

Report for Community Board Meeting 15 July 2013

An update for Community Board members on committees that I am currently involved with.

Local Alcohol Policy (LAP)

Deputy Mayor Viv Napier and myself are part of a Combined Councils Working Party which meets each fortnight. With the new Sale & Supply of Alcohol Act coming into force 18 December 2013 the three TLA's are working together to form our own LAP. This is a set of decisions made by a TA in consultation with the community about the sale and supply of liquor in its geographical area. We are well on the way with the proposed policy developing a work plan/timeline and will soon be advertising for members of a District Licensing committee. A survey and public consultation will follow in due course.

Wairarapa Library Service

At the meeting held on 8 July we discussed Kotui and Where to from Here? A plan to introduce new services and to take advantages of other developments within the library world which will provide better services to the public being served is to be developed. The Strategic Plan for the libraries is to be updated and this will involve input from all staff. Currently staff are becoming used to the new operating environment, re-barcoding duplicate books, preparing for the winter Warmers programme and the Martinborough Library is settling in. The District Librarian role has been disestablished and the branch librarians will now report to Amenities Manager Helen McNaught.

Emergency Services Focus Group

On 9 July a meeting was held with Paul Walker from WREMO of Masterton attending. Basically we went through what the Local Community Response Teams (and Leaders) needed by way of equipment, training and support. More hand held radios and VHF marine radios will be supplied where needed, light sticks and basic supplies at no further cost to Council. MOU's with owners of the local Civil Defence Centres are being followed up and CRT Leaders will establish relationships with local service groups, hardware stores/contractors etc., for equipment like generators etc., that may be required at short notice. No need to buy up and store ahead. Paul has been visiting remote rural and coastal areas setting up a team of Co-ordinators who will also be supplied with basic CD items. A dedicated unlisted phone number is to be installed at CD Centres along with phone and Jack. More Tsunami signage to be put up at the coast. Paul Walker to hold a meeting with the CRT Leaders in the near future. Council to follow up on CDEM Plan for the Libraries.

Cr J Riddell
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