

COMMUNITY	Gisborne City	DATE	26/03/2019	NOTES TAKEN BY	Marire Kuka
ATTENDEES (33)	Mayor Meng Foon, Deputy Mayor Rehette Stoltz, Nedine Thatcher-Swann (GDC), Andrew White (GDC), Pauline Foreman (GDC), Heather Kohn (GDC), Anita Reedy Holthausen (GDC), Joanna Noble (GDC), Kelly Thompson (GDC), Marire Kuka (GDC), Councillor Meredith Akuhata-Brown, Councillor Shannon Dowsing, Shaan Te Kani (Gisborne Herald), Tony Dobson, Jo Mc Clutchie, Heather Ross, Trevor Jukes, Rae Gibson, Hazel Wooding, Peter Wooding, Erina Torrey, Roimata Mangu, Mereana Mangu, Anges Walker.				

ACTION REQUIRED

1.	Rubbish – Resident remarks that Gisborne has a visible rubbish issue to which he has at times remedied by picking it up himself. Streets, gutters and open areas often have litter. Requests Council and residents to assist in looking after what we have.	No action required
2.	Footpaths – Resident remarks that although Gisborne is a beautiful place to live, there are many aspects that she wishes Council to take note of. Specifically footpath sizes which do not allow two people to walk side by side. The footpaths also are uneven due to tree roots. Overhanging trees are an issue for walkers and potentially hazardous. Council response is for resident to action an RFS with specific information pertaining to the locations of applicable sites. Council to deal with issue where and when resource allows.	No action required
3.	Railways – Resident notes that railways are mentioned in the Spatial Plan. It has been 7 years since damage of railways and no result, resident believes it is official Council policy to support the railway. Why has the Council not been more proactive? Resident recalls that in September 2018, \$450,000 was made available via the PGF fund to study the viability of railway restoration, why is it not happening? Mayor responds that work began 6 weeks ago.	No action required
4.	Gisborne Pistol Club – Resident states that the sport practiced at the Gisborne Pistol Club is an Olympic sport and beneficial to the Gisborne community. There is an issue under the RMA that existing use or prior right of use should supersede the noise complaints of residents surrounding this area. Mayor responds that this is common as seen in Western Springs and Eden Park in Auckland.	No action required
5.	Safe Cycling for children – Resident would like Council to consider how to make streets safer for children to cycle to and from school.	No action required
6.	Housing Crisis – Resident would like Council to consider changing areas of rural and commercially zoned land to residential to increase the possibility of building as a means to remedy the housing crisis. Resident would also like for this process to be shorter.	No action required
7.	Bylaw Change – Resident notes that currently sleepouts must be 10sq ms and would like Council to consider changing this to 12sq ms.	No action required
8.	Building consents – Resident believes that building consents in Gisborne are the toughest and most expensive. This on top of rates is hard on families.	No action required

Mayor responds that the Gisborne District has not experienced many of the issues that other regions have such as 'leaky homes' due to the fact that criteria has remained strict. This is the biggest investment in the lives of many and Council wishes to ensure they are looked after in that respect.
