

ORGANISATION	MANUKTUE	DATE	20/03/2018	NOTES TAKEN BY	Edwina Ashwell
MEMBERS (13)	Mayor Meng Foon, Councillor Graham Thompson, Councillor Malcolm McLean, Councillor Meredith Akuhata-Brown, Keita Kohere (GDC), Nick Zaman (GDC), Edwina Ashwell (GDC), Jenny Hill, Angela Rean, David (Butch) Pardoe, Jon Rush (Herald), Jacqui Jones-Turipa, Erin Jones,				

ACTION REQUIRED**1. DRAINWISE**

Resident: Drainwise, there is a preferred option, but it sounded like you are going for pay for private?

Response: It's still to be debated and decided upon. Graham: We have come here today without a preferred position.

Resident: Is that what is causing the crap to go into the Waimata.

Response: Yes, it is about the stormwater entering into the system.

Resident: Houses should have a tank to access the run off.

Response: We have a voluntary policy but it's not mandatory. Discussion followed.

No action required

2. WATER

Resident: We don't have water but we pay for everyone else's water.

Response: User pays.

No action required

3. RATES

Resident: How are the rates worked out, land or capital value?

Response: Capital value is the main way we determine rates.

Resident: Are you changing the rates on properties? I got a letter that's changing the classification of my property.... What's that about?

Response: That is a Government rule for properties that have changed.

Resident: Nothing's changed, no one can tell me what's happening.

Graham: The classification, changes some land from horticultural to arable?

Resident: But no one can tell me what the changes are for and how they were determined. No documents attached to explain the letter. (Get photo of letter).

GDC to review the letter sent to property owners: Refer to letter sent to Jenny Hill.

GDC need to clarify the reasons and consequences (if any) about changes to rates or classifications. Refer to Finance.

4. ROADS

Resident: You applied for \$100m but it doesn't even sound like enough for roads

Response: We are fortunate to be able to apply for that. 100k tax per truck goes to the govt, we need to lobby them constantly to have access to those funds.

No action required

5. PERMITS:

Resident: When council built the new building did they do the permits on their own building?

Response: Peer reviewed - independently certified.

No action required

6. ARGENTINIAN ANTS

Resident: GDC decided they no longer need the pest control services around Ants, this is short sighted. What's going to happen when the ants come back?

No action required

Response: The ants are gone, education is an alternative option.

7. WEEDS

Residents: Is that happening yet, are we going to get people to come around and spray the weeds.

Refer to T.Roads

Response: This should be happening now.

8. UPGRADE

Resident: Meetings have been cancelled, this is not a good enough process. We have only had one and the other meetings have been put off with short notice. Very disappointed in this process, you told us over a year ago and now there is nothing in sight.

Response: There has been a delay due to landscape drafts that are still being developed, but we acknowledge that this has been a slow and arduous process, we will work to get this sorted asap.

Resident: We don't even get a say about what we want, everything we asked for got a flat no. Discussion followed.

Resident: Our councillor listens to us it's a shame you and the rest of them don't.

Refer to Strategic Policy re: Township Upgrade

9. REPRESENTATION REVIEW

Resident: We don't need more city councillors, we need more rural councillors.

Response: The 10% rule dictates that due to the declining population in the rural communities we need to make a change. Discussion followed.

10. RFS UPDATE

Residents, the following RFS need a chase up:

- Corner of Waingake Rd and Tara Valley - Weeds spraying RFS has been in place.
- Broken streetlights have been in the system for ages and was brought up again with the township upgrade

Refer to

11. ROADS

Resident: Logs from south of Papatu Rd should go out through Tarewa Rd, not through here and past the school.

Response: The trucks have the right to go on any roads they want to, and unfortunately they will take the shortest route.

Resident, you should make it a condition of their resource consent. As well as move the speed sign further up from the school.

Response: We will refer the speed limit request to T.Roads. This cannot be made as a resource consent process, possibly a bylaw process. Discussion followed.

T.Roads LTP Submission

Residents: What's with the logging trucks going 24/7, speeding like crazy? It's not good enough and GDC needs to do something. Our houses are shaking. It's not just logging trucks, it's all trucks.

Response: We can't enforce speed limits that is the police, but we will review the speed zones.

Resident: Who paid for that solar speed thing in Matawai or Te Karaka?

Response: T.Roads.

Resident: How can we get one?

Response: There needs to be an application – the community need to begin that process with T.Roads.

12. FINANCE

Resident: You need to improve your monitoring of your own spend, and yet you are stringent with us in our township upgrade. We have become disillusioned.... Broken street lights, no spraying... these aren't even upgrade requests, this is regular maintenance. Cleaning culverts. You sit on expensive toilets, while we struggle with basics.

What is the CE roles in comparison to yours (the councillors)?

Response: Our job is to create policy and monitor the outcomes, what you are discussing is operational.

Resident: Well who employs these people, is this some sort of performance management issue?

Discussion followed.

No action required

13. OLYMPIC POOL UPGRADE

Resident: Option 3 was chosen, why has this gone back for further consultation? Discussion followed about the Early Engagement and LTP Process.

No action required

14. ENDEAVOUR MODELS

Resident: When they were taken down due to damage, why weren't they replaced?

Response: They were rotten, not damaged, we are looking at alternative materials to rebuild them and reinsert them. I (Cllr McLean) am working hard to have them reinstalled.

Resident: We will support that.

No action required

15. ENVIRONMENT

Resident: Why isn't the Te Arai River mentioned here in this document (CD), this is the most significant river for Whitebait.

Response: It will be in the overall plan, this is just a summary document. Yes we will be working on the Te Arai River, it is in the work plan.

No action required

16. RUBBISH

Resident: What's the deal with Wairoa?

Response: We may consider taking it to Wairoa, it's still in early discussions.

No action required

17. POSITIVE OUTCOME

Councillor Akuhata-Brown: This meeting has been loaded with a lot of what council has not done for Manutuke and how we have failed you, have we done anything well?

Resident: The domain looks great.

Resident: But the weeds in the drain are atrocious.

No action required