

ORGANISATION	RUATORIA	DATE	09/04/2018	NOTES TAKEN BY	Edwina Ashwell
MEMBERS (..)	Mayor Meng Foon, Councillor Bill Burdett, David Wilson (GDC), James Baty (GDC), Anita Reedy-Holthausen (GDC), Eddie Ashwell (GDC), ...				

ACTION REQUIRED**1. WATER TANK SUBSIDIES:**

Resident: There are two places around NZ that are already subsidising tanks through rates, is Council going to do this as requested by Te Araroa.

Response: A submission has been made by Te Araroa Progressive Assn for water tanks subsidies, all submissions will be considered.

No action required.

2. LAND EROSION:

Resident: Top Maori land is going down the river, 300 acres going down in the river bed, we need to sort it out.

No action required.

3. TE PUAWAITANGA TRUST:

Resident: Who is Te Puawaitanga Trust, what do they do?

Bill and Marijke responded, it's a voluntary trust and we are struggling for consistent membership to help lobby for the needs of this community, and to advocate with the council, including asking for a new playground (five years ago). We had agreed to put up 2k to get it started, but the discussions have been stilted and not moved forward.

Response: We will check with Parks and Reserves where this is at.

Councillor Burdett gave a korero about the background of Te Puawaitanga Trust and how to get involved.

Resident: We are looking for an avenue to engage with council, if it's Puawaitanga then we need to know.

Response: There are many avenues to engage with council, these forums are one, but the Mayor and Councillor Burdett are happy for residents to engage with them directly, there is also our social media platforms and customer services team.

Refer to Parks and Reserves.

4. TOWNSHIP UPGRADE:

Resident: I have been coming here for years, continuing to ask about the curbing especially around the Mormon church, when does this money kick in for the township upgrade?

Response: 2021. If we start now, it will happen quickly in 2021, rather than start in 2021 and potentially delay it.

Resident: Isn't that what we pay our rates for, I live on Barry avenue, it's dirty. What do my rates pay for? Chorus came and did the internet, and then left all their shit on the side of the road. I'm disappointed that the police aren't here, that more people aren't here. Who do we get to come in and tidy the lawns, clean the drains?

Response: There are things we can do in the immediate via RFS, there are things we can lobby for, but there is also the submission process.

RFS: Drains need clearing on Barry Avenue.

5. REPRESENTATION REVIEW:

Review: Representation, Manu has put in another option, will that be considered? It is a sound option and I support this submission.

Response: All submissions will be considered.

No action required. Resident encouraged to make a submission.

Resident: How do we get our voices heard in this process?

Response: Via the submission process or you can contact the commission itself. Discussion followed. Greater representation, means better access to infrastructure upgrades, which leads to economic development.

6. WAIAPU LANDFILL SUBMISSION:

Submission received for the Waiapu Landfill by Tina Ngata (as attached).

Resident: Consultation around the Waiapu landfill has been insufficient and not in accordance with the consent. Andrew and Dwayne have not responded in an appropriate manner, dismissive responses or outright ignored. The processes around waste management here in Ruatoria have been questioned and remain unanswered, you don't even meet your own monitoring requirements of the resource consent. We are not comfortable with rubbish going to Wairoa, plans seem to already be in motion. We are asking for greater investigation and analysis around these plans, and we want to be involved in those plans. We have great aspirations around managing waste, illegal dumping, rubbish etc. We need greater investigation around illegal dumping, monitoring requirements. Education in our schools and our community.

Resident: What's the process when the council is in breach of their own consents?

Response: It's not good enough - we will take this submission back to council and review it. In response to the breaches, our regulatory arm says there has been no breach in the environmental monitoring, it has been administration and communication breaches, but we will be looking in to it.

Marijke supports the submission Tina put forward. "I also have had bad experiences with poor communication from GDC. Peter Higgs always responded and made an effort to keep in touch with us at TPT. Having that senior manager type of person showing no interest in community efforts is disheartening, it should be a KPI for all managers in council to be engaged and responsive."

Forward submission to P&P

Refer to Regulatory Services for response

7. ROADS:

Resident: There is a maintenance schedule in place. But what is determined as a priority? We are still waiting for seal in Waipiroa and up in Tuparoa, yet we see roads that have already been done getting done again. Reporoa or Tuparoa Marae do not have tar seal.

Response: It is the second seal that you see happening. State Highway 35, is being rigorously lobbied for, we are behind in local roads, we have had difficulties with contractors, current contractors have made a lot more traction in getting up to scratch. We need to stick to budget.

Resident: When is the schedule for all this work?

Response: That's part of the issue we had is that SSE weren't keeping to their maintenance schedule, they were stretched. Downers now have the whole network, so we can now put on an extra grader. We should have a yearly schedule up by July.

RFS: Crossroads drains

RFS: Hazard lights for curbing outside the pub

Refer to T.Roads

Resident: Tikapa Marae - cars have been damaged coming to Tikapa cause the road is in terrible condition from the last rainfall. What is the road schedule? How long are the delays? At the crossroads: the drains are terribly high to the point of now being a hazard, you cannot see oncoming traffic. (RFS) We need our roadman back!

Resident: We need a sign for reduced speed, the 50km sign has not been there for years. Crossroads and Waiomatatini Rd. Corner of the pub, the ledge/curb is dangerous and needs hazard paint/cats eyes on it, you can't see it at night and it juts out, and has caused a few accidents.

8. TOILETS:

Resident: We need a dump station and more toilets.

No action required

Response: Please make a submission or consider this as part of your upcoming township upgrade.

9. TE PUAWAITANGA SUBMISSION:

The trust would like to see action on the following (also submitted in writing as attached)

1. Security for our spring/water supply - no maintenance since it was cleaned after bola. Also needs planting around it, it helps keep it clean and offers protection.
2. Dollosses - have been sitting there for 5 years (paid by us ratepayers), what is happening with these?
3. Landfill - Valued asset to the wider community, we do not support the proposed Wairoa Landfill.
4. Factory Road, can it be put in the work schedule?
5. Review the positioning of the 50km sign into the township.
6. Clear entrance signage into Ruatoria.
7. New and bigger rubbish bins.
8. New playground.
9. Beautification programme, no spraying for two years in the community, will the sweeper ever come?
10. Lights in the park.

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11. MONITORING HARVESTS

Resident: I made a submission a few years ago: Monitoring of harvesting, a request to have a condition in any forestry resource consents that they cannot plant in riparian areas. At what point will the resource consent kick in and better support our environment? This is a request to resubmit that submission.

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12. BIODIVERSITY

Resident: There is a biodiversity issue in the ranges, we have lost birds. GDC need greater service around pest control, education, monitoring, and management. Can council equip the community to be vigilant against pests, better collaboration, we need GDC to take the initiative. I also want to see the report about possible leachade from the Waiapu Landfill, we need that information.

Refer to Environmental Monitoring