

COMMUNITY	Te Karaka	DATE	02/04/2019	NOTES TAKEN BY	Jason Chambers
ATTENDEES (30)	Mayor Meng Foon, Deputy Mayor Rehette Stoltz, Cr Thompson, Cr Maclean, Cr Wharehinga, Jason Chambers (GDC), Angela Stuart (GDC), Janic Slupski (GDC), Anita Reedy-Holthausen (GDC), David Wilson (GDC), James Baty (GDC), Hannah Steans (GDC), Wynsley Wrigley (Herald), Ruth Quilter, Graeme Quilter, Adriana Mather, Mike Mather, Stephen Newman, Jamie Simpson, Lyn Brown, Sandra – Fed farmers, Anonymous lady, Simon Brown, John Byrne, Nadine Horo, Dave Pikic, Polly Tom, Kelly Kiwha, Tom Biders, Athena Emmerson-Kapa.				

ACTION REQUIRED

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| <p>1. Roads – Graeme Quilter – Mr Quilter complained about an ongoing issue with a road washout on Whakaroa Road. The body of his complaint was about why wasn't it dealt with when he first asked for work to be done 5 years ago, the corner in question has subsequently completely dropped out and now requires a resource consent to do the repair. "Why are we worried about airy fairy things like Christchurch and spending thousands on statues and parades when our road is rubbish" Dave Wilson responded on behalf of council.</p> <p>Mr Wilson stated that at the time when washout was first reported, it wasn't put on the priority list at the time. And it now sits in a queue of over 3 thousand consents for similar roading issues as a result of last years floods and we'll get to it in due course. He apologised that this answer might not be worth it, but it was all we could offer right now.</p> <p>Another resident was concerned that he had 150 logging trucks due to go through that road and he needed it to be stable enough to transport his logs.</p> <p>Ruth Quilter was worried about possible litigation against roads not being fit for purpose and didn't want her rates money included in litigation costs for an issue that should have been dealt with as part of BAU.</p> | No action required |
| <p>2. Consents – Graeme Quilter – Mr Quilter brought up issues he has with the consenting process for land and bank protection work near his farm. He wonders why it can cost thousands of dollars and questions the experience levels of locals when his consent request is getting taken by someone out of town.</p> <p>David Wilson acknowledged that we are in a position where we have to get outside help because there are currently too many consents to process with the resources available.</p> <p>Meng Foon also commented that changes to fee's were one of the decisions going to council this week and that was one of the issues he wanted to address.</p> | No action required |
| <p>3. Spraying and mowing – Lyn Brown – Ms Brown wanted to know who was responsible for spraying and maintaining berms around the township and if they had a maintenance programme that they could share.</p> <p>Cliff Road and Memorial Lane</p> | RFS to Tairawhiti Roads about berm spraying and mowing programme. (Cliff Road) |
| <p>4. Animal Control – Stephen Newman – Mr Newman was worried about stock losses from roaming dogs. He estimated up to 100+ sheep were lost to roaming dogs in the township last year. He appreciates that when council staff come to TK they are quick and efficient and get the job done. But its usually a reactive fix and the damage is already done. He'd like to see a more scheduled and proactive approach</p> | RFS to Animal control and possibly set up a meeting with the community on the best possible outcomes. |

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| 5. Covered rubbish – A resident had issues with people not covering their loads when taking rubbish to the transfer station. Rubbish ends up blowing off the vehicles and into drains and berms.
Meng responded – that’s a police issue rather than a council one. You need to contact your local police constable | No action required |
| 6. Rates – Ruth Quilter – Mrs Quilter talked about how much rates they pay, and how few services that they receive for them. Ruth and Stephen Newman asked any of the councillors with prospects of running for mayor to make a statement about rates.
Deputy Mayor Rehette Stoltz commented that this wasn’t a political meeting, but rates would be a topic for discussion in her campaign. | No action required |
| 7. Footpath upgrade – Lyn Brown – Ms Brown wanted to know if there was going to be any further footpath upgrades in the township | RFS Township upgrade – Strategic Policy and planning |
| 8. Signage by Te Karaka entrance – Lyn Brown – Ms Brown noticed that there are some real estate billboards going up and obscuring the entrance to Te Karaka, and wanted to know if they had permission to put signs there and if not, could they be taken down. | RFS Tairāwhiti Roads – check the signs and see if they’re infringing on any laws/bylaws. |
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