

COMMUNITY	NGATAPA	DATE	04/04/2018	NOTES TAKEN BY	Angela Stuart
IN ATTENDANCE (19)	Mayor Meng Foon, Councillor Thomson, 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**1. INCOME:**

Resident - have we ever put a direct proposal to ECT asking for \$5million per year, as suggested by Bob Proudfoot?

Response - No, not directly but they are aware that we have quite a big list of things we want them to contribute to. They do realise we are the biggest representative of their trustees.

No action required. Resident encouraged to make a submission.

2. TOWNSHIP UPGRADES:

Resident - why aren't Ngatapa on the list of Townships

Response – We will look into that.

Discussion about what could be developed, Rere Falls & Rockslide. Graeme Thompson mentioned how the land around it came to be sold because back then nobody realised it would be of such value in the future.

Refer to Strategic Policy for response.

3. PEST MANAGEMENT:

Resident - My main concern is pest management, I've heard you're cutting back on pest management can you tell me about that?

Response - Council has produced a new pest management plan, possum control was relatively unaffected we are instead moving to a more targeted possum control. We are winning the battle against Bovine TB out of our district which was the point of possum control. There's more emphasis on biodiversity in the new plan.

Resident - where did you get your statistics we went from 150 to around 300 in the last cull by your man. Possums will get out of control really quickly.

Response - We are required to do cost benefit analysis on how we are spending our money and it was clear that the amount of possum control was relatively low and not affective. We would have had to massively increase the budget but council has to balance out its spending.

You can opt in to being part of a possum control programme.

Make submission so we can have a debate on it around the council table. There is some intervention young plantings and the "opt-in" scheme. Further discussion on possum control

No action required. Resident encouraged to make a submission.

4. ROADS:

Resident - congratulate council on Hihiroroa road it's fantastic much appreciated.

Resident- if we have another wet winter what is council going to do about the movement of logging trucks. Plus the trash that comes down during storms from forestry. What mitigation works is being done? I know of a farm up Tauwhareparae that can't get staff because they don't have 4WD and can't get to the property.

Response - Council have applied for additional funding 1.5million and will be prioritised to school bus routes. We are talking with the Wood Council about what might happen to preserve roads, we have some leverage to force them to give us some money. We can't allow things to get so bad this year. We do have a good level of cooperation as the forestry industry stands to lose money too. Plantation forestry has been taken out of the council control so we can't dictate who can or cannot plant trees. However the environment under which people are applying to harvest forest has changed and we are a lot tougher in terms of conditions and enforcement. We have been having discussion with MPI what is counted as plantation growth.

Resident - road formation material, we need good solid rock and the new quarries are going to be more expensive and greater costs to get to site. We don't seem to have good quality material, I see the road breaking up in areas where it's been patched how is it going to cope over winter.

Response - that's a good question, we are talking with Forestry as they are also building roads. Maybe we should be looking at taking back the quarries when the leases come back. The problem is the cartage costs drive up the roading costs. When we get the new budget we might have to put a bigger base rock to build up the quality of the roads.

Refer to T.Roads

Resident - the terrible legacy of no road man by the previous CEO. The grader is causing the roads to get narrower. Terrible ruts and general maintenance where a person on the spot could keep on top of it. It's being neglected, there's been a grader once in 6 months

Response - The decision is operational we won't blame the previous CEO. There are ongoing maintenance issues, it is so important for this budget to be approved so we can address these issues. Key dates May 28 and the other the Regional Growth Fund if we can make it to them and be successful before too much rainfall it will be a hell of a relief.

Further discussion around if we could lobby to get the Roadman back.

Resident - Wharekopae Road 100 mill of rain over 12 hours the road closes. This affects a huge amount of people in the greater region. It's entertaining watching people attempting to get through flood water.

Response - It's a resilience project we could look at.

Resident - This morning the government announce they had withdrawn the roads of National Significance will this affect us.

Response - we did benefit indirectly but there are none in our district.

Resident - where do you sit on Fuel Tax

Response - If we don't get any money from government we will seriously have to look at it.

5. TRAFFIC CALMING:

Resident- Jack and Jill signs needed and reduced speed signs and vehicles are flying round the corner near the school and it was promised last year but it hasn't happened. When is it going to happen?

Response - 26 schools have stated safety issues we are hoping to give the list to the Assets committee and they will prioritise it across the district.

Resident - It was promised in May last year why can't you just do it. It wouldn't take 5 minutes to do each school.

Response - I can't promise a time frame it has to be prioritised.

Further discussion back and forth about solutions

Refer to T.Roads

Resident - intersection by the Jolly Stockman and Awapuni road, why is that not a roundabout?

Response - It's state highway and it is a good suggestion. We have to put all these suggestion forward to the government.

6. RERE FALLS SIGNAGE:

Resident - Rere rockslide looked good and in good condition. But an improvement would be directional signs on the road outside the fall and the rockslide for foreign tourist

RFS to Parks and Reserves

7. DAYCARE:

Resident - Council owned Day Care Centre in Palmerston Road. Has council put money toward it and what are they allowed to do with the building, it needs painting.

Response - We own the land but the building owners are raising their own funds to do up the buildings. We are not sure what they are allowed to do.

No action required.

8. FORESTRY:

Resident - Query about the logs coming in to the city from the coast. 70% approx comes from up the coast to the depot. Why is there not a depot up the coast?

Response - Port are hoping to build a depot up the coast to partially process logs and store them before coming onto the port.

No action required.

9. WASTE MANAGEMENT:

Resident - Signs have come down directing people to the recycling centre or transfer station in town.

RFS to Parks and Reserves

10. CUSTOMER SERVICE:

Resident - How long should it take for someone to return a message on a staff members phone.

Response - you are better to have a request for service lodged by the person who answers the phone. The RFS system has a track and trace workflow automated programme to make sure it is dealt with.

No action required.