

SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

3 JUNE 2015

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	Rimutaka Hill Road Working Party
Key issues from meeting	<p>Programme and rep's for Featherston to Te Marua Investment Logic Mapping (ILM) exercise and production of the Strategic Business case (SBC)?</p> <p>Initiation indications is that the ILM workshop will be arranged within the next couple of months (details still required on the full SBC programme)</p> <p>How will anticipated increase in logging traffic be accommodated?</p> <p>Clarity the scope/priority for \$71M Rimutaka Improvement works would be useful (i.e. RHRC indicated that the Featherston side of the hill is a higher priority for improvements)</p> <p>Are the temporary concrete barriers (protecting debris from slip above) going to be removed at the end of the wide shoulder $\frac{3}{4}$ up Featherston side of hill?</p> <p>What is the programme for ongoing side barrier (guardrail) installation (i.e. what %/km per annum and how long till whole hill completed?</p> <p>The whole of the hill where the risk or need has been determined to warrant installation of a side barrier, will have side barriers installed, once the current works are complete at the end of June 2015. Any new barriers that occur after that will be a progressive upgrade of the existing older barriers</p>

	<p>With increased truck movements and HPMV, what is the priority to address impacts (i.e. pavement wear v cornering issues?)</p> <p>If 'Remutaka Pass' is adopted for the physical geographical location by NZ Geographical Board (out to consultation), what is NZTA's view on renaming the road?</p> <p>What's the impact of Audio Tactile Profiled (ATP) centreline rumble strips on snowing clearing operations and is there any potential risk to motorcyclists who may stray across the centreline?</p> <p>A good snow plough operator should be able to avoid stripping off the rumble strips, although we may look at slightly lower profiled marking in the snowy areas</p> <p>The conclusion of the research is shown below. Please note that vehicles should not be crossing the centrelines anyway as there is sub-standard sight distance around all corners. (Extract from the research report below)</p>
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2. Meeting Report 2

Name	Wairarapa Moana
Meeting – Date & Venue	Greytown Town Centre 11 May 2015
Key issues from meeting	Project update 3 year project 2015-18 Strategy for interpretation and visitor facilities Entrance signs VUW Landscape Architecture Student proposals
Specific item/s for Council consideration	Farm drains brochure Kakahi (fresh water mussel) monitoring Verbal explanation to be given
General	Overall an interesting and informative meeting. Full papers are available on request

3. Meeting Report 3

Meeting – Date & Venue	Community Board Conference Cophorne Waitangi (Attended in my role on LGNZ CB Executive)
Key issues from meeting	Community Boards have varying delegations and function differently across the country. They range from almost total delegation in Thames Coromandel to none as in Whanganui and Hastings. Those with no delegations are not necessarily the poorest functioning boards as both Whanganui and Hastings have excellent relationships with their parent councils. There is no doubt however that many boards are underutilised as 'local' governance tools for connecting with the communities they have been elected to represent. Of particular interest was the waterfront development of Pahia which was driven by the community and supported by the CB. Only \$5k of Community Board money went into this outstanding development. The rest was raised by Pahia.
Speakers	A full list of speakers is available from the LGNZ website. All were of excellent quality. A particularly moving keynote address was Hone Mihaka on the potential of Maori Tourism.
Specific item/s for Council consideration	Is it timely for WDC to review how it works with its Community Boards with a view to strengthening their role in their communities in light of pending reorganisation?

4. Meeting Report 4

Update on other projects	<p>Wairarapa Safer Community Trust. Councillor Napier will be WC's representative on this board in the future.</p> <p>Social Sector Trial has been renewed for another year with projects held under this contract up for review.</p> <p>WREDA held a workshop on the proposed economic development strategy which Mayor Patterson and I attended.</p> <p>Greytown Trails Trust held a successful AGM and are pressing ahead on the concept of linking Greytown to Featherston through a cycle trail.</p> <p>LGZ – I am part of a small group who are working to review Standing Orders with a view to making a more workable document that councils could adopt in place of the current model. Many councils already have written their own including GWRC, Hamilton, Whakatane and Christchurch.</p>
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	LGNZ have completed their Road Show visiting every council in New Zealand over two months. I supported at 6 presentations in the lower north island which provided valuable insight into the day to day dynamics of different councils.
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5. Other Meetings and Engagements

Date	Engagement	Date	Engagement
23/4/15	LG Road Show Hutt City	09/05/15	Opening Night Opera
25/4/15	ANZAC Day – 4 services	10/05/15	Hutt Valley Orchestra in Carterton
28/4/15	RTC	11/05/15	Martinborough Community Board
29/4/15	LGNZ Road Show Tararua and Central Hawkes Bay	12/05/15	SST briefing
30/4/15	WSCT	12/05/15	Menz Shed Martinborough
30/4/15	SST	12/05/15	Featherston Community Board
30/4/15	LGNZ Conference Committee	13/05/15 – 17/05/15	Community Board Conference
30/4/15	Masterton Memorial Park Artificial Turf opening	18/05/15	Mba LTP public meeting
01/05/15	Hill Road WP	19/05/15	Fstn LTP public meeting
01/05/15	Extraordinary Council Meeting	20/05/15	Gtn LTP public meeting
01/05/15	DoC staff changes update	20/05/15	Infrastructure and Planning Working Party
04/05/15	Maori Standing Committee	21/05/15	WSCT
05/05/15	Greytown Trails Trust AGM	22/05/15	Featherston Sculpture update
06/05/15	LTP	22/05/15	Featherston Graffiti Board unveiling
07/05/15	Pamela Peters EQUIP	22/05/15	Salute
08/05/15	Combined Council Forum	23/05/15	Oversew

6. Correspondence

6.1 Inwards

DATE	INWARDS	SUBJECT
13 April (received)	Secretary, the Greytown Community Heritage Trust	Decision making process for development of the former Greytown Community Store and procedures for consultation.
13 April	Vanessa Dotice, Student Support and Disability Facilitator, UCOL	Thanks for attending the Graduation ceremony and seeking support in 2016.
14 April	Jan Eagle, Friends of Stella Bull Park	Update on the garden project in Stella Bull park.

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15 April	Angela Foulkes, Deputy Chair, Remuneration Authority	Consultants Hay Group to undertake job-sizing exercise.
20 April	Wellington Free Ambulance	Request for Funding from
15 April	Mayor Grant Smith, Mayor Palmerston North City Council	Seeking Council support to their remit to LGNZ that the government impose a compulsory levy on plastic shopping bags at the point of sale.
16 April	Ray Stedman	Cotter Street Traffic issues
20 April	President of sister cities	Thank you for participation in workshop at Government House on 9 April.
20- April	Toimata Foundation	The Enviroschools programme is now Toimata foundation.
24 April	Wairarapa Rural Fire district (WRFD)	Thanks for contribution to the WRFD Strategic Planning Meeting.
24 April	The Malaghan Institute	Latest updates
30 April	Hon Amy Adams and Hon Anne Tolley	Family violence and Sexual Violence Analysis
20 May	Richard Wards	Information request relating to use of vacant land in Featherston
20 May	Richard Wards	Information relating to a crematorium and/or funeral home and/or undertakers being proposed for Featherston

6.2 Outwards

DATE	INWARDS	SUBJECT
14 April	Kokomai Creative Festival	Letter of support for funding request.
16 April	Friends of Stella Bull Park	Thanks for update on garden project and offer to provide support letters for funding is required.
16 April	Vanessa Dotice, Student Support and Disability Facilitator, UCOL	Financial support is considered through LTP process and future funding arrangements can be confirmed after 30 June.
22 April	Mayor Grant Smith, Mayor Palmerston North City Council	Council supports the Palmerston north City Council remit to LGNZ that the government impose a compulsory levy on plastic shopping bags at the point of sale.
22 April	Secretary, the Greytown Community Heritage Trust	An outline of the procedure for the issuing of consents for the development of the former Greytown Community Store and the process of consultation on future projects.
5 May	Friends of Stella Bull Park	Letter of Support
6 May	Nick Burt	Letter of introduction to the mayor of Messines, Belgium
12 May	Haami Te Whaiti	Thanks for the work on the Maori

DATE	INWARDS	SUBJECT
		Standing Committee
20 May	Garry Foster, Partnership Ranger Conservation Department	Support of project to upgrade the campsite at Corner Creek.

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