

REPORT

TO: Motueka Community Board

FROM: Chairperson, C Satherley

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SUBJECT: Monthly Report

Community Associations

You will recall at the last Board meeting that the Board sent an invitation to the three community associations in our Ward. I am very pleased that each association, namely Tasman, Motueka Valley and Marahau Residents & Ratepayers Associations have each agreed to send a representative to this meeting.

This is a first step for the Board working more closely with community associations. It is my belief that this linkage will provide improved benefits for each party and help us be more effective by working together. We should now also consider working towards formalising further linkages with other major community groups, such as Grey Power etc, whilst maintaining and affirming our existing relationships with community groups.

Representation Review

Council undertook a full day on the 31 July 2006 to hear and deliberate on the 732 submissions received on this issue.

It has had further discussions and deliberations at its meeting on the 10 August 2006.

This has been a difficult situation for Council given the nature of the TDC geographical area and the requirements under the Electoral Act to avoid imbalances to voter/councillor ratios. Whilst the status quo was put forward as genuine (if it ain't broke don't fix it) scenario the advice to Council by some submitters was that it was too removed from the legal imperatives and that any likely appeal to the Electoral Commissioner could result in a radically new representation model.

The Council has attempted to provide a model with the nearest legal fit whilst maintaining a 'steady as she goes' regime. In effect the best of both worlds but at the same time not being 100% satisfactory in either case.

The matter of Community Boards is still up for final determination and no doubt Motueka will keenly await the Council's decision bearing in mind the hundreds of submissions supporting the status quo which included the retention of the Community Boards and in particular the 100 supportive submissions from the Motueka Ward.

'Safe As' Campaign

The Service Centres Manager and I attended this meeting on the 1 August 2006. It was hosted by TDC/NCC and is part of a national series of workshops set up by Ministry of Transport.

The well attended meeting was formed into workshops at which the three main priority issues for this area were discussed. The issues were Alcohol, Speed and Young Drivers.

Feedback from the forum has been entered into the Safe As web site and members of the Community have the opportunity to contribute to the process as the comments are entered as a "BLOG".

For those who have never heard of "BLOG"..this is an explanation.

A weblog, which is usually shortened to blog, is a type of website where entries are made (such as in a journal or diary), displayed in a reverse chronological order. Blogs often provide commentary or news on a particular subject, such as food, politics, or local news; some function as more personal online diaries. A typical blog combines text, images, and links to other blogs, web pages, and other media related to its topic.

The web site address is www.safeas.govt.nz.

If people can't readily access the internet, the Tasman District's libraries have agreed to make this service available free to those who identify as wanting to record things for the "Safe as" workshop.

DILs

I am concerned at the potential for forecasted DILs income not to be realised. Should section sales in Motueka slow up and this will reduce demand for developers to undertake further subdivisions which will have a flow-on effect in diminishing income.

The concern is that Community groups may have expectations based on the forecast DILs income and if this is not realised this Board will have the unenviable task of deciding who will have their DIL funding reduced (or in a worse case dropped altogether).

I would like the Service Centres Manager to liaise with the Community Services and Corporate Services Managers to see if a more robust system could be promulgated . For example only allocated DIL funds based on the proven income for the previous year. We do need a way of ensuring that our community groups that rely on DILs funding have some assurance of income for the year ahead and this mean that we have actual not projected incomes to work.

Street Furniture

I have noticed that the ropes that link the street furniture bollards have become detached and frayed in places. Perhaps we need to look at an alternative that is more durable such as galvanised chain. Also we need to ensure that anything used is of sufficient visibility as not to create any hazard as I have heard of a case where someone didn't see the rope line as they crossed the road and tripped. I would like the Service Centres Manager to investigate suitable alternatives in consultation with any stakeholder groups such as Our Town Motueka with a report to the next Board meeting for a final recommendation.

C Satherley
Chairperson