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## CHAIRPERSON REPORT

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### Recommendations

The Chairperson recommends that the Community Board:

1. *Receive the Chairperson Report.*
2. *Confirm GCB position on the Speed Review and if submissions were filed on what position they were filed*
3. *To propose and vote to reimburse Warren Woodgyer \$178.95 for expenses for trees for Greytown Arbor Day Celebration*

### Topic 1- Community Plan and how to progress

Following gathering of the Community Boards, I was invited to organise a meeting between GCB, Council and the Mayor. This was attempted with the assistance of Nicki Ansell and Danielle Armstrong. However, the diaries and ability to do this is proving difficult and I have been asked if the number of individuals could be reduced to key individuals. My proposal going forward is to identify at this stage three points from the current Community Plan to focus on between now and our next Formal Meeting and to try to have meetings about how to advance our Community Plan points in the interim. My proposal is to focus on the following:

- Stella Bull Building (First Masonic Lodge)- this will soon be vacant again and how it is used is important. The suggestion in the Community Plan was to relocate the Library back there. It is my view that the future of Council owned properties needs to be considered by the Community. There is currently space being leased in Greytown to house Council Employees. It does not seem sensible to being paying rent at the ratepayers expense without looking at how the Town Hall and Stella Bull Building are being utilised and if to their full capacities.
- Reserves and Community Gardens- to look at current Reserve Management Plans and confirm the Reserves are being utilised and looked after properly. Possibility of establishing Community Gardens in some of the Reserves or on Council owned property. This includes possibly expanding the Arbor Reserve

given the move to have Greytown become nationally recognised as the first Arbor Day in NZ

- Meeting with Papawai- Multiple emails and attempts have been put out but this coming together to work together on some of the future plans for Greytown is important.

This means that I will focus on getting a meeting set up with the appropriate committee, Councillors, Mayor and/ or council employees and the GCB to discuss the future of the Stella Bull building et al.

The GCB will do work to prepare for community consultation and consideration around anything to do with the current Reserves and/ or community gardens.

A meeting held or set to be held with Papawai or Mana Whenua to work on building a stronger partnership forward.

## **Topic 2- Next Informal Forum with the Community**

Propose for the next Informal Forum to be run at the end of September 2023 with the purpose of presenting to the community for discussion and feed back on possibiling establishing community gardens and how that would work as well as a possible proposal to expand the current Arbor Reserve by including Council land that backs on to the current Reserve.

## **Topic 3- Community Board Clinic/ Chat**

Community Board Chat was successful this month in that two individuals purposely came to speak to us. Whilst the number is small it does show that the Community is recognising our availability and learning the date we are available. The Facebook Event Posting and the additional highlight in the Grapevine both were why the individuals made plans to come see us. Propose to continue current plan of every fourth Saturday for now given it appears to becoming more known and useful for some community members to contact us in person.

## **Topic 4- Stakeholders Meeting for Reserves**

At this month's Community Chat it was raised that the Stakeholder Meeting for all the Reserves was delegated to the responsibility of the GCB about two terms ago. If this is correct, I propose to hold the Stakeholder's Meeting at the end of August to allow time to publicise and then to utilise any information from the meeting for the Informal Forum the following month.

## **Topic 5- GCB Submissions**

Update on progress of current submissions made and future submissions to be considered if any.