

REPORT

TO: Motueka Community Board Members
FROM: David Ogilvie, Chair
DATE: 4 May 2010
SUBJECT: Report to meeting of 11 May 2010 – RMCB10-05-01

1. General

As the lists of correspondence items and Council/Committee reports indicate, it has been a month of attending to a wide variety of issues.

I attended a workshop conducted by MWH on the Lower Motueka River Flood Control, also two public meetings (Motueka and Brooklyn) and I consider this is developing a “consensus” of responses and priorities. Lois Plum, Project Manager, has prepared a “Risk Register” which is both detailed and interesting. The next report, in sifting through the “Risk Register”, will demonstrate the direction MWH is following.

Work is continuing along High Street with the wastewater main; the stormwater work at Old Wharf Road has begun; road widening along Marahau Beach is continuing; Umukuri Road and the Brooklyn School shared path are in early stages.

Mary-Anne Baker conducted an enlightening seminar on the uses, attributes and values of rivers and essentially how to determine a regional (and possibly National) guide to measuring those factors. Professor Keri Hughey and Kay Booth from Lincoln University provided the keynote presentations and the afternoon workshop.

I attended the Council meeting (29 April) when the Motueka Transportation Study was presented by Gary Clark. The Mayor and Councillors appeared happy with the comprehensive document (280 pages), highlighting both positive and negative points.

It seems there won't be any public consultation, although the Mayor suggested a public meeting in Motueka conducted by NZTA/TDC to present it locally. I will endeavour to report more fully in June 2010.

It is important now to progress the Central and West Motueka Structure Plan, with Rose Biss and Steve Markham setting a schedule for meetings, consultation and a final plan for the variation stage of the Council's Resource Management Plan. Hopefully this will be achieved by May-June 2011. (A year late from our initial schedule, but the Transportation Study was a year late in its completion.)

2 Tudor Street and High Street Intersection

The Council is intending to remove the bulbous kerbs, bollards, trees, seats and pathing on the western side of High Street at this intersection, apparently to improve traffic flow (speed) through the central shopping area.

I have strongly opposed this, with emails to Gary Clark and Steve Elkington (at TDC) and Michael Kargar (NZTA).

This streetscaping evolved after years of discussion with local community groups, Council managers and considerable Council (ratepayer) funding. To now demolish this, at the entry to the main shopping area, seems very wrong.

High Street (from Woodlands Avenue to Fearon Street) is approximately 1 km and if through traffic is delayed while travelling through our retail, office and business area, then that is a small price to pay for having a State Highway conflicting with the main shopping / business street in Motueka.

I can not find any resolution by Council (or the Engineering Services Committee) authorising this rampant destruction, yet it appears the Motueka Councillors have supported it. Interestingly, NZTA has not authorised it either. It is not being done as a result of any NZTA initiative.

The Council finds it difficult to provide funds for footpaths, cycleways and mobile-scooter ramps, but is prepared to fund this. Another victory for vehicles over people!

I only hope that the Council managers will reverse their programme and look at Woodlands Avenue – Whakarewa Street and the Clock Tower intersections with High Street where round-a-bouts would provide safer driving options.

3 Variation 66

I met Dennis Bush-King, after last month's meeting, and we have been trying to arrange an early meeting between Board members and Council (Mayor and Managers) with limited success.

4.00 pm on 3 June 2010 has been suggested at this time.

4 Annual Plan

The Board's submission to the draft annual plan was finalised by 26 April 2010. Necessarily, it covers many topics of interest for our Motueka residents and ratepayers.

The Motueka hearing day is Friday 14 May 2010. As I will be away (14 – 28 May 2010 inclusive), others will need to be presenters.

5 Tapu Bay Reserve

Council officers (Stephen Richards and Eric Verstappen) prepared an erosion-proofing and beach reserve enhancement plan at the end of March 2010 to residents.

Local residents have expressed their opposition to the proposals – I have copies of most of the objections – and an amended programme will be needed. The Reserves budget has over \$20,000 budgeted for 2010 – 2011 for Tapu Bay, but it is essential that both the residents group and the Council are happy with the projects.

6 Discretionary Fund Criteria

Attached is a copy of the current discretionary fund criteria. The Board needs to decide whether this criteria should be reviewed.

David Ogilvie
Chair

Meetings April 2010

Date	
5 April	Festival of Lights meeting – to begin 18 June 2010
8 April	Meet Chris Auchinvole – bypass discussion, options and inspection of various proposals
12 April	Motueka District Museum Trust Board. Marahau and Sandy Bay Residents and Ratepayers Associations
13 April	Motueka Community Board
14 April	Lower Motueka River Flood Control Workshop – MWH, Richmond
15 April	Lower Motueka River Flood Control Public Meeting, Motueka
19 April	Abbeyfield Motueka Management Committee River Uses and Values Workshop – TDC, Richmond
20 April	Tasman Bay Promotions Association
21 April	Motueka High School “Treasure Hunt” – Memorial Hall
22 April	Lower Motueka River Flood Control – Brooklyn School
25 April	Anzac Day dawn parade – Motueka
29 April	TDC Council meeting : release of the Motueka Transportation Study