

COMMUNITY	Te Araroa	DATE	19/03/2018	NOTES TAKEN BY	Edwina Ashwell
ATTENDEES (17)	Mayor Meng Foon, Nedine Thatcher-Swann (GDC), Anita Reedy-Holthausen (GDC), Edwina Ashwell (GDC), Councillor Bill Burdett, Sophie Te Ngahau, Barb Taylor, Lance Taylor, Joanne Campbell, Phil Reid, Lenard Chaffey, Mary Chaffey, Myra Sanders, Joan Hovell, Murray Robertson (Herald), Hineawe Groube, Huti Wilson.				

ACTION REQUIRED

1. **Toilets:**
Public toilets on East Cape Rd are blocked, overflowing and need to be cleaned out asap. RFS created 19/03/18.

2. **LTP:**
Mayor Meng Foon presented the LTP. No action required

3. **WASTEWATER:**
Resident: Why are people saying that there is still waste going out into the bay, if you are saying it's not? Response: There is nothing going into the bay, it's an old perception that keeps popping up No action required

4. **ROADS:**
Resident: Whakaangi Road. Roads are worst from when I left 40 years ago. I addressed this at a meeting 4 years ago, why is Waimata Road being re-sealed again at 2.5m when it was already sealed. Hardly anyone on that road, now it's getting re-sealed again. How is that fair? I (Hineawe) did a survey, 15 people are suffering from respiratory and ill health. There is only about 3kms left, please get this road done. Response: We agree the need is there, we are still in the process of sourcing funding. Resident: The potholes are unsafe and the shingle is all loose. Response: Discussion around the roadworks that GDC are committed to up the coast. Nedine will find out if this has been scheduled in the plans, regarding seals and metalling. Refer to T.Roads to see if the 3kms left on Whakaangi has been scheduled in the plans, regarding seals and metalling and notify Hineawe Groube.

Resident: What are the chances, that east cape road would be sealed? Discussion followed around the need to access greater funding for roads to meet all the regions needs.

Resident: Why are roads being resealed when they are already tar sealed? It's a waste of money. Response: It's a strengthening process and toughens the road.

Resident: Lots of tourists complaining about roads, can we get a grader permanently based in Te Araroa? Response: Downer has two based in Te Puia, to service the coast. Discussion followed.

5. **RATES:**
Resident: When staff estimate the rates, do they consider the rural area itself. There are a lot of people here who are beneficiaries or low income earners? Is that considered? Response: Our rating model takes into account what the needs are of the communities. Discussion followed around what can the community afford vs what the community needs. No action required

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| <p>6. DEFICIT:
What is the deficit and do we pay for that? Response: There is a proportion of these rates that do need to go towards the deficit. 6.9m was from the roads.</p> | <p>No action required</p> |
| <p>7. CARETAKERS CONTRACT:
Mere discussed the new contract and identified where the caretakers responsibilities are, and what they have done thus far towards lifting the standards of the public toilets on the coast. Presentation of the toilets is good but the functionality is no longer working. When it rains, it floods it out. New urinals would be a cheaper option for an upgrade, if money was an issue.</p> | <p>GDC to look into Tourism Grant for upgrading the toilet as part of an overall tourism package.</p> |
| <p>8. REPRESENTATION REVIEW:
Presented by Mayor Meng Foon.
Resident: Can someone explain why there are no Maori Wards? We are predominately Maori area. Discussion followed: Mayor Meng Foon, we actually have good representation of Maori without Maori wards, they are usually only required when representation is not reflective of the community.</p> | <p>No action required</p> |
| <p>9. COMMUNITY PROPOSAL:
Presented by Huti and Phil, details the aspirations and needs of Te Araroa Community.</p> | <p>Proposal to be split into sections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- LTP Submission Process- Township Upgrade- Tourism Grant Package |
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