

STAFF REPORT

TO: Golden Bay Community Board
FROM: Service Centres Manager
REFERENCE: E855
DATE: 29 April 2006
SUBJECT: May 2006 Report

FROM LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Forum Issues

I inspected the Pioneer Memorial with Barry Cashman and also checked the problematic stormwater pipe.

The memorial was referred to Community Services staff who are to first clean it and then see what repainting is needed. Mr Cashman is to get a price for the refurbishment of the inlaid lettering.

The stormwater pipe was discussed with Councillor Riley and on his advice I checked with Punts Services who recalled that a sealed over sump may be the problem. The information has been passed onto the Utilities Engineering Manager and he has agreed to look at the problem.

NgAng has contacted me in regards to the public meeting to discuss the Rototai Road footpath. I believe that NgAng will be organising a date suitable to both councillors Riley and Borlase and if I am available I will also attend.

The flax bushes grubbed out on the side of the road at Collingwood was referred to the Roading Engineering Manager (including a copy of the pictures provided by Nicola Basham). To date I have not had a response but will chase this up before the Board Meeting.

Chairperson's Report Issues

On the matter of energy conservation and efficiency I have requested that Council's Environmental Education Officer, Claire Webster, be available to brief this Board. Incidentally the Motueka Community Board are also in support of energy conservation issues so Claire will be briefing both Boards.

To date I have not received a reply regarding the Boards formal requests regarding Energy Conservation.

Correspondence Issues

The matter of a grant to pay \$49,170.00 being 50% towards the cost of access to the Golden Bay Abbeyfield project has been referred to the Corporate Services Manager. The Chairperson also queried whether the original \$50,000 bridging loan from DILs would be replaced by a Council loan and my advice from David Ward is that that is not the case.

I presume that the Chairperson will have more to say on this issue.

Didymo Alert Signage Issue

This matter has been referred back to Bio Security NZ as requested by the Board. I have received a positive response back which includes the statement *“It is pleasing to see that your community board has taken an added concern in regard to the risks of spreading Didymo.”*

MATTERS SINCE LAST MEETING

Port Tarkohe Tunnel

The work done under non-notified Resource Consent has caused some concerns. Whilst it appears that the Consent Planners exercised their best judgment in making the call for the work to be non-notified there is obviously a gap between the legal process under the Resource Management Act 1991 (as amended) which makes provisions for persons considered by Council to be adversely affected by the proposed activity and the perceived need to otherwise keep people who are not deemed to be adversely affected informed of an activity as a matter of courtesy.

I personally encountered a similar problem recently with the installation of new fuel tanks at Motueka Aerodrome. This again was a project that required resource consent and it was granted without notification. Although the replacement of aged and insecure underground tanks with ‘state of the art’ environmentally secure above ground tanks seemed a benign and actually positive effect there was still concern that Council hadn’t been more courteous by discussing the matter with property owners in the area. In that case on-site meetings (post consent and midway through construction) were held with the neighboring property owners and they were fully briefed on the nature of the activity.

From information I have received and from my own observations (refer to attached photographs), the work carried out on the Tarkohe ‘tunnel’ seems relatively minor, however the matter of Council keeping interested parties informed (despite Council deciding those persons may not be adversely affected as determined by the RMA) is something that needs to be seriously considered and I have already raised this matter with Senior Management and hopefully a protocol may evolve that would ensure such situations do not arise again.

Joint Board Forum

The Joint Board Forum held at Seifried's Winery, Richmond on the 22 April was a success and a letter of thanks has been sent by the Motueka Board to the presenters who made the day so informative and worthwhile.

For those who were not able to attend I do have an amateur video of both Kerry Marshall's and Georgina Beyer's presentations.

Foreshore Protection

The Motueka Community Board inspected an area of previously eroding foreshore that seems to have been stabilised by using ice plants along the foreshore. The Motueka Board are keen to pursue the merits of this plant's use in other susceptible beachfront areas and I am including the matter on this Board's agenda for information and any comments. Pictures of the planted foreshore have been included in the Boards information pack.

Bay Marine Farms

I took the opportunity to go out with Council's Monitoring staff and Assistant Harbour Master to look at the marine farms established in the bay. I was very impressed by the size of the Bay's aquaculture industry and also the Council's diligence in ensuring that the terms of their resource consents are being complied with.

LTCCP

I would assume that the recently launched Draft Long Term Council Community Plan (ubiquitously referred to as the LTCCP) has been well thumbed through and points noted.

Important dates for both the Board and community are:

Tuesday 9th May... This is the date that a public meeting will be held at the Collingwood Community Hall (commencing 7.30pm) to discuss the contents of the Draft Plan.

Friday 19th May... This is the last date that submissions on the LTTCP can be made. Submissions are accepted by post (either to the Richmond Office, Private Bag 4, Richmond) or you can drop/ post to the Takaka Service Centre (PO Box 74, Takaka) or for those with internet you can now email submissions to ltccp@tdc.govt.nz.

Submission forms are included in the back of the Draft Plan (you can ask staff to copy the one out of the public display copy if you don't want the two volumes of the Plan) or contact myself and I will arrange to have a form emailed to you.

To quote the Corporate Services Manager David Ward, "*the development of the LTCCP is one of the most valuable exercises that the Council gets involved with*".

Remember it is a “Community” Plan and input from residents and ratepayers can only add value to this process so it truly is ‘your long term community plan”.

Council Minutes

As usual I have included relevant extracts since the Board’s April meeting for information.

Note: that as of the date of writing this report some minutes may be unconfirmed.

Recommendation:

“That the Service Centres Manager’s report for May be received.”

Bob Askew
Service Centres Manager

Tarakohe 'Tunnel

Before rock removal work

