

STAFF REPORT

TO: Golden Bay Community Board
FROM: Service Centres Manager
REFERENCE: E855
DATE: 1 October 2006
SUBJECT: October 2006 Report

FROM LAST MONTH'S MEETING

In the absence of Dennis Bush-King, Jean Hodson, Manager of Consents will be briefing the Board on Building Compliance costs. As a number of other planning related issues were brought up at last month's meeting I have also asked Jean to comment on the following:

Notification of Resource Consents (the whys and wherefores) especially the provision for notification regarding seabed and other forms of mining and subdivisions in areas being considered for urban growth;

The issue raised by Cr Riley regarding commercial activities establishing along Commercial Street...note the Golden Bay Planner Laurie Davidson is to provide some notes on this; and

The provisions for using temporary buildings for residential purposes raised by Mik Symmons.

And finally the matter of speed limits on beaches and restricted access for vehicles to environmentally sensitive areas. (Note this is a matter which also impinges on Community Services and Engineering as well as Environment & Planning.

MATTERS SINCE LAST MEETING

Representation Review

The final tally for appeals and objections to the Representation review will be known by the time of the Board's meeting.

Both Boards have been very busy during this period and those appellants/objectors who indicated to be heard now await the opportunity to address the Local Government Commission.

SPCA Letter

I have had some preliminary discussions with the SPCA regarding sites for new compound. I have suggested that tying up with a new dog pound facility may be worth exploring and will be reporting verbally to the Board on this at the meeting.

Meetings

On Tuesday 26 September 2006 I attended a meeting of senior managers from Unitary Authorities. These currently are Gisborne, Marlborough, Nelson and Tasman District (Chatham Islands was not represented).

The meeting raised a variety of interesting and stimulating topics ranging from rating reviews to water supplies.

The timing and distance of the Zone 5 Community Boards' forum in Methven has meant that there have been difficulties in getting the numbers to attend. However I have already circulated a copy of the meeting agenda to board members and will also ensure that members also receive a copy of the minutes when available.

Citizenship Ceremonies

My enquiries into the protocols and procedures for these have shown that there are quite a number of formalities that need to be addressed. Whilst taking New Zealand citizenship is a happy occasion the ceremony is a serious one and the protocols to be observed are clearly laid down.

Council's Corporate Services Manager, David Ward is now looking at revamping the citizenship ceremonies to ensure they meet the intention of the provisions and have better 'value' for both the Council and more importantly participants undertaking citizenship. David will be happy to report back to the Board on this matter.

Recommendation:

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

Bob Askew