

COMMUNITY	Hicks Bay	DATE	28/03/2019	NOTES TAKEN BY	Marire Kuka
ATTENDEES (16)	Deputy Mayor Rehette Stoltz, Nedine Thatcher-Swann (GDC), David Wilson (GDC), Heather Kohn (GDC) , Anita Reedy Holthausen (GDC), Hannah Steans (GDC), Carol Marter (GDC), Marire Kuka (GDC), Councillor Bill Burdett, Louina Houkamau, Hine Te Ao Poutu, Hinemaure Reedy, Kingi Houkamau, Ani Pahuru-Huriwai, Paula Backhouse, Shayna Pahuru, Waitangi Chesley, Lorna Pahuru, Mark Peters (Gisborne Herald).				

ACTION REQUIRED

1.	Thanks to Mayor – Residents would like to extend thanks to Mayor Meng Foon for his service and his ability to front up over the years and the links he has built with the community.	No action required
2.	Wharf – Proposal to upgrade Hicks Bay and Tokomaru Bay wharfs to a state that residents and tourists can access it, not for what they were originally created for but recreational use – this proposal now needs to be ratified. This may contribute to the sustainable economy of Hicks Bay.	No action required
3.	Road access to Wharf – Will the road to the Wharf be fixed? Council response is yes. The width of sea wall, armouring the road, drainage and establishment of ownership of areas concerned need to be addressed in the process of fixing the road. Rationale report includes this information.	No action required
4.	Toilet – New toilet implemented to the delight of the residents, but no consultation and plan.	No action required
5.	Concerns – Hicks Bay residents often miss out, in an election year this has the potential to happen yet again. Residents would like consistency, certainty and results – they are ‘fatigued’ at the many attempts to engage the community. Residents only want what every other town have. Council response is to reiterate that the Spatial Plan locks in plans that will be guaranteed beyond the councillors of the day, providing certainty. Council made commitments at the 2018 community engagement meeting and delivered.	No action required
6.	Park – The plan to build a park is progressing due to the efforts of residents and Council staff visiting Hicks Bay and understanding the lack of amenities and the needs. Resident feels like Council is listening.	No action required
7.	RFS System – RFS process is really good and works. Works are actioned in a timely manner and issues are addressed and acknowledged.	No action required
8.	Transport Subsidy – Resident questioned as to whether or not Council could provide a subsidy for the passenger courier. Response: Council does not provide this service and it would be highly unlikely that Council would subsidise a private company to deliver this service.	No action required
9.	Mobile Vehicle Testing – Restricted and Full licence numbers have increased however, difficulties are faced by the Hicks Bay and Matakaoa community around warranting and registering vehicles due to the distance needed to travel to Gisborne to complete this task – could a mobile testing facility be implemented? Council response is that this facility is managed by GHL, this concern is noted.	No action required
10.	Speed reduction and speed bumps – Residents are concerned that the speed of traffic around the Kura is unsafe and residents are requesting for a speed reduction.	No action required

Response: Council and T-Roads are facilitating a report alongside a safety engineer into the lowering of speed in areas along SH35, Hicks Bay is in this consideration. The speed bumps are in the pending Township Plan.	
11. One-way bridges – Resident would like Council to look into doing away with one-way bridges.	No action required
12. Culvert – Resident describes the lengthy timeline around frequent turnover of contractors designated to take care of issues pertaining to culverts, to no avail. Without being cleaned water flows everywhere. Response: Over the last 3 weeks T Roads staff have undertaken a condition assessment of bridges, culverts and drains along SH35. A priority between now and the end of June is clearing of drains and culverts and adding additional culverts where needed, the PGF spend will tend to this. The aim is to build local capacity and skill to undertake the work needed.	No action required
13. Local Contractors – Resident: Wouldn't it be more cost effective to have local contractors? Response: Downer do utilise local suppliers whenever possible.	No action required
14. Training Opportunities – Resident: This is a rural community with a 2-3 hour drive time to anywhere. Does the Council have a plan and finance to create a scheme to build local capacity and skill? The PGF is an unprecedented amount of money to be used wisely to get something bigger going for the future. Response: Job creation and career development is a stipulation of the fund and will definitely be a consideration. Rooding is just one component of the PGF. Council are working alongside Te Puni Kokiri and MSD to mobilise Tairāwhiti on creating a sustainable workforce.	No action required
15. Pest / Plant Control – Resident: What can the Council offer in terms of helping us address this issue? Residents are keen to work and assist. Response: Council human resource is low, CE will come back to the resident to discuss this.	No action required
16. Rating system for Papakainga – Resident: Is Papakainga land rated the same and general title land? Is not, how is it calculated? Response: This issue can be answered in the pending Council Rates/Finance community workshop.	No action required
17. Parking fee subsidy – Resident: Can we have our airport parking fees subsidised? Response: That is a matter for ECT. Resident: Can you take it to ECT. Response: Yes.	No action required
18. River Protection – Resident: Is there a subsidy for river protection work? Response: Private land owners who benefit from this work pay, there is no subsidy.	No action required
19. Cemetery – Resident: Do we have a public cemetery in Hicks Bay? Response: No.	No action required