

REPORT

TO: Motueka Community Board Members

FROM: David Ogilvie, Chair

DATE: 3 August 2009

SUBJECT: **Report to meeting of 8 September 2009**

1 Review of Council/Community Board Relations

The Mayor's report and the addresses to the Council by Joe Bell and myself are included in the Report section of our agenda. My report on the discussion of the Council table is also there.

Issues of Governance – Functions – Funding are, in my opinion, critical to any changes for the community boards. While the Mayor and Chief Executive were using the Southland (SDC) model, there are other models which could be used and, currently, the Community Board models being suggested for the new Auckland City Council are useful.

Southland (population 90,000) has a Regional Council (Environment Southland), and three District Councils in Invercargill City (50,000), Southland District (30,000) and Gore District (10,000).

The Mayor's proposal was endorsed by the Council, and the next step is likely to come from the Mayor's office, with emphasis on a timetable to work through the issues.

The Motueka Community Board's requests were tabled in mid-2008 and remain valid, but may need to be updated. (I will endeavour to table these for the 8 September 2009 meeting.)

2 Local Government Issues

The media seem more interested in these issues lately, with the new Auckland City matters at the forefront. Providing for separate Maori representation, providing for the local communities within Auckland, arranging boundaries, have all been highlighted.

Locally, the Aldo Miccio petition, Mayor Kempthorne's proposal for change with the community boards, the contamination sites issues have been a continuing focus.

The decision by Tasman District Council not to publicise the contaminated sites within Tasman was a surprise. I assume the information is on the relevant LIMs for individual properties.

3 Motueka Community Board Budget 2009 – 2010

Our annual budget (copy attached) has raised various points, which I have communicated to Murray Staite as Corporate Services Manager (refer letter 21 August 2009).

- transfer of reserves

- photocopying; contingencies
- ratepayer association offset

4 Motueka Central and West Structure Plan; Transportation Study

Progress on the structure plan is being delayed, consequent on the NZTA/Opus Transportation Study. Hopefully the latter is progressing well – we were informed that consultation would occur in October/November 2009. Studies in car parking and traffic flows at intersections have been ongoing. As a major stakeholder, a meeting between the Board and NZTA would be beneficial.

5 NZTA Resource Consent Application: SH 60

Members may have noted this application to provide additional width for SH 60 at Weka Road, Eden Road and Moana Road. This requires some reclamation for 100 metres or more in either direction at each intersection, re-contouring, extension of existing culverts and related land disturbance activities.

Submissions closed on Friday 28 August 2009.

6 Anti-Vandalism Funding

A positive outcome of Motueka Community Board's work to involve youth in reducing vandalism is our involvement in preparing a funding application on behalf of Tasman District Council which successfully secured \$52,000 from the Ministry of Justice to reduce vandalism.

7 Proposed Changes to Driving Age

It may be pertinent for Motueka Community Board to prepare a submission on the proposed driving age changes, which will impact on the work and educational opportunities for young people in outlying areas with limited transport options.

8 Library Floor Space

The Motueka Library's floor space is well below that set out in the national standards for our population size. Motueka Community Board should promote the renovation of our library with the aim of it satisfying the national guidelines for size.

9 Firewood/Burnoffs

The Motueka Community Board facilitated scheme to reduce burnoffs and distribute firewood to low income households continues to attract significant interest and demand. Motueka Community Board does not have the resources to manage this project. What practical support could Tasman District Council offer?

10 Community Board Targeted Rate

The usage of the Community Board targeted rate, as outlined in the correspondence between Board Member Eddy and Corporate Services Manager Murray Staite, is of concern. This rate is supposed to be a "closed" account, yet it appears some of the money may be being transferred to other budget lines.

**11 Marahau/Sandy Bay Ratepayers and Residents Association Inc
Newsletter Winter 2009**

The newsletter is attached to this report.

12 Draft Kahurangi National Park Management Plan Review August 2009

A copy of the submission made on behalf of the Motueka Community Board is attached to this report.

13 Firewood Project

A verbal report will be given by D Eddy.

14 Minimum Driving Age

A press article is attached to this report and D Eddy will give a verbal report.

15 Reserve Financial Contributions (Reserve DILs)

The list of items for 2009 – 2012 is attached. Discussion will centre particularly around the 2010 – 2012 items.

16 Research Project “Motueka Youth Club”

The report on this project is attached to the agenda.

17 Tourism Nelson Tasman : Tourism Levy 2009 – 2010

A copy of a pie graph and notes are attached to this report.

18 Community Meetings

The support of so many volunteers in our community continues wonderfully. Attendance this month at Keep Motueka Beautiful, Motueka Arts Council, Motueka District Museum Trust Board, Tasman Bay Promotions Association, underlines the huge volunteer effort throughout Motueka. Many groups, so many people, so much effort, so much happening. It's great. Thank you!

David Ogilvie
Chair, Motueka Community Board

Meetings/Activities during August 2009

Date	Meeting
2 August	Motueka Cadet Shed – formal opening by the Mayor Richard Kempthorne, and Alan Plaisted, with approximately 20 cadets attending.
6 August	Motueka Branch of the NZ Labour Party – formal opening of the Motueka offices by the Hon Phil Goff and MP Damien O’Connor. (The MPs earlier had visited Motueka High School and Talleys.)
10 August	Motueka District Museum Trust – monthly meeting with particular concern over budget constraints. Other issues involved storage, next exhibition, Maori blessing for the U3A Geology display.
11 August	Motueka Community Board – monthly meeting
13 August	Gary Clark (TDC), Jack Hansby (NZTA), Dean Hunt (Opus) met with Howie Timms (Our Town Motueka) and myself to discuss High Street resealing issues and (briefly) the Motueka Transportation Study.
17 August	Keep Motueka Beautiful Committee – monthly meeting and annual general meeting. Eileen Wilks (Chair), Bob Cooke (Project Manager), Jim Butler (Secretary), Margaret Birchfield (Treasurer). Their various projects progressing, but concern over Wharf Road linkage from the Inlet Walkway to Link Park.
18 August	Tasman Bays Promotion Association monthly meeting. Progress with Opus re Abel Tasman National Park and Motueka signs along SH 6 and SH 60; increasing number of visitors at the I-site; sound financial position.
20 August	Motueka Arts Council – Annual General Meeting. Freda Gerslov elected Chairperson.
22 August	Attended Good Vibes 09 at Motueka Airport. Successful 8 days with over 120 sky-divers descending on Motueka. A very busy place, both in the air and on the ground.
27 August	Met Richard Butler (Nelson-Marlborough District Health Board) with Tara Forde in discussion over nutritional issues, tree planting and mutual interests between the DHB and the Community Board.