# GDC 2018 | COMMUNITY MEETING NOTES

COMMUNITY MAKAURI DATE 04/04/2018 NOTES TAKEN BY Angela Stuart

IN ATTENDANCE

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Mayor Meng Foon, Councillor McLean, Councillor Akuhata Brown, Nick Zaman (GDC), Lois Easton (GDC), Alexios Kavallaris (T.Roads), Angela Stuart (GDC), Eddie Ashwell (GDC), Rob Telfer, Bob Proudfoot, Susan Rebano- Edwards, John Moronsy, Tony Coutts, Kim Parkinson (Herald), Marg Colebourbne, Joanne Stewart, Murray

Stewart, Craig Dalton, Warren Cameron.

## **ACTION REQUIRED**

No action required.

#### 1. RATES:

Resident - how can we afford the 5% increase each year for ten years that's greater than inflation?

Response - there are some project that are necessary we have to do them, no choice. We have to build infrastructure to carry our community into the future.

Resident - queried rates on orchards and forestry

Response - discussion about how this land is rated in Gisborne

Resident - Has the council investigated getting money from other sources other than rates

Response - Yes we get grants and group discounts through working with other councils. Possibility of a regional road tax.

#### 2. REPRESENTATION REVIEW:

Resident - WE don't want to lose our rural representation, wanting council to make it fairer. Discussion about the representation review.

No action required.

### 3. NAME CHANGE:

Resident - Acknowledge Councillor McClean vote re the name change.

No action required.

## 4. SPEED LIMIT:

Resident - Acknowledge the change of speed limit past the cemetery...thanks for getting it done.

No action required.

#### 5. BRIDGE:

Resident - is there plans to open the bridge from this side across to the cemetery.

Response - the bridge is part of the cycle way plan for Taruheru... we are holding off waiting for the decision on the cycle route and then we can build the bridge. Be in a few years. Meng spoke a bit about the proposed route. Also talked about a blue highway, carrying shipping freight from Gisborne to Napier or other ports

No action required.

#### 6. ECT FUNDING:

Resident - Made a suggestion for setting up a ECT trust to fund things in bulk they've got half a billion in assets. Upfront loading, guaranteed funding stream from ECT. ECT shouldn't be cherry picking what they want to give to this would be better for Gisborne. Time to change the rules. It'll be a fight but it would be best for Gisborne. I would be a tremendous boost to the community

Response - thank you for that suggestion. Malcolm had suggested exactly that by email today to all the councillors.

No action required. Resident encouraged to make a submission (Bob Proudfoot)

#### 7. WAIPAOA FLOOD CONTROL:

Resident - Waipaoa flood scheme it's a long time with nothing happening. We just been lucky but we need to get on with it. If we have a major flood the city would go too. We need to get this done use ECT funds Discussion followed.

No action required.

## 8. CONTRACT:

Resident - I worry about your contract system for building library offices etc. you over budgeted by 1 million, were there variation orders for that work?

Response - Library budget was 3 million, Williams trust said we will provide you with some money to do more taking it to 6 then extra money to do the refit which is the refit and the 1 million you are talking of. We think the problem was in the scoping not the contract.

No action required.

#### 9. TREES:

Resident - I struggle to understand how planting a million trees in the regions it going to work when nothing has been done to get the trees on our hills to our ports. We should be putting infrastructure in place or those trees will not be able to be harvested. We should use the money for infrastructure not for planting more trees at this point.

Response - agree with your comments, it is up to the landowner re planting trees. We hope we get the funding to sort out the roads. We are having conversation with MPI regarding the trees and what we need in this area.

No action required.

## 10. ROADS:

Resident – How long do we have to put up with the roading problems, we're not fixing the problem. Response – Unfortunately we have no capital money to do capitol works. We can only do maintenance at the moment. Government has control of the highway funding all regional roads are suffering.

Resident - We should be fixing the roads properly, do it once and do it properly. Sort out your priorities Response - we do prioritise, we have to do the best we can with the money we have.

RFS for spraying drains.

Resident - Drain problems causing problems on Back Ormond Rd, there was an RFS requested to spray the drain to allow water to flow but it has never been done. Greys Bush side of Back Ormond Rd