

SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

21 SEPTEMBER 2016

AGENDA ITEM E1

REPORT FROM HER WORSHIP THE MAYOR

Purpose of Report

To update Council on activities and issues which have arisen since my last report to Council.

Recommendations

Her Worship the Mayor recommends that Council:

1. *Receives the information.*

1. Community Board Executive Committee, LGNZ

Meeting – Date & Venue	17/18 August Community Board Executive Committee LGNZ Wellington
Key issues from meeting	Zone Representation SWDC's Community Boards fall in Zone 4 of LGNZ. Some of the Zones have very active community board Zone meetings which encourage networking and sharing of ideas. Zone 4 however has had difficulty finding someone to take on the role of chair and arrange a Zone Meeting. In the new triennium CBEC is eager to support the Zones to, in turn, support their Community Boards to have greater involvement in Zone meetings and assist them to be great ambassadors for the communities they represent through this channel. I suggest that the incoming council support this concept by ensuring such information is included in agendas and support the attendance at any Zone meetings.

2. LGNZ Submission to Parliament

Meeting – Date & Venue	LGNZ Submission to Parliament 1 October
Key issues from meeting	There are currently changes proposed to the LG Act which will have huge ramifications for councils and their communities. LGNZ has circulated its concerns to members and on behalf of us all submitted to parliament against the proposed changes. Some councils also lodged individual decisions. SWDC opted to support LGNZ (as did many councils) and we supported in person, President Yule when he appeared before the select committee. It is too early to tell what the outcome will be but early indications are that the government is prepared to consider changes to the bill as it stands.

3. Hill Road Committee

Meeting – Date & Venue	Hill Road Committee Greytown Town Centre 15 September
Key issues from meeting	NZTA gave an update of matters affecting the Hill : Te Marua to Masterton Business Case – recommendations expected to be released in the 1 st quarter of 2017 Signage review – there are currently over 140 signs across the Rimutaka Hill. These are being reviewed and unnecessary ones will be removed. Remaining ones will be updated for consistency of message, especially around stopping bays, passing lanes etc. Line markings – these are also being reviewed and some will be realigned to assist trucks and other large vehicles. General discussion – effects of flush median in Featherston pushing traffic closer to parked cars and cyclists Cycling safety between Carterton and Masterton.

4. General

As the 2016 triennium draws to close it is appropriate to reflect on the term just passed. This has been a milestone year with many major achievements. The Greytown and Martinborough wastewater consents, the Greytown Soaring Centre, ANZAC Hall refurbishment, Waihinga Centre and Featherston Town Square are all signature projects that will leave a legacy to be proud of. Behind the scenes our officers have worked hard to provide

the core services that we all take for granted, as well as often going that extra mile when required but seldom seen.

SWDC's Building Consent Authority was the only Wairarapa Council to pass audit with no corrective actions required making it one of only a few in the whole country. SWDC overall is in a very sound financial state, staff maintain tight budgets and there are strict controls.

Councillors, as the governance team, have worked in a cooperative way throughout the term, challenging process when required, working their way constructively through disagreements when necessary and always prepared to look at the big picture.

It has been a pleasure to be Mayor of South Wairarapa for the past twelve years. I sincerely thank all Councillors and Community Board members for their dedication and support over the years. We have worked together as a team and achieved what we did because of that. I wish to acknowledge Councillors Robertson, Riddell, Stevens and Montgomerie who are not seeking re-election. All have taken their role seriously and contributed much to the running of the district. Their experience, wisdom and pragmatic view on life will be hard acts to follow.

I also wish to acknowledge and thank Councillor Napier who has been our Deputy Mayor through my term. Councillor Napier has been a loyal and trustworthy person who I could count on to challenge my viewpoint if she thought it necessary.

A special mention must also go to Council officers as they are the cogs that turn the wheel. SWDC staff maintains a high level of reporting, offer good advice and are all prepared to put in extra effort when required. That effort did not go unnoticed and has been appreciated by all councillors.

I wish Councillors seeking re-election the very best of luck and look forward to interacting with South Wairarapa District Council in whatever roles my future delivers.

5. Correspondence

5.1 Inwards

DATE	INWARDS	SUBJECT
27 July 2016	Campbell Moon	On the Featherston Town Square and the Waihinga Centre
1 August 2016	Derek Wilson, Greytown Trustlands	Please reconsider funding request for Wairarapa Yete.
8 August 2016	Ospri New Zealand Limited	Aerial Possum control.
15 August 2016	Sir Wira Gardiner, Local Government Commission	A personal thank you for your commitment to the consultative way of working, for all the time made available and openness to new ideas. All the best for future endeavours.

DATE	INWARDS	SUBJECT
16 August 2016	Chair Chris Laidlaw, Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC)	Consider land that might be appropriate for park and ride facilities.
17 August 2016	Ministry of Culture and Heritage	Waitangi day celebration support fund.
18 August 2016	Audit NZ	2016 interim management report
22 August 2016	Noeline Thomas	Signage for Martinborough Town Hall.
29 August 2016	Hon Jo Goodhew, Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sector	Community-led Development Programme – a new approach to supporting community-led initiatives.
30 August 2016	Helen and George Kirk	Thanks for footpath on Oxford Street.
1 September 2016	Eastern and Central Community Trust	Annual report.
4 September 2016	John Hayes	Issues relating to the Building Act, the Resource Management Act and the Waiohine Flood Management Plan.

5.2 Outwards

DATE	OUTWARDS	SUBJECT
4 August 2016	Campbell Moon	The Featherston Town Square and the Waihinga Centre.
5 August 2016	Derek Wilson, Greytown Trustlands	Explaining funding decisions.
23 August 2016	Noeline Thomas	Signage for Martinborough Town Hall.
23 August 2016	Chair Chris Laidlaw	Response to request to consider expansion of park and ride facilities.
8 September 2016	John Hayes	Clarifying issues relating to the Building Act, the Resource Management Act and the Waiohine Flood Management Plan in response to letter of 4 September.

6. Other Meetings and Engagements

DATE	ENGAGEMENT	DATE	ENGAGEMENT
11/08/16	Whaitua Public Meeting Martinborough	02/09/16	Open Jazz Festival
16/08/16	Jo Couglin	03/09/16	Featherston Welcome Sign
17/08/16	CBEC	05/09/16	Maori Standing Committee
18/08/16	CBEC	06/09/16	Greytown Trustlands AGM
18/08/16	Beef and Lamb AGM	07/09/16	Infrastructure and Services
19/08/16	Wairarapa Moana site visit with Iwi and Treaty Settlement Office	07/09/16	Adults Learners presentation
22/08/16	LGNZ Conference Committee	10/09/16	Waihinga turf turning
23/08/16	Gold Awards Finalist morning tea	10- 12/09/16	Chor Farmer
24/08/16	Philip Jones	12/09/16	Featherston Senior Citizens
25/08/16	Waihinga Construction Team	14/09/16	Combined Council Forum
25/08/16	Plunket	14/09/16	WREDA
25-27/08/16	Away	15/09/16	Hill Road Committee
29/08/16	Martinborough Community Board	15/09/16	Meet the Candidates Martinborough
30/08/16	Featherston Community Board	17/09/16	Alzheimer's walk
31/08/16	Greytown Community Board	17/09/16	Featherston new comer's afternoon tea
01/09/16	LGNZ	19/09/16	Chair EPA
01/09/16	Japanese Pottery Exhibition	20/09/16	Mayor of Kapiti
02/09/16	Shared Services	20/09/16	Waiohine Flood Plan

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