



Martinborough Community Board

Minutes 12 March 2012

- Present:** Pam Colenso (Chair), Heather Gibbs, Jo Guscott, Adi McMaster and Cr Julie Riddell.
- In attendance:** Mayor Adrienne Staples, Dr Jack Dowds (CEO), Glenn Bunny (Group Manager Planning and Environment) and Suzanne Clark (Committee Secretary).
- Conduct of Business:** The meeting was conducted in public in the South Wairarapa District Council Chambers, 19 Kitchener Street, Martinborough on Monday 12 March 2012 between 7.00pm and 8:15pm.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

Mrs Colenso advised that inwards correspondence had been received from Cath De Groot and Lois and Garry McAvoy. The Community Board agreed that these items be added to the agenda.

1. APOLOGIES:

MCB RESOLVED (MCB 2012/10) to receive apologies from Cr Stevens.
(*Moved Cr Riddell/ Seconded Gibbs*)

Carried

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

No conflicts of interest were declared.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

There was no public participation.

4. COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES/EXPENDITURE:

4.1 Martinborough Community Board Minutes – 30 January 2012

MCB RESOLVED (MCB 2012/11) that the minutes of the Martinborough Community Board meeting held on 30 January 2012 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

(*Moved Gibbs/ Seconded Guscott*)

Carried

4.2 Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

- 4.3 Action items from previous meeting
The Community Board reviewed the action items and updates were provided.

MCB RESOLVED (MCB201212):

1. To fund the purchase of materials for two picnic tables for the Tora community up to a total of \$2,000.
(Moved Colenso/ Seconded McMaster) Carried
2. Action 103: Confirm that Graham Guy is able to donate time to build and paint two picnic tables for the Tora community; P Colenso
3. Action 104: Get confirmation from the Tora community that the proposed macrocarpa tables are suitable and request that the local community install the picnic tables once they have been built; P Colenso

- 4.4 Income and Expenditure Statement

MCB RESOLVED (MCB 2012/13) to receive the Income and Expenditure Statement to 31 January 2012.

(Moved Cr Riddell/ Seconded Gibbs)

Carried

5. OPERATIONAL REPORTS – COUNCIL OFFICERS:

- 5.1 Officers' Report to Community Boards

The Community Board reviewed the report and discussed the Saturday opening trial at the libraries and the Martinborough off-leash dog park under development.

MCB RESOLVED (MCB 2012/14):

1. To receive the information.

(Moved Gibbs / Seconded Guscott)

Carried

- 5.2 Representation Review

The Community Board considered the report and Dr Dowds recommended that no representation changes be made for the 2013 local body elections.

MCB RESOLVED (MCB 2012/15):

1. To receive the information.
2. That Council and community board representation remain as per the current arrangement for the 2013 local government elections.

(Moved Cr Riddell / Seconded Guscott)

Carried

6. COMMUNITY BOARD/COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

- 6.1 Town Centre Committee

Mrs Gibbs reported that the committee had informally met and discussed seating

in the Martinborough Square. The Group Manager Planning and Environment tabled a revised Martinborough Square Management Plan and advised that it would be released for public consultation by 19 March 2012. The Community Board suggested amendments to the document. Mr Bunny gave an update on the Town Hall submissions process.

6.2 Considine Park Committee

Mrs Guscott reported that she was obtaining a quote for a new fence for the perimeter of Centennial Park. A committee meeting was scheduled for the week commencing 19 March 2012 to discuss the placement of a path, tree removal and replacement and site clearing.

6.3 Town Hall Committee

Cr Riddell reported that the committee remained in recess.

6.4 Martinborough Playground

Mrs Guscott had nothing to report regarding the playground equipment upgrade however she noted the correspondence from Cath De Groot regarding broken glass outside the Town Hall.

MCB NOTED:

1. Action 105: Undertake a weekly check of Martinborough high profile and public area grounds for broken glass and follow-up the matter with Transfield if necessary; M Allingham

6.5 Other Reports

Mrs McMaster advised the Community Board of the Transpower Community Care Fund and the possibility of applying to this fund for solar heating for the Martinborough Pool. The Community Board asked that Mrs McMaster work with a council officer to complete the application and before the application is submitted obtain signoff from the Community Board.

Mrs Colenso reported that she had attended a meeting of the Lake Ferry Ratepayers Association and noted points of interest from their LTP submission to Council.

7. PAIN FARM REPORT:

MCB RESOLVED (MCB2012/16) to recommend to Council that payment from the Pain Farm account for the demolition of chimneys in the Pain Farm homestead and installation of suitable replacement heating subject to an agreement from Wairarapa Heating and Tiling subject to work being carried out within an agreed timeframe be approved.

(Moved Guscott / Seconded Colenso)

Carried

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

8.1 Inwards

From Victim Support to Martinborough and Greytown Community Board dated 21 February 2012.

From Lois and Garry McAvoy to the Martinborough Community Board received 9 March 2012.

From Cath De Groot to the Martinborough Community Board dated 8 March 2012.

MCB RESOLVED (MCB 2012/17):

1. To receive the inwards, including tabled, correspondence.
(Moved Gibbs/ Seconded Guscott) Carried
2. Action 106: Write to Lois and Garry McAvoy and advise that fees and charges for Council amenities is a Council function but the letter could be put forward as a submission to the LTP process. Also advise that a grant for heating the Martinborough Pool was being progressed; P Colenso
3. Action 106: Write to Cath de Groot advising that a grant for heating the Martinborough Pool was being progressed and thanking her for offer to volunteer at the pool; P Colenso

9. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

9.1 Martinborough Kindergarten

MCB RESOLVED (MCB 2012/18) to decline the grant application from Martinborough Kindergarten.

(Moved Gibbs/ Seconded Riddell) Carried

9.2 Jason van Zanten

MCB RESOLVED (MCB 2012/19) to decline the grant application from Jason van Zanten

(Moved Gibbs/ Seconded McMaster) Carried

Confirmed as a true and correct record

.....Chairperson

.....Date

**Martinborough Community Board
Action List
from 12 March 2012**

Ref #	Meeting	Date	Action Type	Responsible Manager	Action or Task details	Status	Notes
1090	MCB	21-Nov-11	Action	Mark	Undertake maintenance at Centennial/Considine Park in the area of the existing track and create an ongoing maintenance plan for the park	Actioned	13.2.12 Regular maintenance is in place.
1092	MCB	21-Nov-11	Action	Pam Colenso	Request that a quote for a concrete picnic table (for placement at Tora) is provided to the Community Board for funding consideration	Open	Community is organising pricing from P&K
95	MCB	12-Mar-12	Resolution	Pam Colenso	MCB RESOLVED (MCB201212):To fund the purchase of materials for two picnic tables for the Tora community up to a total of \$2,000. (Moved Colenso/ Secoded McMaster) Carried	Open	
103	MCB	12-Mar-12	Action	Pam Colenso	Confirm that Graham Guy is able to donate time to build and paint two picnic tables for the Tora community	Actioned	Community have decided on different tables/chairs, but will still require wood to be purchased
104	MCB	12-Mar-12	Action	Pam Colenso	Get confirmation from the Tora community that the proposed macrocarpa tables are suitable and request that the local community install the picnic tables once they have been built	Actioned	Still going to use Macrocarpa for the tables and seating but a different style and the community will put these together, they are getting prices from P&K for the wood.
105	MCB	12-Mar-12	Action	Mark	Undertake a weekly check of Martinborough high profile and public area grounds for broken glass and follow -up the matter with Transfield if necessary	Actioned	
106	MCB	12-Mar-12	Action	Pam Colenso	Write to Lois and Garry McAvoy and advise that fees and charges for Council amenities is a Council function but the letter could be put forward as a submission to the LTP process. Also advise that a grant for heating the Martinborough Pool was being progressed	Actioned	
107	MCB	12-Mar-12	Action	Pam Colenso	Write to Cath de Groot advising that a grant for heating the Martinborough Pool was being progressed and thanking her for offer to volunteer at the pool	Actioned	

MARTINBOROUGH COMMUNITY BOARD

30 APRIL 2012

AGENDA ITEM 5.1

OFFICERS' REPORT

Purpose of Report

To update members on the Corporate Support, Infrastructure and Services and Planning and Environment Group activities.

Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Community Board/Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*

CORPORATE SUPPORT GROUP REPORT

1. Executive Summary

The long term plan has again dominated proceedings since the last report. Audit New Zealand will be onsite for two weeks from 26 March to review the LTP

Rates debtors continue to be followed up, the latest debtor levels have shown some improvement, however we need to see a continued trend before any conclusion can be drawn.

The Request for Proposal for the replacement local authority software suite was issued, and proposals have been received. These will be analysed with a shortlist due to be decided by 30 March.

Water meter readings have been completed for the four months ended 29 February. These have been entered into the system and invoices issued.

Financial statements for the eight months ended 29 February 2012 have been completed. A full year forecast has also been prepared based on the year to date February results.

The archiving project is progressing, with an inventory of archive materials nearing completion. An archivist, recommended by Archives New Zealand, has been spoken to and will commence an analysis of archival materials to provide a recommendation of what action should be taken

2. Discussion

2.1 LTP

The LTP is moving forward as planned and there are no anticipated issues that would hinder meeting the statutory deadline of 30 June, with the target adoption date of 27 June.

The fortnightly LTP sessions have been useful in moving issues forward, the final series of policies that are required will be presented to the April 4 Policy and Finance meeting for consideration.

2.2 Operating system replacement

The RFP time for submissions closed on Friday 23 March and the three vendors who were targeted submitted proposals before the deadline.

As indicated in my email, the RFP is the first phase of a comprehensive upgrade of SWDC systems. The second key system will be an electronic data and records management system. Sufficient budget has been allowed in the 2012/13 LTP for the purchase and implementation of both systems.

Limited guidance from Splice Group has been sought, however it is anticipated we will not require much in the way of external assistance. Splice Group were recommended by MDC and have experience in this area.

The following table outlines the broad timetable:

Description	Duration	Timeframe – no later than
RFP Preparation	5 weeks	27 February 2012
RFP Response time	4 weeks	23 March 2012
RFP Evaluation	1 week	30 March 2012
Shortlist – 2 Suppliers		30 March 2012
Product demonstrations and site visits	2 weeks	18 April 2012
Decision – recommendation to Council		4 May 2012 (For 16 May Council Meeting)
Implementation	?	To be decided

2.3 Rate Arrears

Efforts continue on rate arrears. The table below outlines the situation as at 23 March 2012.

The following table summarises the rate arrears excluding multi ownership Maori land.

Date	Amount \$'000	Number	Days since instalment due	SWDC component \$'000 (81%)
30 June 2011	\$851	631	31	\$689
1 August 2011	\$780	463	64	\$632
28 November 2011	\$969	760	7	\$785
1 March 2012	\$925	690	7	\$740
16 March 2012	\$830	602	23	\$672
23 March 2012	\$790	555	30	\$640

Since my discussion with MDC over collection procedures, I have spoken to Adam Parker from Gawith Burrige to discuss their involvement in the MDC processes.

As indicated in the previous report, while we are generally following the same procedures, we may need to take a stricter line in how we follow the arrears up. That said it has taken many years of consistent pressure by MDC to achieve their low level of arrears.

2.4 Financial Statements for the eight months ended 29 February 2012

The financial statements for the eight months ended 29 February 2012 are presented.

A full year forecast has also been prepared based on the YTD February results.

2.5 Archival Project

The archiving project is progressing, with an inventory of archive materials nearing completion. An archivist, recommended by Archives New Zealand, has been spoken to and will commence an analysis of archival materials to provide a recommendation of what action should be taken

A proposal from the archivist has been received and the following outputs are identified:

2.5.1. The results of the completed project

Stages one and two will provide the Council with:

- An up to date archive policy
- A basic timeline history of the Council and it predecessors' main events and the main people involved.
- Information about what the archives are, where they are and what are the most valuable.
- Archives held in appropriate and well organised storage.
- An archive image library that includes digital copies of high value archives.
- An electronic and printed guide (x3) to the archives that is easy to read and use. That is accessible to the three library locations and the Wairarapa Archive.

2.6 Pain Farm Expenditure

Martinborough Community Board have been appointed as the community body tasked with the oversight of Pain Farm and expenditure of funds accumulated through the lease of this property. Although the Community Board have these powers, resolutions for expenditure must be endorsed by Council. Expenditure was approved by Council for the MCB recommendations as follows:

Martinborough Playground:

MCB RESOLVED (MCB 2012/05):

1. That the flying fox at \$11,986 and the double slide at \$1,498 be ordered and that \$15,000 be allocated from the Pain Farm fund to cover the cost of the equipment and installation (including safety barking under the flying fox).

(Moved Guscott / Seconded McMaster) Carried

Pain Farm Report:

MCB RESOLVED (MCB2012/16) to approve payment from the Pain Farm account for the demolition of chimneys in the Pain Farm homestead and installation of suitable replacement heating subject to an agreement from the Wairarapa Heating and Tiling that the work is carried out within an agreed timeframe.

(Moved Guscott / Seconded Colenso) Carried

The amount applicable to the above resolution is \$10,098.30.

Contact Officer: Paul Crimp, Group Manager Corporate Support

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT GROUP REPORT

1. Planning

1.1 Resource Consents

Officers received 10 consent applications since 1 February 2012. 19 consents were approved since 1 February (9 of which were received in previous months) all within the statutory timeframes. Officers now provide detailed fortnightly updates on all consents direct to Councillors and Community Board members, so consent details are not listed here.

1.2 Policy

1.2.1. *Martinborough Square Reserve Re-Notification*

The Martinborough Square Reserve Draft Management Plan and Draft Development Plan have been rewritten and are out for further public consultation as of 21 March 2012 with submissions closing on 30 May 2012.

1.2.2. *Regional Planners Meeting Forum*

Planning Managers from the District Councils and Regional Council have initiated a Wellington regional planning group. The purpose of the forum is to identify, develop and implement opportunities for collaborative and coordinated work across the range of functions services delivered by the planning departments. This includes a combined response to central government policy changes and proposals, for example NES's and RMA reviews. The group will also look at streamlining local government processes such as Regional Plan reviews and District Plan development.

Officers have met twice so far and the group is proving to be a positive initiative. The opportunity to network, share ideas and resources, and move towards a more cohesive regional platform has been well received.

Glenn Bunny will also continue to attend the SORT forum on behalf of the Wairarapa Councils that feeds into the Wellington Regional Strategy and Grow Wellington directive.

1.2.3. *NES on Contamination*

The National Environmental Standard for Assessing and Managing Contaminants in Soil to Protect Human Health (the NES) came into effect on 1 January 2012. The NES for Assessing and Managing Contaminants in Soil to Protect Human Health provides a nationally consistent set of planning controls and soil contaminant values and ensures that land affected by contaminants in soil is appropriately identified and assessed before it is developed - and if necessary the land is remediated or the contaminants contained to make the land safe for human use. All territorial authorities (district and city councils) are required to give effect to and enforce the requirements of the NES. The NES does not affect existing land uses.

Officers are currently reviewing the NES to ascertain whether or not a Plan change will be required in order to give effect to the new legislation.

1.2.4. Bylaws

The work towards developing a common set of Bylaws for the three Wairarapa Councils is almost complete to a draft stage. Officers from the Councils will meet on the 10th of April to finalise the draft bylaws for the purpose of public advertisement. It is likely that each District will have its own set of bylaws, but that they will be 99% common.

1.2.5. Planning and Environment Streamlining

Council officers have been working with MDC, and to a lesser extent CDC, towards establishing consistency in incoming and outgoing documentation, fees, and processes in the planning, environmental health and animal control departments. As per the direction given by the Shared Services Committee, the goal is to have a seamless experience when dealing with any of the three Councils in these particular areas. Using the resource consent process as an example, all activity descriptions, fees, application forms, processing, decision format, and standard consent conditions will soon be uniform throughout the district.

Work has begun on undertaking the same process for the Building Department. Much of this work has already been previously investigated, but the process lost momentum. It is intended that this work stream will be rejuvenated between SWDC and MDC.

2. Building

2.1 Building consents

Processing statistics for: 1 February 2012 – 29 February 2012

Item	Period	Year to date	Same period last year	Annual Plan
Consents received	31	332	25	N/A
Consent processing performance (within 20wd's)	100%	99.68%	100%	90%
COA processing performance	0%	70%	0%	N/A
CCC processing performance	100%	98.69%	96.67%	100%

COA Certificate of Acceptance

CCC Code Compliance Certificate

Building consent numbers from 1 July 2011 to 19 March 2012 show as 215. For the same period the year before the number was 235.

Consents granted by project

Code	Type	Avg. Duration (Days)	No. of consents	Value
AB	Internal Alterations – inc P/D	10.0	2	102,000
AG	Single Story Stucco/Txt Coat etc	6.0	1	25,000
AH	Single Story Stucco/Txt Coat etc - with P&D	11.0	1	150,000
AL	Multi Story Weatherboard – inc P/D	2.0	1	400,000
CC	Single Story Multi Unit Apartments/Motels	1.0	1	345,000
CL	Commercial/Industrial \$500,001 - \$1,000,000	14.5	2	1,900,000
CE	Minor Commercial Work – no P/D	20.0	1	500
MA	Solid Fuel Heater	1.5	2	6,500
MB	Minor Plumbing Work	9.5	2	20,000
ME	Wet area shower	8.0	1	9,583
NB	Single Story Brick Veneer Rural	3.0	1	440,000
NC	Single Story Weatherboard Urban	12	1	285,000
NE	Single Story Stucco/Texture Coat etc – Urban	18.0	1	800,000
NF	Single Story Stucco/Texture Coat etc – Rural	16.0	1	290,000
RB	Relocated Residential Dwelling - Rural	11.0	1	6,200
SA	Garden Sheds/Retaining Walls/Carports	5.0	1	1,000
SC	Minor Farm Buildings	6.0	3	48,400
SD	Large Farm Buildings	10.0	1	190,000
SF	Proprietary Garages Standard	9.0	1	16,000
SI	Proprietary Garages & sleep out - inc P/D	10.0	1	15,000
SJ	Garages, Custom Design	15.0	1	5,000
SK	Garages, Custom Design incl. P&D	19.0	1	40,000
SL	Residential Repile	7.0	1	6,000
		9.0	27	3,201,183

2.2 Enforcement

2.2.1. Dangerous Buildings

Cape Palliser Road, Whatarangi

The buildings at Cape Palliser continue to be monitored. The demolition of another dwelling has been completed.

2.3 Policy

None to report.

2.4 Other matters

The Licensed Building Practitioners (LBP) scheme developed by the Department of Building & Housing (DBH) came into effect on the 1 March 2012. This means any building consent that has 'Restricted Building Work' as part of the consent, the design work and construction work has to be completed by a Licensed Building Practitioner. Procedures have been developed and implemented by the Building Consent Authority to address

this. The proposed outcome will be that better quality plans are submitted to council and that the people completing the design and construction work will be competent to do so.

A home owner will not be able to submit plans and specifications to build an extension onto their home or build a new house. Having the right people complete the design and construction of a project will improve the quality of the documentation being submitted and means the BCA will be dealing with people who are qualified and understand the requirements of the Building Act and Building Code so improving communication between the parties.

Consent numbers are likely to be reduced until the current practitioners become licensed. Many of the designers have left it to the last minute to become licensed and as there is now a backlog in the LBP approvals this means they cannot submit plans until they become licensed.

3. Environmental Health

3.1 Liquor Licensing

15 liquor licenses were processed in February 2012.

3.1.1. Alcohol Reform Bill Update

The Justice and Electoral Committee have examined the Alcohol Reform Bill recommends it be passes with some amendments. The Bill is awaiting the full committee stage in parliament. There is still some "tweaking " going on but the proposed final reading is scheduled for between late April to November 2012.

3.2 Food Bill update

The new Food Bill has been through the Primary Production Select committee and is a priority three. This means that it should be passed if at all possible this year. The relevant central government departments are still optimistic that it will be passed this year in spite of the adverse reaction from some groups that have had significant media coverage.

3.3 Noise control

21 noise complaints were received in February and March (to 14 March) resulting in six Excessive Noise Directions being issued and seizure of a stereo.

Several noise complaints regarding the use of bird scaring devices in vineyards have been received in the past month. Noise assessments have been undertaken and successful discussions with the vineyards concerned appear to have resolved the complaints.

It is likely with the unseasonable weather that the ripening process will be delayed and there will be extended use of bird scaring devices.

3.4 By-laws and animal control

3.4.1. *Overhanging trees*

Council Bylaws Officers have been targeting trees overhanging footpaths or road reserve that are likely to cause an obstruction to the public in all three communities. To date 14 notices have been issued with a very positive response from most properties.

Trees and power lines are a separate matter overseen by Power Co. Regulations require Power Co to pay for the first cut so trees that meet the criteria are a safe distance away from power lines.

The tree owner is then responsible for arranging a Powerco approved contractor to keep trees from the lines in future.

This is not the responsibility of council officers.

3.4.2. *Dog and stock control*

Bylaws officers dealt with 43 individual dog and stock incidents in February and March.

Contact Officer: Sheryl Willmott, Administration Officer

Reviewed By: Glenn Bunny, Planning & Environment Group

INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES GROUP REPORT

1. Executive Summary

1.1 School Lighting Project

Kuranui College children will be working with Dave Patten, Council's electricity contractor, to record and map the current system to assist in planning upgrade works on better placement and lighting.

1.2 Contracts

The process for the procurement of a new services contract has begun. The Request For Information has been released and there has been a positive amount of interest in the contract.

1.3 Consents

Delays continue to be experienced with lodgement for the Greytown WWTP and the latest timeline indicates lodgement by end of April.

Preliminary documentation has been lodged with the Regional Council for the AEE Application required for the Martinborough WWTP consent renewal with the final AEE and application to be submitted by April 10th 2012.

Featherston WWTP consent renewal applications are continuing and further reporting will be done as continuing results are received on the new plant.

2. Utilities

2.1 Wastewater

2.1.1. Operations

Wastewater treatment plants operated routinely over the period. Normal monitoring for flow and compliance reporting continued throughout the period with no non-compliance issues reported.

New UV infrastructure at the Featherston and Martinborough wastewater treatment plants continue to perform well with more than acceptable pathogen reduction levels being achieved. Two pipeline blockages were reported and rectified during the period.

2.2 Water Supply

2.2.1. Operations

A graph of water consumption is attached. It indicates typical use for the time of year and season however it is noted that consumption in Greytown increased markedly ahead of Christmas. Leak detection observation in the New Year was unable to establish significant leakage in the urban reticulation systems.

During the period however it was decided to investigate and repair a significant leak, that staff was aware of, in the main pipeline between Featherston and

Greytown. The leaking 300mm dia steel pipeline was some 5 metres deep, close to the northern bank of the Tauherenikau River. Considerable difficulty was experienced in locating the leak and at the time of writing the leak was expected to be repaired and normal supply resumed to Featherston by Thursday 15 March 2012.

In the meantime the Featherston community was supplied from the Boar Bush dam and whilst safe to drink this supply generated some complaints from consumers.

Tanker water was made available for Featherston residents during the primary supply outage.

2.2.2. Consents

Extraction permits for the Greytown bore expire later in the year.

2.3 Water Races

Water races operated normally during the period.

Further consultation with water race users will be commenced with public meeting (s) scheduled in the next month ahead of the adoption of a new draft bylaw (subject to a full round of public consultation as required by the Local Government Act).

2.4 Waste Management

2.4.1. Operations

Services are being delivered as normal with some planned changes made to collection routine in the Greytown business area.

Waste export and recycling tonnage data for the period is attached.

3. Roding

3.1 Parks and Reserves (Transfield Services)

The contractor's performance is generally satisfactory with a good response to Council's requests. Further improvements to maintenance standards could be made by regular inspections by Transfield to identify gaps in their maintenance.

Council officers are currently inspecting the town centers every Monday morning and advising Transfield of works required in an attempt to get them to improve their maintenance.

3.2 Roding Maintenance (Oldfield Asphalts)

Routine roding maintenance is satisfactory, unsealed roads are in good repair and signs are well maintained.

The severe weather event at the end of February caused some slips on the White Rock Rd west of Tukurumuri and wave damage to the Cape Palliser Rd at Te Kōpi, but little damage elsewhere.

Oldfields have made temporary repairs at Te Kōpi and cleared the slips on the White Rock Rd.

Other ordered work over the past month includes tree clearing on the Hinakura Rd and pavement repairs on Lake Ferry Rd and the White Rock Rd north of Tukurumuri.

4. Property and Facilities

4.1 General

4.2 Properties

65 Longwood Road has been tenanted.

Painting of the Featherston Information Centre will commence 10 April using paint from the Dulux Sponsorship. Repair work is being carried out on the outside of the building before painting.

Pain Farm Homestead has new chimneys, serviced log burners and a new log burner in the front lounge room.

Featherston Stadium has wire netting put up at far end where birds keep making a mess.

4.3 Pensioner Housing

Units 1, 2, 7 and 8 of the Burling Flats will have their roofs replaced. The television aerials will also be removed and placed on the side walls of the flats.

4.4 Swimming Pools

The pools were closed on Sunday 11 March 2012. Martinborough Toddlers Pool is having new surface put on by the end of April 2012 so it is not slippery.

4.5 Cemeteries

Greytown Cemetery Gazebo has been lined inside to stop birds nesting and making a mess down the walls.

Featherston Cemetery Extension shelter belt planting is scheduled to proceed in April/May 2012.

4.6 Camping Grounds

Greytown Camp Ground lease tender is underway:

- Advertising starting from 19 March
- Tender's closing on 13 April 2012.
- Tender Evaluation will be from 16th to 26th April.
- Paper to Community Board 2 May 2012.
- Papers to Council 1 May to 4 May.
- Council Meeting 16 May.
- Negotiations 17 May to 29 June 2012.
- Lease commences 1 July 2012.

4.7 Leases and Licenses

Pain Farm Land tender advertising from 18 April with tenders closing on 14 May 2012. Lease commences 1 June 2012.

5. Libraries

5.1 Copyright

Classification/censorship and copyright are major issues at the moment. An awareness campaign is being run from the Censorship Office and enforcers are visiting locations to advise on compliance. All WLS libraries are compliant with the Classification Law. The recent changes in Copyright Law have proved a challenge and the librarians are in the process of implementing an awareness campaign both for staff and customers.

The Copyright Law is quite complex and it will take some time to complete the process, however initial protection measures have been put in place, e.g. moving the photocopier at Martinborough Library to within the staff area. Libraries are seen as enforcers of the Copyright Act and as such measures need to be put in place to prevent Copyright infringement even if they are not popular measures.

5.2 Library Management System

This was discussed at the Joint Library Committee held on 5 March 2012. Committee members tasked both District Librarians with seeing the National Library Kotui system in action in a public library and to consider both SMART and Kotui and present a recommendation. Members recommended an amount is placed in the Long Term Plan to ensure funds are available (CDC have nominated \$100k). It was re-iterated that Council wish to see a new system implemented sooner rather than later.

5.3 Opening hours Survey

Analysis has been completed on the Martinborough/Featherston surveys. Greytown surveys are still to be incorporated. The partial analysis shows a preference for 1 late night per week and an adjustment to Saturday opening to 10-2pm. Library Committee members recommended a trial weekday late night opening.

5.4 General

Librarians' thanks go to the Greytown Lioness Group who have donated \$900 towards the purchase of Large Print books.

A volunteer contract is in the process of being implemented as the libraries now have 2 regular volunteers.

6. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Issues, Transactions & Door Statistics all Libraries

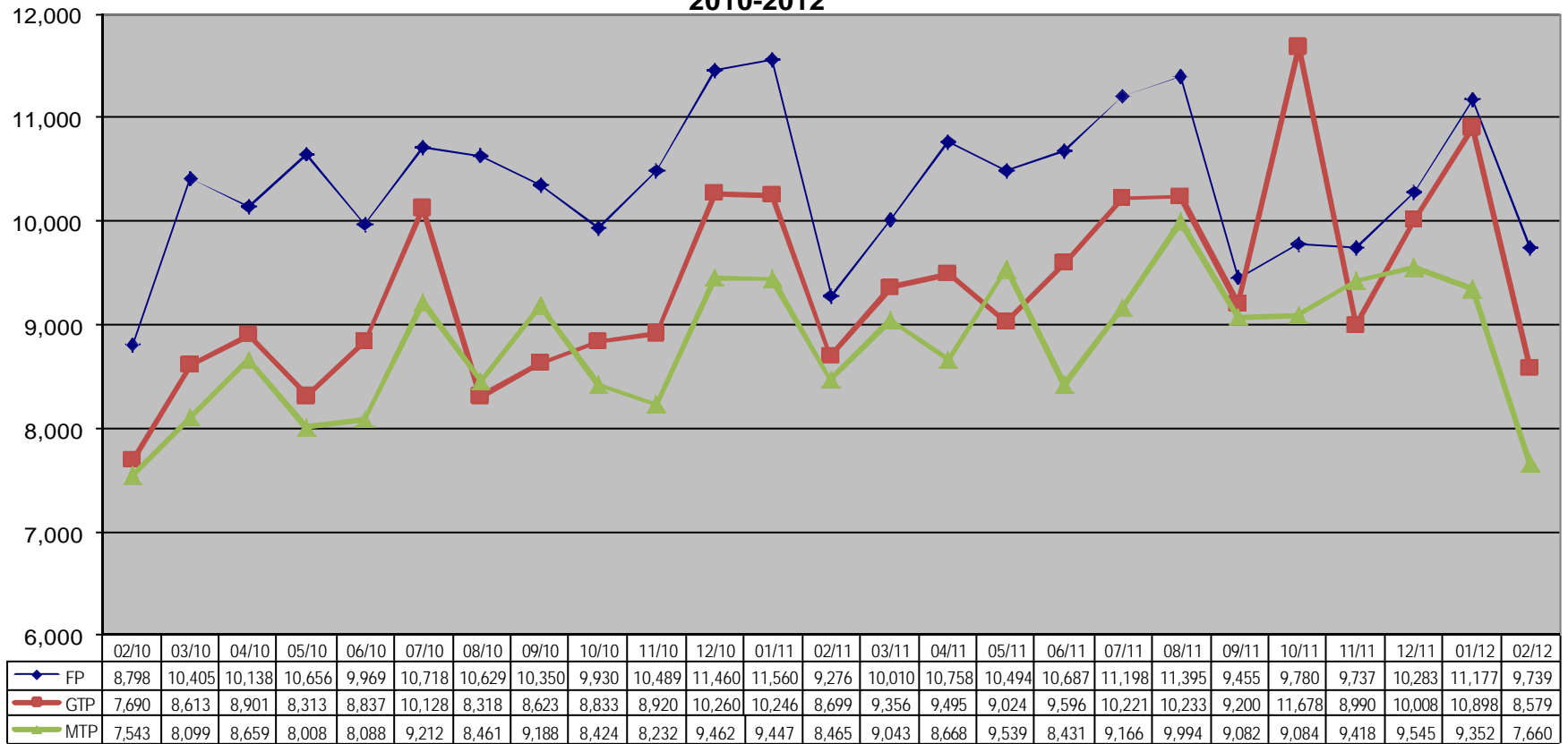
Appendix 2 – Monthly Water usage & Waste exported to Bonny Glen including Recycling

Contact Officer: Mark Allingham, Group Manager Infrastructure and Services

Reviewed by: Dr Jack Dowds, Chief Executive Officer

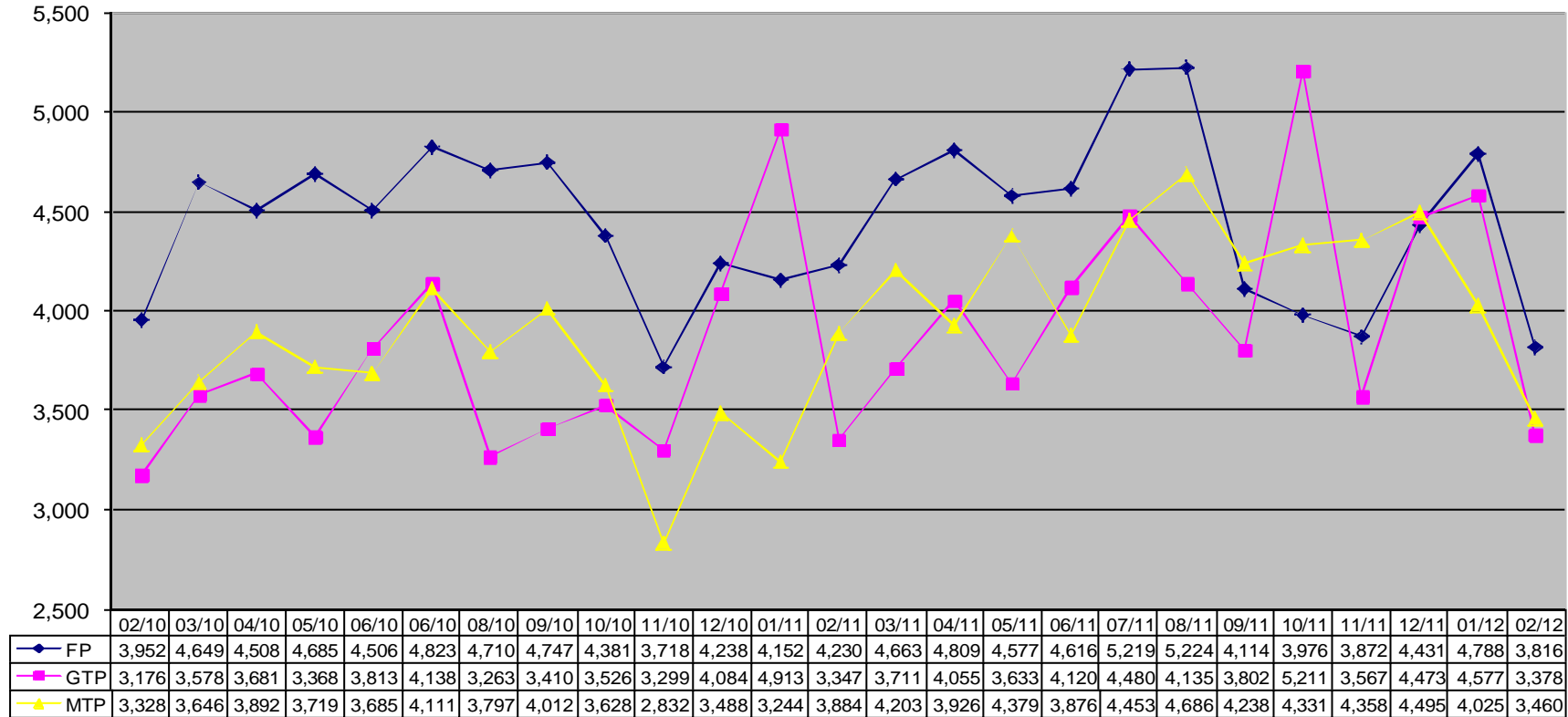
Appendix 1 – Issues, Transaction & Door Statistics all Libraries

**Transactions (excluding Council functions) for Featherston, Greytown and Martinborough
Libraries
2010-2012**



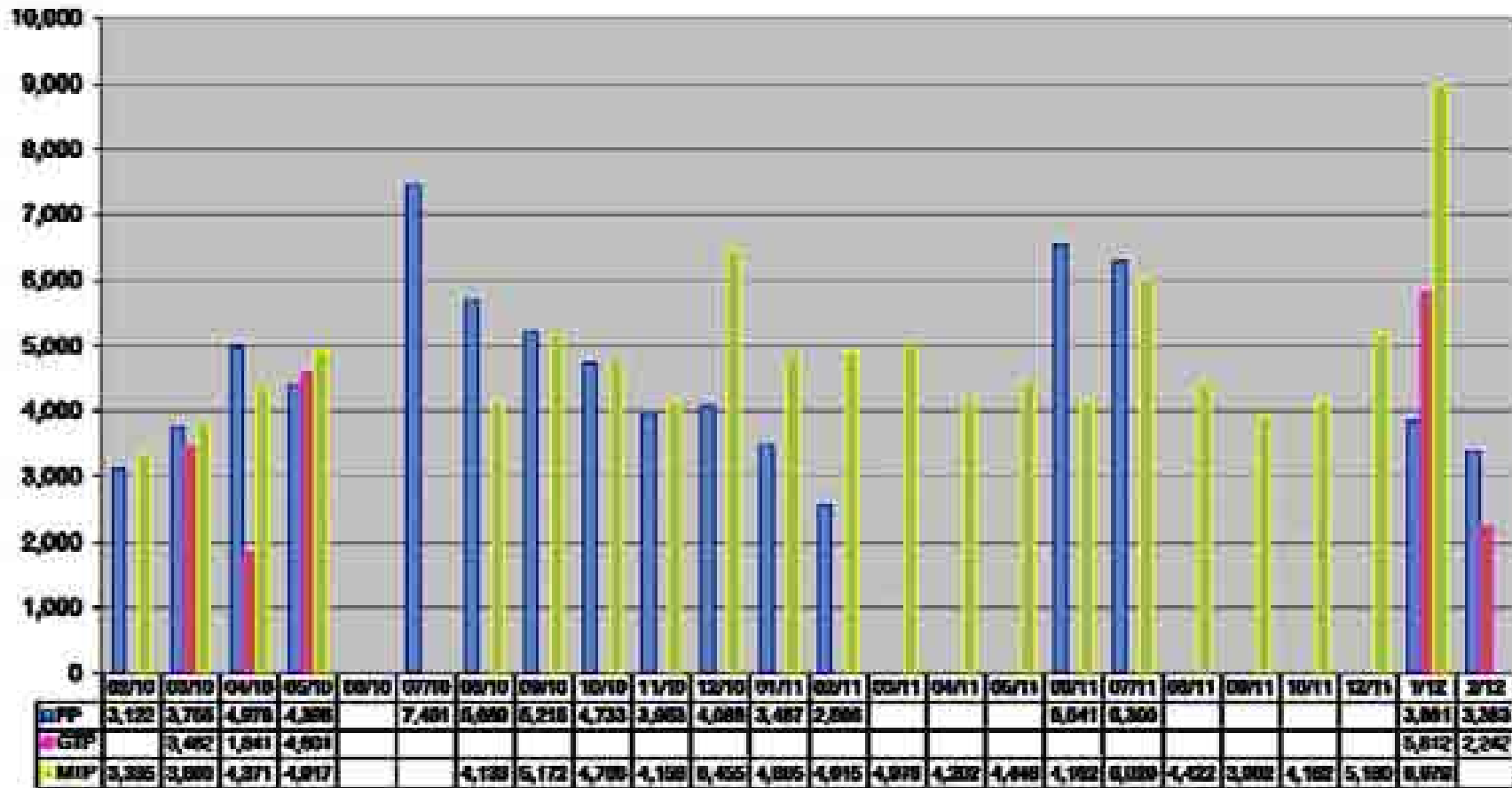
Transaction figures include all issues, returns, reserves and cash actions involved with those procedures. Both Transactions and Issues statistics exclude the 'dead' scanning of static or shelved books. This happens constantly at the service desks to minimise book return inaccuracies.

Issues: Featherston, Greytown and Martinborough Libraries: 2010-2012



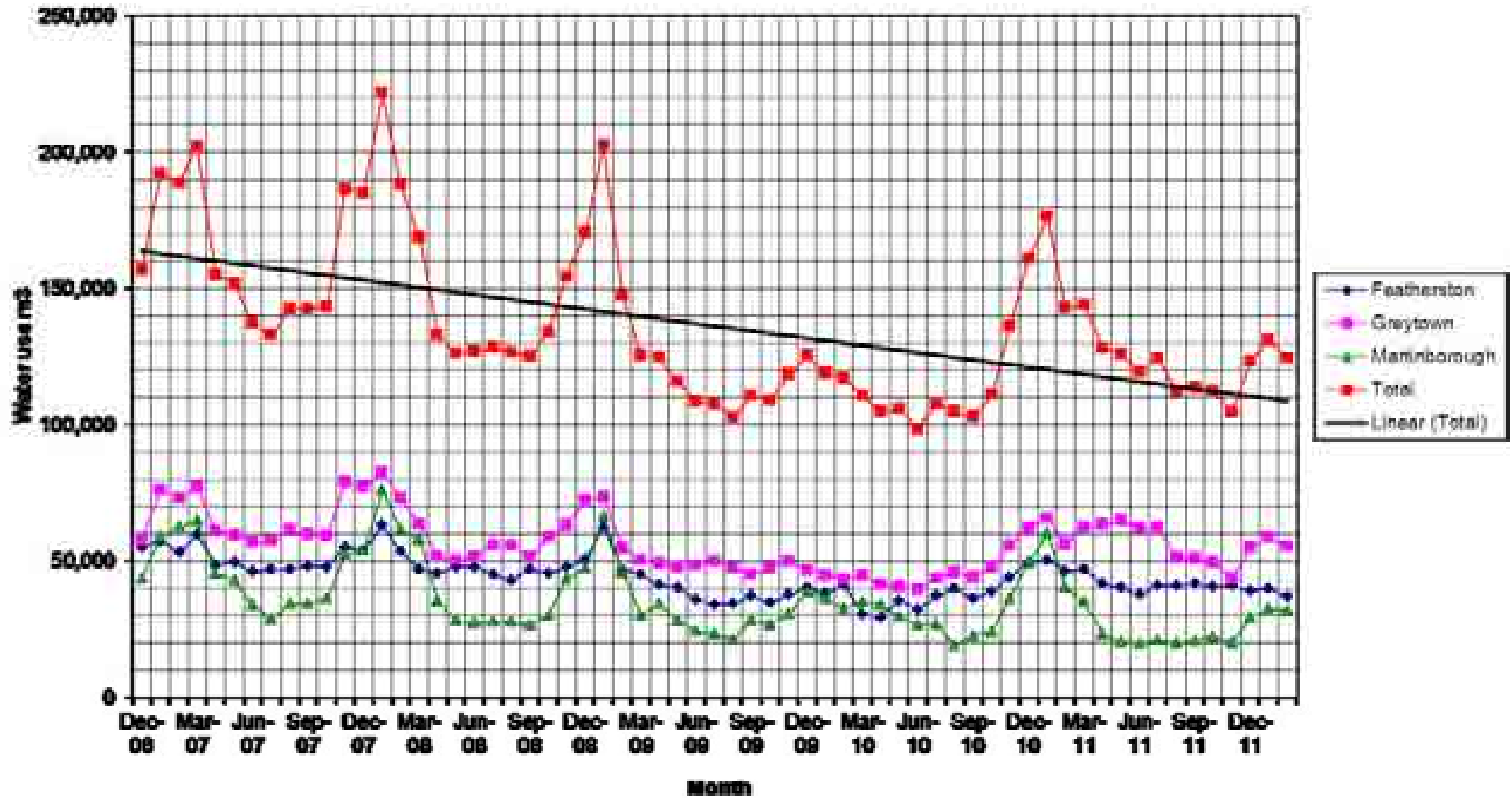
Issues show a drop over February. Historical figures show that this happens every year and could be caused by customers getting back to the school/work routine after the Christmas and January holiday period.

**Door count, Featherston, Greytown, Martinborough libraries
(no count = battery failure or human error)**

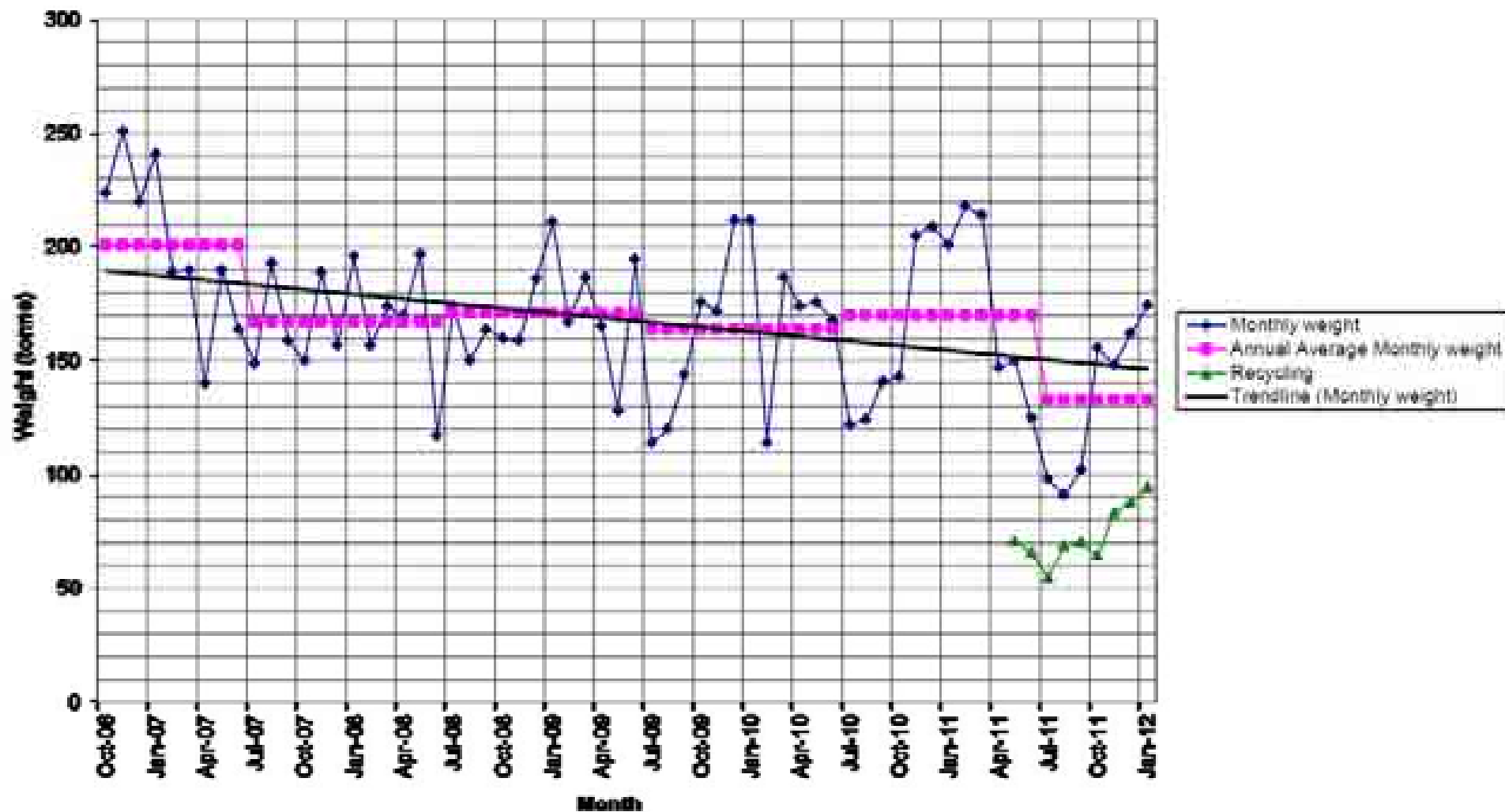


Appendix 2 – Water Usage & Waste & Recycling exported to Bonny Glenn

Water use South Wairarapa District Council



Monthly weight of waste transferred from Martinborough transfer station to Bonny Glen



Friday 16 March 2012

Martinborough Community Board

Dear Pam Colenso

Spreydon Heathcote Ward – Fracking Free

I write to inform you that the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board has recently passed a notice of motion regarding the matter of fracking. Hydraulic fracturing (also called "fracking"), a method for extracting oil and natural gas has been gaining a lot of media attention recently in New Zealand.

The Community Board resolved to declare the ward a fracking free zone and to call on all other Community Boards in New Zealand to declare their wards fracking free as well. The Community Board also called on the Christchurch City Council to declare Christchurch a fracking free zone and for the city to urge other local authorities around the country to follow suit.

The Board members are concerned about the adverse affects of the fracking in relation to environmental degradation and general livability issues for people living in regions where fracking is permitted.

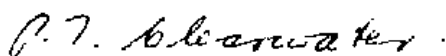
Recently we have had examples of concern being raised in the Taranaki region. Relying on honest reporting from frackers themselves to report to regional councils as a means to monitor the wells is problematic, as in the US well casings have a 50% failure rate over the life of the well. It seems clear that the provisions of the Resource Management Act (1991) are not going to save us from fracking.

Taking an international perspective, the fracking industry has shown itself overseas to be less-than-forthcoming with information, hostile to adequate independent accountability and oversight, aggressive towards opposition and dismissive of community concern. Fracking companies have lobbied for and obtained exceptions to environmental regulations overseas and have even expanded their operations into urban and suburban areas. Whether those companies are active in New Zealand is beside the point, the industry as a whole, as a general rule, are economical with the truth at best.

Here in Canterbury we are particularly concerned not only for water related environmental issues but also because some reports have suggested the possibility of the creation of further seismic activity by use of the fracking method of extracting oil and natural gas. This is extremely worrying given the recent earthquakes in this region.

We urge your Community Board to advocate on behalf of your local community and to also declare your ward a fracking free one.

Kind regards



Phil Clearwater
Chairperson
Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board