



GREYTOWN COMMUNITY BOARD

Agenda

NOTICE OF MEETING

An extraordinary meeting will be held in the WBS Room, Greytown Town Centre, 89 Main Street, Greytown on Wednesday, 18 August 2021 at 6:00pm.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD

Ann Rainford (Chair), Shelley Symes, Graeme Gray, Simone Baker, Cr Alistair Plimmer, Cr Rebecca Fox and Aimee Clouston (youth representative)

PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS:

2. APOLOGIES:

3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

4. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND TRIBUTES:

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

5.1 None advised

6. ACTIONS FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

As per standing order 14.17 no debate or decisions will be made at the meeting on issues raised during the forum unless related to items already on the agenda.

7. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

7.1 Chairperson Report

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AGENDA ITEM 7.1

CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Recommendations

The Chairperson recommends that the Community Board:

1. *Approve the Greytown Community Board submission to Greater Wellington Regional Council on the Waiōhine River Plan.*
2. *Approve the Greytown Community Board submission to South Wairarapa District Council regarding the Waiōhine River Plan and associated emergency management matters.*
3. *Approve the Greytown Community Board submission to Waka Kotahi on SH2 proposed safety improvements and speed limits as they effect Greytown.*

1. Topic 1 – Waiōhine River Plan

The Board is asked to consider approving the submission to Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) as attached in Appendix 1. The plan and further information is available from: https://haveyoursay.gw.govt.nz/waiohine-river-plan/survey_tools/submission-form-waiohine-river-plan

In context of the Greytown Community Board (GCB) submission to GWRC, relating to the Waiohine Flood Management Plan, the GCB has received a public submission requesting that the following recommendations be brought to the attention of the South Wairarapa District Council (SWDC).

The public submission is attached in Appendix 2 and the GCB submission to SWDC in response is attached in Appendix 3.

2. Topic 2 – Waka Kotahi SH2 safety improvements and speed review

The GCB is asked to consider approving the submission to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency on SH2 proposed safety improvements and speed limits as attached in Appendix 4.

Information about the consultation is available at: <https://nzta.govt.nz/projects/sh2-wairarapa-highway-improvements/>

3. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Submission to Greater Wellington Regional Council on the Waiōhine River Plan

Appendix 2 – Public submission on the Waiōhine River Plan

Appendix 3 – Submission to South Wairarapa District Council on the Waiōhine River Plan

Appendix 4 – Submission to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency on SH2 proposed safety improvements and speed limits

Appendix 1 - Submission to Greater Wellington Regional Council on the Waiōhine River Plan



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**GREYTOWN COMMUNITY BOARD
WAIOHINE FLOOD MANAGEMENT PLAN
SUBMISSION TO GWRC**

The Greytown Community Board (GCB) strongly supports the Waiohine Flood Management Plan developed by the Waiohine Action Group Project Team.

This Project was enabled under mandate of the Greytown Community on July 4, 2017 in response to the widely acknowledged need for an affordable Flood Management Plan. This was designed to reflect appropriate expertise and relevant local knowledge of the River and its environment, afforded by and through the Project Team. Greatly appreciated collaboration with the GWRC further facilitated the development of this Plan.

The GCB also expresses its gratitude to the Project Team for its significant efforts on behalf of the Greytown Community.

This submission emphasizes and strongly recommends GWRC acknowledge the following:

- a) the vital importance of gravel extraction and appropriate management of bed levels, as determined by expert advice in the Plan
- b) the vital importance of ongoing effective, timely and relevant communication and collaboration between GWRC, the SWDC and the South Wairarapa Community regarding Waiohine River Management Plan implementation.
- c) the significance of this Plan as a Living Plan to mitigate flood related disaster of Greytown and to enable appropriate

stakeholder engagement with the River and its environs over the long term.

- d) the vital importance of GWRC and SWDC working well together on river flood risk and hazard warning and mitigation processes and associated Civil Defence/Emergency Management preparedness and response issues.

The Greytown Community Board is concerned about the social and economic impacts to the region should the flood protection service, risk mitigation and emergency response processes not fulfill legislated requirements.

This serves to strengthen our support for the Waiohine Flood Management Plan. We consider ourselves fortunate to benefit from the commitment and expertise afforded by the whole Project Team.

Thank you.

Appendix 2 – Public submission on the Waiōhine River Plan

30 July 2021

Anne Rainford
Chair
Greytown Community Board
Greytown

Submission on the The Waiōhine River Plan

Introduction

I understand that WAG and the GWRC will present the plan to the meeting of your Community Board that you are holding on 4th August 2021. I submit the following observations and recommendations for your consideration. These are limited to the flood protection matters in the plan.

1. Adequacy of the Plan

I have not had access to the technical working papers and maps necessary to arrive at an opinion on the adequacy of the proposed flood protection works. That said I have a concern that the proposed protection works as they extend South Sou West, terminating just short of Kuratawhiti Street may slow the flow of waters from a flood to the Western parts of Kuratawhiti Street. I can't see any information in the plan that enables me to have confidence that this has been considered.

2. Critical Factors

- a) The plan proposes flood protection works that are minimal and low cost. The low-cost feature is important, even more so given the recent rates shock that the Council has dumped on ratepayers without any warning, and which was not foreshadowed in the Councils Long Term Plan.
- b) I note that the minimalist flood protection works planned will only be effective if the height and condition of the riverbed and its banks are managed. This then raises the question of how there will be effective governance and accountability for these matters. Put another way, how will the community know that the necessary work has been performed as required to agreed and visible standards of timeliness, cost, and quality?

I don't believe that the governance arrangements proposed in the draft plan (pages 17 and 18 and later) go anywhere far enough.

There is nothing inherently wrong about the aspiration to have continued partnership between WAG and the GWRC and those elements seem to be well described. What is missing though, is anything that describes the allocation of decision-making authority and resources, who is accountable to whom for what and how the necessary information to make accountability work will be collected, reported, and acted upon.

- c) Whilst the flood protection works, maintenance and operations are matters for the “Greater” Wellington Regional Council, the impacts are local. There is no specific mention in the plan of who will actually perform and be accountable for the construction, maintenance and operations necessary to keep the river controlled to the levels set out in the plan. This is especially important given the lessons to be learned from the recent Ashburton floods.
- d) These gaps are compounded by the fact that there is no accountability of GWRC locally based river management officials to the Wairarapa Committee of the GWRC and the terms of reference of that committee don’t appear to permit that committee to have any role in overseeing the local performance of its officials. This and other culture and performance issues within the GWRC should leave the Greytown Community Board without confidence that it can rely on the GWRC to fulfil its part in the execution of the plan unless there is better clarity of relationship arrangements that include accountability provisions.

I don’t suggest that the Greytown Community Board could usefully contemplate in dealing directly with any performance issues with the GWRC.

The Greytown Community Board can, however, submit to the South Wairarapa District Council that it has a duty under Section 17 of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2020, as a member of the “Greater” Wellington Civil Defence Emergency Management Group, in relation to “relevant hazards and risks” to:

- i. identify, assess, and manage those hazards and risks.
- ii. consult and communicate about risks.
- iii. identify and implement cost-effective risk reduction.

In performing that duty, the South Wairarapa District Council should concern itself with understanding the performance of the GWRC in its delivery of the maintenance and operation of the flood protection services. It should do so in a way that failures to maintain the protection works to planned standards are anticipated, managed, and mitigated in a timely manner. This requires the early identification of hazards and risks and having access to the required resources in the state of preparedness necessary to act decisively and promptly in the emergence of a hazard or risk that imminently threatens the Community. This level of preparedness needs to be visible in the pertinent Civil Defence Emergency Management Group plan required by Section 17 of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2020.

Conclusions

1. I commend the working people of WAG for their huge effort and their work that has resulted in the draft plan.
2. The plan needs to be strengthened by specification of robust useable accountability arrangements that address the allocation of decision-making authority, resourcing, and reporting.
3. The South Wairarapa District Council should take an active role in monitoring the performance of the GWRC flood protection. This is to ensure that the Council is well prepared to anticipate and respond to failures, hazards, and risks. That state of preparedness should be visible in local civil defence plans.

Recommendations

I recommended that the Greytown Community Board:

1. Acknowledge the tremendous work efforts of the WAG Project Team that have resulted in the plan.
2. Propose to the Regional Council that it strengthen the accountability arrangements for river control and flood protection as set out in this submission.
3. Propose to the South Wairarapa District Council that it has a duty under Section 17 of Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2020, as a member of the “Greater” Wellington Civil Defence Emergency Management Group, in relation to “relevant hazards and risks” to:
 - i. Identify, assess, and manage those hazards and risks.
 - ii. Consult and communicate about risks.
 - iii. Identify and implement cost-effective risk reduction.
4. In acting on recommendation 3, also propose that the South Wairarapa District Council, concern itself with:
 - i. Understanding the performance of the GWRC in its delivery of maintenance and operation of flood protection services so that failures to maintain the protection works to planned standards are managed and mitigated in a timely manner.
 - ii. Noting that i. requires the identification of the hazards and risks and having the required resources at the ready in the state of preparedness necessary to act decisively and promptly on the emergence of a failure, hazard or risk that threatens the Community. This level of preparedness needs to be visible in the applicable local Civil Defence Emergency Management Group plan required by Section 17 of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2020.

Yours sincerely,

Derek M Williams

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Appendix 3 - Submission to South Wairarapa District Council on the Waiōhine River Plan



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**GREYTOWN COMMUNITY BOARD
WAIOHINE FLOOD MANAGEMENT PLAN
ASSOCIATED EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MATTERS
SUBMISSION TO SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL**

In context of the Greytown Community submission process to Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC), relating to the Waiohine Flood Management Plan, the Greytown Community Board (GCB) has received a public submission requesting that the following recommendations be brought to the attention of the South Wairarapa District Council (SWDC).

The GCB supports the attached submission. It highlights and requests the following:

That:

1. The South Wairarapa District Council has a duty under Section 17 of Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2020, as a member of the “Greater” Wellington Civil Defence Emergency Management Group, in relation to “relevant hazards and risks” to:
 - i. Identify, assess, and manage those hazards and risks.
 - ii. Consult and communicate about risks.
 - iii. Identify and implement cost-effective risk reduction.
2. The South Wairarapa District Council, concern itself with:
 - i. Understanding the performance of the GWRC in its delivery of maintenance and operation of flood protection services so that failures to maintain the protection works to planned standards are managed and mitigated in a timely manner.

- ii. Noting that i. requires the identification of the hazards and risks and having the required resources at the ready in the state of preparedness necessary to act decisively and promptly on the emergence of a failure, hazard or risk that threatens the Community.
- iii. This level of preparedness needs to be visible in the applicable local Civil Defence Emergency Management Group plan required by Section 17 of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2020.

We take this opportunity to request that the SWDC maintain its vigilance over the hazards and risk identification processes and mitigation and emergency response preparedness, as outlined above.

We propose that added consideration be given to the way the relationship between the two Councils is managed; the governance, accountability, levels of responsibility – who does what, where, when, how and why.

Our Community needs to have assurance that processes can and will be followed, with adequate resources, available when and where needed to mitigate risk.

This is for the social and economic benefit of the South Wairarapa Communities as a whole.

Thank you.

**Appendix 4 – Submission to Waka Kotahi NZ
Transport Agency on SH2 proposed safety
improvements and speed limits**



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**GREYTOWN COMMUNITY BOARD
PROPOSED ROAD CHANGES AS THEY EFFECT GREYTOWN
SUBMISSION TO WAKA KOTAHI NZ TRANSPORT AGENCY**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit to this enquiry on road changes in Greytown.

1. We support the speed limits proposed in the urban area and around school zones.
2. We support the raised crossings.
3. We do not support the reduction of speed on SH2 by 20%. There is no past evidence to support this. It will also make integrating the feeder rural roads into the network significantly harder due to a confused approach. If the speed on our presumed safest road is reduced by 20% what will be the approach to the feeder roads? LTSA data suggests that a 5% reduction in speed has a 10% improvement in outcomes. Perhaps a compromise position could be supported if the SH2 speed was reduced to 90kph for all classes of vehicles. This would enable a discussion with the community and a sensible integration of our wider network

Specifics for Greytown

4. A crossing opposite Farmlands should be installed as this would assist pedestrians getting to the new medical centre.
5. A round about at the Challenge intersection is required given the increase in traffic attempting to access SH2 North and South.