

SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

29 JANUARY 2014

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. MEETING REPORT 1

Name	Mayor Adrienne Staples
Meeting – Date & Venue	Zone 4 Petone 28 November 2013
Key issues from meeting	Mayor Staples elected Chair of Zone Meeting expressed desire for Zone meetings to be reinvigorated. Meeting dates: 5 March – host GWRC 9 July – host MDC
Speakers	Malcolm Alexander LGNZ Bruce Pepperell - WREMO
Specific item/s for Council consideration	Councillors should consider attending Zone meetings as an opportunity to meet other councillors within the region.
General	Other LGNZ meetings to note in your diaries – Rural and Provincial Sector Thursday 13 March, afternoon and Friday 14 March, morning.

2. MEETING REPORT 2

Name	Mayor Adrienne Staples
Meeting – Date & Venue	Southern Wairarapa Safer Community Council Carterton, 10 Dec 2013.
Key issues from meeting	Confirmation of minutes Review of Organisation Structure approved. Discussion over premises and whether there is a requirement to move. Update from Social Sector Trial and likely date of 'soft' launch
Speakers	
Specific item/s for Council consideration	
General	

3. MEETING REPORT 3

Name	Mayor Adrienne Staples
Meeting – Date & Venue	Safer Wairarapa, Carterton Fire Station, 28 November 2013
Key issues from meeting	Coalition feedback Report back from DHB public meetings Coordinator's Report Social Sector Trial Report ACC Injury Data Safer Communities Feedback and NZ report
Speakers	Jeremy Logan from Stopping Violence Services
Specific item/s for Council consideration	
General	Social Sector Trial soft launch of strategic document – 21 March at Carterton. Official launch in March.

4. Other Meetings and Engagements

Date	Engagement
2/12/13	Gold Awards
4/12/13	Greytown School Green Gold Award
05/12/13- 06/12/13	National Council
06/12/13	Police Pay Parade

Date	Engagement
09/12/13	Martinborough Community Board
10/12/13	Featherston Community Board
10/12/13	CDC Function
11/12/13	Greytown Community Board
12/12/13	SWNZEI speaking engagement
12/12/13	LGNZ Conference Committee
13/12/13	Combined Council Forum
14/12/13	Featherston Christmas Parade
15/12/13	Martinborough Christmas Parade and Carols
16/12/13	Maori Standing Committee
17/12/13	Social Sector Trial Advisory Committee
17/12/13	Ambassador of Japan
18/12/13	CE Interim Review
18/12/13	Waste Water Meeting
20/12/13	Social Sector Trial 'soft launch'
21/12/13	Greytown Christmas Parade

5. Correspondence

5.1 Inwards

DATE	INWARDS	SUBJECT
19 September	New Zealand Petroleum and Minerals	Notification of Proposed Block Offer 2014.
29 October	New Zealand Contractors Federation	Civil Infrastructure and Maintenance –their role.
12 November	Hon Chris Tremain, Minister of Local Government	Update on Better Local Government Programme.
12 November	Compass Health	Recruitment Process.
13 November	Kuranui College, Greytown	Thanks for donation towards Academic Prizegivings.
20 November	Education Today	Information for incoming Councillors.
21 November	NZ Post	Relocation of Post Boxes in Greytown.
22 November	New Zealand First World War Centenary Panel	Preparation for the commemoration.
22 November	Lizzie Catherall	The use of the old Greytown library for Pilates Classes
25 November	CCS Disability Action Wairarapa	International Day information.
29 November	Cobblestones Trust	Confirmation of appointment of Council's representation on Cobblestone's Trust.
3 December	Susie Mathews	Use of the old Greytown Library for Pilates.
4 December	Peter Love	Dog Identification
4 December	Lucy McLaren & 40 Petitioners	Trees on Murphy's Orchard
5 December	Anne Tolley, Minister of Corrections	Community work programme for offenders.

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5 December	Bruce Lahore, GM of NZ Motor Caravan Association Inc (NZMCA)	The desire to form partnerships with Rural and Provincial towns.
5 December	Peter George Secretary NZMCA Wairarapa Area	Latest issue of Associations magazine features Wairarapa.
5 December	Problem Gambling Foundation of New Zealand	Annual Report
7 December	New Zealand Petroleum and Minerals	Block Offer 2013 Awards.
11 December	New Zealand Petroleum and Minerals	Petroleum Prospecting permit Application 56061
12 December	Audit New Zealand	Response to the Auditor General's inquiry into the Mangawhai community wastewater scheme.
12 December	Anardarko	Outlining their survey in February/March 2014.
16 December	Hon Stephen Joyce	Business Growth Agenda Progress Report.

5.2 Outwards

DATE	OUTWARDS	SUBJECT
1 December	Compass Health	Acknowledging their recruitment process plan.
2 December	Lizzie Catherall	Use of old Greytown Library building.
3 December	NZ Post	Relocation of Post Boxes in Greytown.
3 December	Susie Mathews	Use of the old Greytown library for Pilates group.
16 December	Peter Love	Dog micro chipping.
16 December	Lucy McLaren & copies to 40 Petitioners	Trees on Murphy's Orchard.
20 December	Jeremy Gray , Pope and Gray Contractors	Thanks for their assistance with traffic management for the three district Christmas Parades.

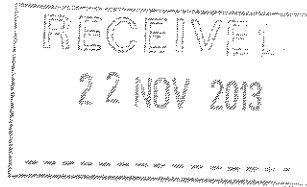
6. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Correspondence Lizzie Catherall

Prepared By: Her Worship the Mayor, Adrienne Staples

**Appendix 1 –
Correspondence Lizzie
Catherall**

79 Main Street
Greytown
Nov 19th 2013



Dear Adrienne,

I am writing to you on behalf of a large group of men and women who commit to doing pilate exercises two to three times weekly with Susie Shaw in Greytown. Most of us are pensioners and using her considerable people skills Susie has encouraged us to work at maintaining our flexibility and body strength by building pilates into our lives. Not an easy challenge but one that has been very beneficial.

Susie has held these sessions for the last nine years in the Little Theatre in Greytown, a space that has not always been easily available because of the demands of theatre production. In the last month it has become impossible for us to do our pilates sessions there.

Unable to find an alternative venue in Greytown Susie has obtained temporary access to the old library building in Stella Bull Park. It is proving an ideal location for pilates and the possibility of continued access has encouraged Susie to look at ways of encouraging other sectors of the community (pregnant women) to engage in pilates there too.

I am writing to ask that this temporary access might be confirmed as longer term in a council rethink of the old library as a civic building.

I appreciate that the council has a wish to obtain a commercial rate for this space. However, I wonder if this goal is at odds with a need too to provide space for community groups to carry out activities at a cost that is realistic given the current economic situation?

When I worked hard as a committee member to realize the Town Centre renovation I never imagined that the vacated library building would sit empty for such lengthy periods of time. I did not think that by working to rejuvenate the old Town Hall the achievement of that goal would result in local access to the old library being out of reach for local people's use because of the rental charge.

I do hope that the council rethink will make possible more access to the old library by Greytown people including the pilates group.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lizzie Catherall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lizzie Catherall

Cc

Christine Stevenson, Chair Greytown Community Board
Leigh Hay, Greytown Community Board member
Shane Atkinson, Greytown Community Board member
Viv Napier, SWDC councillor Greytown ward
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2 December 2013

L Catherall
79 Main St
Greytown

Dear Lizzie

Thank you for your letter, received by me 26 November, concerning the use of the old Greytown library building for pilates.

After the completion of the Greytown Town Centre, Council resolved to seek a tenant for the old library building to help offset the considerable increase in costs for running the new town centre. While we acknowledge that the building has been empty for large periods of time, our preference is still to recoup some income from it rather than have its upkeep a burden on rate payers. The building is listed with real estate agents who feel that with improved times there is once again opportunity to lease the premises.

After checking with Council officers I understand that the pilates group have been given the use of the building until February 2014. If there has been no commercial interest at that stage then Council can revisit its previous decision through the Annual Plan process which commences in early 2014. This will enable us to look at the buildings maintenance needs, approximate use and make appropriate adjustments to proposed rates. Also, other community groups have approached us at different times regarding using the building for an art gallery, information centre, drop in centre and youth hub, all of which would need to be considered equally if the building were to return to full public use.

I will include your letter in my next report to Council and ensure that your request is given consideration.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Adrienne Staples'.

Adrienne Staples
MAYOR