response: Council have been at 2% for the past few years and we are currently looking at a 5% increase, this is the lowest rate rise we can have, while delivering services infrastructures.

Resident: Maintaining the 2% rate was a farce and poor decision making, but we need to pay for the growth this city requires. Discussion followed.

No action required

9. PARKING:

Resident: There are not enough mobile parking space available in town. Cars illegally parked there should be clamped.

No action required. Resident encouraged to make a submission.

10. REPRESENTATION REVIEW

Resident: Why wasn't there any discussion around community boards and Maori wards?

Response: Representation at the table is the status quo and the simplest to manage.

Resident: Adding an extra city councillor to maintain the rural councillors is a sensible decision, we need those rural councillors. Maori wards need to be at least discussed.

Discussion followed.

No action required. Resident encouraged to make a submission on the Representation Review.

11. ACCESSIBILITY:

Resident: Money is leaking out of disability and care, CCS has had 100 more people on the books, but there is only one flat in the GDC Flats (GHL) in the region that is accessible. This is terrible! There was an old lady living in a car in this day and age, we should be disgusted.

Response: We will forward this to GHL and ask you to submit to the LTP.

Refer request to GHL. Resident encouraged to make a submission.