

COMMUNITY	TINIROTO	DATE	12/04/2018	NOTES TAKEN BY	Edwina Ashwell
IN ATTENDANCE (11)	Mayor Meng Foon, Councillor Graham Thompson, David Wilson (GDC), James Baty (GDC), Eddie Ashwell (GDC), Karen Newman, Hamish Campbell, Glen Alley, Steve Jackson, Webster Lewis, Michelle Ahern.				

ACTION REQUIRED

1. ROADS:

Resident: Roads still need fixing, you would have seen that on your way here, Tiniroto Rd, Ruakaka Rd.
 Response: Road surface conditioning is our priority, Ruakaka is on the current work schedule.
 Resident: What about where the big boulder was, when is that getting sorted?
 Response: It won't be before July 1, at this stage there will be some band-aid work done but nothing set at this stage till funding is confirmed.
 Resident: Band-aid is better than nothing.
 Response: We are currently lobbying for \$100m, you can access NZTA minutes online. Decision should be made by May. Discussion followed around fund applications and allocations.

Resident: What happens when the trucks hit the town roads?
 Response: We are in discussions about how to remedy that, we have a real issue around Ormond Rd, Kindergartens and schools are along there. We are working around how to put things in place to minimise the impact.
 Resident: Is the rail definitely off the table for discussions?
 Response: The problem with rail is that it doesn't go where the forests are and there is nowhere to turn the train around in the port. Discussion followed.

Refer to T.Roads
 RFS: regarding the work required for Tiniroto Rd where the old boulder was (Hangaroa Bluff), condition has deteriorated, large potholes.

2. FORESTRY:

Resident: What's happening with forestry? Is it part of the resource consent criteria for harvest that they offset costs incurred for roads... is the roading funding aligned to the increased usage and impact on the roads?
 Response: We are in discussions with key stakeholders, including the forestry industry and NZTA to try and handle the tonnage that is going to be coming through the west in the next three years. Discussion followed.

No action required.

3. LIBRARY:

Resident: What are the long term prospects for a library, isn't everything going to be online if it already isn't? You have spent loads of money on a new library, but how many people actually use the library?
 Response: There are about 5,000 people a week going through there. It's more than just books, more technology is in there, and it's like an entertainment hub for the community.

No action required.

4. ECT:

Resident: ECT funding, where does it go? I support Bob Proudfoots idea to get ECT to insert \$5m a year to go towards GDC Debt servicing.
 Discussion followed about how ECT supports GDC initiatives and programmes.

No action required. Resident encouraged to make a submission.

5. REPRESENTATION REVIEW:

Resident: The potential of losing another rural councillor is a bullet we don't need. Diluting our say... we are already subsidising town projects.

Response: Explanation around the current proposal to increase city councillors so that we can keep the 4 rural councillors (10%). Discussion around population and money.

No action required. Resident encouraged to make a submission to the Representation Review.

6. RUAKAKA WATERFALL:

Resident: How do we legally stop people from crossing our land - Ruakaka Waterfall? Gates keep getting broken through, signs getting cut down. People are parking in unsafe places.

Response: That's a police enforcement issue.

Resident: In order to allow public access to the waterfall, we would need funding and amenities. Where people access the falls is a hard walkway, can council help with that? How much is a permaloo, can we put one there?

Response: They are about 50k, not just the loo but the set up. This would be a great submission to the LTP, to look at safe access to the falls, what amenities would be required and reducing traffic over private property.

No action required. Resident encouraged to make a submission around amenities and access to Ruakaka Falls