

REPORT

TO: Motueka Community Board Members
FROM: David Ogilvie, Chair
DATE: 1 April 2011
SUBJECT: Report to meeting of 12 April 2011 – RMCB11-04-02

1 Annual Plan

Public attendance at the Council presentation of the draft Annual Plan was disappointingly small, both at the afternoon and evening sessions. The availability of the Mayor, Councillors and Council managers to answer questions, explain policies and actions (particularly as they relate to the Motueka Ward) is an opportunity for residents, prior to the 2011 2012 budget being finalised.

Perhaps the publication of the draft Annual Plan had been too recent for people to study and there may be more written submissions.

The questions/discussions raised however were wide-ranging – Council finances including debt levels; riverworks and crack willow removal; Motueka airport activities; National cycle trail route in Motueka; Turner Bluff/Kaiteriteri Road; Motueka Quay heritage wharf project; dog exercise areas.

I have booked the meeting room for 7.00 pm, Thursday 14 April 2011 for another public meeting to discuss the annual plan – one week before submissions are due on 21 April 2011.

2 Submission to Draft Annual Plan

The Community Board's submission in November 2010 was quite detailed and some of the recommendations have been included already.

a) Motueka Community Board "target rate"

The draft Annual Plan makes no reference to reviewing this rate as sought in our submission in November 2010. (The Golden Bay Community Board is continuing its opposition to the rate.)

At the least, amending the rate by raising the Community Association offset to \$5 per rateable unit, abolishing election costs and reducing staff hourly rates would be a welcome first step for Motueka.

3 Wharf Road Path; Link Park to York Park

- a) Attached to this report is an updated Wharf Road path report which was presented at a recent Keep Motueka Beautiful Committee meeting.

Note: this is not the resource consent application itself, nor obviously, is it the Council's decision. This is expected reasonably soon (April – May 2011) depending on reports from DoC and interested parties.

- b) Trewavas Street residents who have western boundaries common with Council between Link Park (Wharf Road) and York Park (Trewavas Street) have received the survey results for the proposed walkway and boardwalk. Keep Motueka Beautiful and Council will construct/erect this walkway once the boundary matters have been resolved.
- c) These works will complete the walkway/cycleway circuit from Old Wharf Road around the Estuary.

4 National Cycle Trail

Attached to the report are maps for the proposed national cycle trail for Motueka. The projected timetable is for this to begin construction in the 2013 – 2014 year, with \$100,000 being the Motueka Reserves contribution from the development levies.

Whether any of this allocation can be reduced because of the work already completed on the proposed trail is uncertain.

The proposed route would be a considerable attraction, progressing along the Estuary plantings to the Motueka Quay and then to the Kumeras past the Golf Course. The stage following - Riwaka to Kaiteriteri – has not been finalised.

5 Motueka Airport Activities

As promised, I visited Tom Watkins and Margaret Giroux at their home in McGlashen Street, following their concerns expressed at the March 2011 public forum. I was accompanied by Don Grant at a second meeting. Don, as an Aero Club pilot and a member of the Safety and Operations Committee, provided the information and explanations that I couldn't, which was very helpful.

The noise levels however remain a constant concern for Tom and Margaret.

Tom Watkins had sent a number of queries to Jim Frater (Motueka Airport Manager) and he will, through the Enterprises Subcommittee, provide a formal Council response. Jim is in the process of updating the Airport Management Plan and the Airport Emergency Plan, which have not been reviewed since July 2004.

6 Enterprises Subcommittee

Arising from the Motueka Airport public forum queries is the wider issue of why most airport matters are held in "Confidential" business. It was refreshing to receive budgetary answers to some questions about the airport, at our March 2011 meeting. The high cost of Council's management seems unnecessary; occasional input by airport users another concern.

These issues could be handled democratically by this Community Board, efficiently and more cost effectively, with direct input by users and Motueka residents.

Suggested Recommendation:

The Motueka Community Board requests the Tasman District Council to transfer governance and operational issues for the Motueka Airport to the Motueka Community Board, as from 1 July 2011.

7 Central and West Motueka Structure Plan

I attended (with speaking rights) the Environment and Planning Committee's discussion of the Structure Plan at its meeting on 10 March 2011 held "in committee".

The amended plan will be available for public discussion and submissions, after the Easter break (possibly Thursday 28 April 2011).

8 Meeting with NZTA, Opus and TDC re SH 60/High Street

The meeting held on 31 March 2011 was an open discussion on some issues arising principally from High Street, being also the State Highway. Discussion was, at times, lively and I'm confident some of the Motueka residents' frustrations with the street were heard.

Michael Kargar, Robyn Gardiner (from NZTA) and Matthew Taylor (Opus) explained clearly the processes involved in both capital and maintenance expenditures.

Minor safety improvements are likely and Michael Kargar gave the assurance that the NZTA planners would be consulted over the long term plans for a Bypass.

Traffic signals at the High Street – Pah Street – Greenwood Street intersection are not being considered by NZTA despite strong public demand and the obvious risks and dangers at this intersection.

9 Motueka Water Scheme : Financial Statement (at 30 June 2010)

This financial statement is included (as attached) for information. There will be queries on some items in the account which Murray Staite will answer, eg the increase in operating costs (\$175,271 to \$312,717) from 2009 to 2010.

David Ogilvie
Chair

Meetings and Activities : March 2011

Feb 27	Mayoral family fun bicycle challenge
28	Meet with Steve Elkington and Stephen Richards, re replacement trees for those removed from High Street/Tudor Street intersection. Steve to further consult with NZTA re positioning and variety.
March 2	Meeting of Community Board Chairs, Community Association Chairs, Mayor Kempthorne, and Chief Executive, P Wylie to discuss "local" issues (as distinct from "district" issues). Some interest in the Motueka \$5 per rateable unit proposal. Also surveys, communication, annual plan, rating questions.
3	Meet with Kathy Tohill-Curnow on general landscape aspects. (Intention is to have quarterly meetings.)
5	Mayoral family fun bicycle challenge from the Skate Park and along coastal cycle/walkways.
7	Our Town Motueka meeting.
8	Motueka Community Board monthly meeting.
10	Attended TDC/Environment and Planning Committee. Central reports on: a) Freedom Camping Bylaw, and b) Central and West Motueka Strategy Plan. (I was given speaking rights for this.)
11	Attended the launch of the Waimea Inlet Charter (at Headingly Centre). Can this be a guidance for protecting the Motueka – Moutere Inlet? There are strong similarities.
12	Met with Tom Watkins and Margaret Giroux re their airport activity concerns – further discussion to occur.
14	Marahau Residents Association meeting. Some concerns re sand build up along the river and will make an annual plan submission.
15	Tasman Bay Promotions Association meeting. Motueka Music Group AGM
16	Attended Grey Power Motueka meeting with Mayor and the CEO addressing and answering questions. Memorial Park Combined Sports Pavilion committee meeting. (Motueka Soccer Club and Motueka Cricket Club). Riwaka Hall Management Committee AGM
20	"Earthquake Musical" afternoon at Motueka High School Hall. Over 400 attended the Margaret McQueen organised event.
21	Keep Motueka Beautiful Committee meeting. Principal discussions on a) Wharf Road walkway resource consent, and b) the walkway/board walk joining York Park and Link Park.
23	Festival of Lights committee meeting.
24	Attended TDC/Community Services Committee. Reports on a) Memorial Park boundary fence; b) baches on esplanade and road reserves.
25	Met with Gerald Hughey re inshore fisher and sustainability of resource.
28	Met with Tom Watkins, Margaret Giroux and Don Grant re Motueka airport activities.
29	Draft annual plan meetings at St John Hall. Small attendance at both afternoon and evening meetings.
31	Meeting with NZTA (Michael Kargar, Robyn Gardner, Paul Owen), Opus (Matthew Taylor), TDC (Peter Thomson, Gary Clark, Trevor Norriss), AA/RTC (Paul Heywood), discussed SH 60/High Street matters.