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1. Amalgamation

I do not like the model that has been proposed; I believe the Commission should have put out several models and asked the ratepayers to choose a suitable model.

I strongly disagree with appointed advisory committees; I believe all members should be elected by either their ward or at large.

By voting in favour of this amalgamation I believe democracy is going backwards.

2. Periodic Detention Workforce

So far we have worked on 26 properties, all with very favourable comments and invitations to either morning, afternoon tea or to come back for further work.

3. Riverworks Bainham

I have spent some time on the Aorere River at Bainham looking at the rockwork and have a strong feeling we should be leaving the structures that are wired in the river now and place rock in front of them on the batters that they require by digging the foundation into the papa bottom. This will be far more cost effective than spending some hundreds of thousands to remove and restack the rock that is already there.

4. Tourism Signage

After a visit with Reg Turner I would like to ask the Board to have a meeting with whoever is responsible for signage in Tasman District Council to perhaps clarify and work through a solution regarding tourism signage. Some tourism businesses have signs and some do not.

5. Takaka Flooding

There is a report on the Takaka December Flooding Event going to Council on Thursday 29 March 2012. It is in committee, but I would like the Golden Bay Community Board to have a presentation and the opportunity to comment on this report and the road show sometime in the near future. We could also invite members of the public who are involved with river works, and affected landowners.

8. Dogs in Town

For many years Council has been requested by businesses and shoppers alike to not allow dogs in the main street. Many businesses have displays on the street and dogs have been known to enter the doorways and urinate.

If dog owners live in town there is Reilly, Motupipi, Willow and Meihana streets, along with Waitapu Road, all available for exercising dogs and all have a destination that ends in either a river or a field.

I see no need for a dog to walk down the main street between Pioneer Park and the Mobil garage.

9. Flooding in Selwyn Street

I believe this can be mitigated to a certain extent by placing the fill from the Ellis Creek drain on the northern side and spreading it out. If the northern side is built up by two or three feet using the material removed from the drain (which is handy to the site), it will take away the lake that is there now and stop some of the future flooding.

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