

COUNCILLOR REPORT
for
South Wairarapa District Council Meeting
Wednesday 4 June 2014

GRAFFITI WORKING PARTY

Councillor's Name	Julie Riddell (Chair) Membership: Cr D Davies (Deputy Chair), Mbr Garry Thomas, Karl Nesbitt (City Care), Hope Sexton, Robyn Ramsden & Sue Tennent (NS), Helen McNaught.
Meeting – Date & Venue	Wednesday 14 May 2014 Graffiti Working Party Held at SWDC Chambers
Key issues from meeting	<p>Karl Nesbitt reported that graffiti strikes are down but vandalism is escalating and he is seeing a pattern. Featherston has had serious vandalism in May occurring mostly in the Town Centre.</p> <p>Martinborough is experiencing graffiti mostly Kitchener, Strassborough and Cologne Street area.</p> <p>Hope reported witnessing a b & e at the new Supermarket site Featherston while on Community Patrol and seeing headstones at the cemetery vandalised.</p> <p>Sue Tennent noted that cameras would be a good solution and that Carterton DC have spent \$50,000 on cctv cameras and signage and have been successful in getting prosecutions. Graffiti/vandalism is low.</p> <p>Helen is currently working on a Camera report for Council but in the meantime members agreed that she look at immediate interim measures and speak with business people in Featherston as well.</p> <p>No Police Report was available.</p>
Speakers	<p>Helen McNaught presented a draft Graffiti Prevention and Management Policy for discussion.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Support – Sue Tennent spoke about the form the meeting at Circus on Sunday 18 May would take and Robyn Ramsden the Featherston NS Coordinator reported on the success of the programme in her area.</p>

Specific item/s for Council consideration	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Early consideration of the Security Camera Report when presented.2. Agreed to invite another member from the Martinborough and Greytown Community Boards to join the WP.3. Neighbourhood Support are putting in a submission to the Annual Plan for funding and they have also requested a letter from the Featherston Community Board and Graffiti WP and Mayor in support of their Funding application to Internal Affairs stating that we have confidence they are delivering the NS programme to South Wairarapa in a professional manner and will continue to do so in the future. They hold the contract in the Wairarapa for the provision of this programme.
General	Next meeting Wednesday 25 June at 3pm.