

Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the Riverton/Aparima Community Board will be held on:

Date: Monday, 19 June 2017

Time: 5.30pm

Meeting Room: SDC Office, Riverton

Venue: 117 Palmerston Street, Riverton

Riverton/Aparima Community Board Agenda OPEN

MEMBERSHIP

ChairpersonBlair StewartDeputy ChairpersonJan BreayleyMembersNeil Linscott

Corey Mennell Graeme Stuart Andrew Wilson

Councillor Nick Perham

IN ATTENDANCE

Note:

Committee Advisor Alyson Hamilton **Community Partnership Leader** Simon Moran

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Terms of Reference – Community Boards

Community Boards are bodies established by statute. Their responsibilities and powers are as delegated by the Southland District Council which are to:

- Represent and act as an advocate for the interest of its community.
- Consider and report on all matters referred to it by the Southland District Council, or any matter of interest or concern to the Community Board.
- Maintain an overview of services provided by the Southland District Council within the community.
- Consider annual estimates for expenditure within the community and recommend these to Council.
- Communicate with community organisations and special interest groups within the community.
- Undertake any other responsibilities that are delegated to it by the Southland District Council.

In addition to these activities, Community Boards will consider how best to provide for their communities, and the people who live there, into the future.

Community Board members will provide leadership by:

- Positively representing their community and the Southland District
- Identifying key issues that will affect their community's future and work with Council staff and other local representatives to facilitate multi-agency collaborative opportunities.
- Promote a shared vision for the wider community of interest area and develop ways to work with others to achieve positive outcomes

Community Boards will adopt a strategic focus that will enable members to:

- Provide local representation and guidance on wider community issues, initiatives and projects.
- Contribute to the development and promotion of community cohesion, by developing and supporting relationships across a range of stakeholders at a local, regional and national level.
- Take part in local community forums, meetings and workshops.
- Inform local residents and ratepayers on issues that affect them.

Community Boards shall have the following delegated powers and be accountable to Council for the exercising of these powers

Engagement and representation by:

- Facilitating the Council's consultation with local residents and community groups on local issues and local aspects of district wide issues including input into the Long-term Plan, Annual Plan, and policies that impact on the Board's area.
- Engaging with council officers on local issues and levels of service, including infrastructural, recreational, community services and parks, reserves and cemetery matters.
- Representing the interests of the community at Council, Committee or Subcommittee meetings
 when a motion under debate relates to a matter that the Board considers to be of particular
 interest to the residents within its community.
- Monitoring and keeping the Council informed of community aspirations and the level of satisfaction with services provided.

Financial by:

- Approving expenditure within the limits of annual estimates.
- Approving unbudgeted expenditure for locally funded activities up to the value of \$10,000.

Rentals and leases

- In relation to all leases of land and buildings within their own area, on behalf of Council;
 - Accepting the highest tenders for rentals of \$10,000; or less per annum.
 - Approving the preferential allocation of leases where the rental is \$10,000 or less per annum.

Local assets and facilities by

- Overseeing the management of local halls and community centres which are owned by Council
 and where no management committee exists. This will occur by way of relationship with officers
 of Southland District Council.
- Appoint a local liaison person responsible for community housing.

Some Community Boards have specific delegations in addition to the broad delegations above:

Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board

- Contributing to the development of policy relating to the governance of the Stewart Island Electrical Supply Authority (SIESA).
- Overseeing the management of SIESA by way of relationship with officers of Southland District Council.

Te Anau Community Board

• Overseeing the management of the Te Anau/Manapouri Airport by way of relationship with officers of Southland District Council.

The Community Boards can make recommendations to Council on:

Assets and Facilities

Annually providing feedback on any asset management plans or community services strategies
applicable to the community for which the Community Board is responsible.

Rentals and leases

- In relation to all leases of land and buildings within their own area, on behalf of Council;
 - Recommending rentals in excess of \$10,000 per annum to the Group Manager Services and Assets
 - Recommending the preferential allocation of leases where the rental is in excess of \$10,000 per annum to the Group Manager Services and Assets.

Contracts/Tenders

- Recommending tenders less than \$200,000 to the Group Manager Services and Assets.
- Recommending tenders in excess of \$200,000 to the Services and Assets Committee.
- Recommending tenders to the Services and Assets Committee where preference is not for acceptance of the highest tenderer,

Financial

- Recommending annual estimates to Council.
- Recommending unbudgeted expenditure in excess of \$10,000 to the Services and Assets Committee.

Local Policy

- Considering matters referred to it by officers, the Council, its committees or subcommittees, including reports and policy and bylaw proposals relating to the provision of council services within the Board's area; and
- Making submissions or recommendations in response to those matters as appropriate.

The Chairperson of each Community Board is delegated with the following additional responsibilities:

- Approval of leases, rental agreements and the rollover of existing contracts under \$1,000;
- Engaging with Community Board members to make submissions to the Council on behalf of the Community Board where a submission period is outside of the Community Board meeting cycle.
 Where a Chairperson is unable to base a submission on a consensus among Community Board members, a Community Board meeting must be held.



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UPDATES

8.1 Chairperson's Report

The Chairman, Member Stewart, to report on matters with which he has been involved since the Board's last meeting.

8.2 Councillor's Report

Councillor Perham to report on matters from the Council table.

Next Meeting

Monday 21 August 2017 at 5.30pm.



1 Apologies

At the close of the agenda no apologies had been received.

2 Leave of absence

At the close of the agenda no requests for leave of absence had been received.

3 Conflict of Interest

Board Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decisionmaking when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

4 Public Forum

Notification to speak is required by 5pm at least two days before the meeting. Further information is available on www.southlanddc.govt.nz or phoning 0800 732 732.

5 Extraordinary/Urgent Items

To consider, and if thought fit, to pass a resolution to permit the committee to consider any further items which do not appear on the Agenda of this meeting and/or the meeting to be held with the public excluded.

Such resolution is required to be made pursuant to Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, and the Chairperson must advise:

- (i) the reason why the item was not on the Agenda, and
- (ii) the reason why the discussion of this item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

Section 46A(7A) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (as amended) states:

"Where an item is not on the agenda for a meeting,-

- (a) that item may be discussed at that meeting if-
 - (i) that item is a minor matter relating to the general business of the local authority; and
 - (ii) the presiding member explains at the beginning of the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public, that the item will be discussed at the meeting; but
- (b) no resolution, decision or recommendation may be made in respect of that item except to refer that item to a subsequent meeting of the local authority for further discussion."

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Meeting minutes of Riverton/Aparima Community Board, 10 April 2017



Riverton/Aparima Community Board OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of Riverton/Aparima Community Board held in the SDC Office, Riverton, 117 Palmerston Street, Riverton on Monday, 10 April 2017 at 5.30pm.

PRESENT

ChairpersonBlair StewartDeputy ChairpersonJan BreayleyMembersNeil Linscott

Corey Mennell Graeme Stuart Andrew Wilson

IN ATTENDANCE

Group Manager, Community and Futures (Rex Capil), Committee Advisor (Alyson Hamilton) and Community Partnerships Leader (Simon Moran).



1 Apologies

Resolution

Moved Member Linscott, seconded Member Stuart and resolved:

That the Riverton/Aparima Community Board accept the apology for nonattendance from Councillor Perham.

2 Leave of absence

There were no requests for leave of absence.

3 Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

4 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

5 Extraordinary/Urgent Items

There were no Extraordinary/Urgent items.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution

Moved Member Mennell, seconded Member Breayley and resolved:

That the minutes of Riverton/Aparima Community Board meeting held on 20 February 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Reports

7.1 New Triennium 2016-2019 - New Approach

Record No: R/17/3/4149

Rex Capil (Group Manager, Community and Futures) presented the report.

Mr Capil advised the purpose of the report is to advise the Board that Council has been undertaking some significant changes over the past two years.

Mr Capil explained Council has utilized the new triennium 2016-2019 and the October 2016 elections to introduce a number of changes that have a greater external focus, involving the interface with communities and the Council's own community governance structures.

Resolution

Moved Member Mennell, seconded Member Stuart and resolved:

That the Riverton/Aparima Community Board:

a) Receives the report titled "New Triennium 2016-2019 - New Approach" dated 4 April 2017.



7.2 Council Report

Record No: R/17/3/5902

Simon Moran (Community Partnerships Leader) presented the report.

Mr Moran advised the purpose of the report is to provide an overview of key issues across the Southland District, as well as high level local issues from various Council units.

Mr Moran informed the report highlighted various issues of interest. Particular highlights included:

- Fresh water management
- · Around the Mountain Cycle Trail
- Southland Regional Development Strategy (SoRDs)
- Animal Control
- Riverton Library usage remains unchanged on the same period last year
- Riverton Library internet usage decreased by 4%

Mr Moran advised the projects in Riverton are at various stages, the barbeque will be ready for installation in April, and the soundshell development will be ready for planting in April/May.

Mr Moran added the track widening on Taramea Bay is underway and will be completed in 4-6 weeks.

Members noted the building consent application for the replacement grandstand at the recreational reserve is currently on hold awaiting feedback from Environment Southland regarding the grandstand being situated in a Coastal Hazard area.

Mr Moran informed the Havelock Street kerbing has been moved out to next year whilst a report on the drainage effects is completed.

Mr Moran advised the skate park shelter has been in use for several months and the only ongoing issue is children climbing on it.

The Board was advised work on the water treatment plant has been completed and it is anticipated the new well source for the Riverton Water Supply will be commissioned at the end of April beginning of May. The community to be advised closer to the time.

Mr Moran advised in regards to the finance report operational expenditure cost centres are generally tracking slightly under budget. The main contributors are cemetery internments (-\$6k), street works maintenance general and general projects (-\$8K) and stormwater maintenance (-\$14k).

The Chair expressed concern at free Wifi being available 24/7 to the public at the Riverton office/library. Member Stewart advised the effect of this is visitors are parking outside the office at nights, sitting in the doorway, leaving litter and in some instances campervans are parking at the rear of the office and camping for the night.

Mr Moran felt this is a library matter and as such suggested further monitoring by staff at the office be undertaken in regards to litter issues and possible campervans camping overnight and this information be forwarded to the Board in due course.



Resolution

Moved Member Wilson, seconded Member Stuart and resolved:

That the Riverton/Aparima Community Board:

a) Receives the report titled "Council Report" dated 4 April 2017.

7.3 Recently Adopted Policies

Record No: R/17/3/3811

Simon Moran (Community Partnerships Leader) presented the report.

Mr Moran advised that the report was to inform the Board of policies that had been adopted by the Southland District Council.

Resolution

Moved Member Wilson, seconded Chairperson Stewart and resolved:

That the Riverton/Aparima Community Board:

- a) Receives the report titled "Recently Adopted Policies" dated 27 March 2017.
- b) Notes that the Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy and the Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Policy came into effect on 23 February 2017.
- c) Notes that the Remission and Postponement of Rates on Maori Freehold Land Policy will come into effect on 1 July 2017.

7.4 Grazing Part Riverton Cemetery

Record No: R/17/3/4449

Alyson Hamilton (Committee Advisor) presented the report.

Mrs Hamilton advised the purpose of the report is to consider a recommendation that grazing of part of the Riverton Cemetery be allocated to Graeme William Halder and Peter Douglas Halder.

Mrs Hamilton informed the Licence issued to Messrs Graeme and Peter Halder for grazing stock on part of the Riverton Cemetery expired on 31 March 2017.

Mrs Hamilton added it is proposed that a new licence be issued to Messrs Halder for a term of five years from 1 April 2017 at a slightly increased annual rental.

Members noted the annual rental be increased to \$347.83 (plus GST).

Following discussion Members agreed that a licence be issued to Graeme William Halder and Peter Douglas Halder to graze the land located at 93 Riverton Otautau Road for a five year period commencing 1 April 2017 at an annual rental of \$347.83 (plus GST).

Resolution

Moved Chairperson Stewart, seconded Member Stuart and resolved:



That the Riverton/Aparima Community Board:

- a) Receives the report titled "Grazing Part Riverton Cemetery" dated 4 April 2017.
- b) Determines that this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of Section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- c) Determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with Section 79 of the Act determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.
- d) Agrees that a licence under the Reserves Act 1977 over part of the Riverton cemetery being part of Section 39, Block VI, Jacobs River Hundred be issued to Graeme William Halder and Peter Douglas Halder for a term of five years from 1 April 2017 at an annual rental of \$347.83 plus GST.
- e) Agrees that the draft licence agreement as circulated be approved.

7.5 Community Liaison Persons

Record No: R/17/3/4172

Alyson Hamilton (Committee Advisor) presented the report.

Mrs Hamilton advised that the purpose of the report is to appoint Riverton/Aparima Community Board members as liaison persons to various entities in the Riverton community.

Resolution

Moved Member Mennell, seconded Member Stuart and resolved:

That the Riverton/Aparima Community Board:

- a) Receives the report titled "Community Liaison Persons" dated 3 April 2017.
- b) Agrees to appoint Member Breayley as the Community Housing liaison person for Riverton for the 2016/2019 triennium.
- c) Agrees to appoint Board members for the 2016/2019 triennium as liaison persons for the following:

Community Pool Member Breayley
Emergency Management Member Linscott
Parks and Reserves Members Breayley, Mennell

Resource Consents Community Board Members

Riverted Harbour Order and Community Board Members

Riverton Harbour Subcommittee Members Stuart, Stewart, and Cr Perham

Te Hikoi Heritage Centre Member Linscott

Works/Water and Waste Members Wilson, Stuart



Updates

8.1 Chairperson's Report

The Chairperson, Member Stewart, reported on activities with which he has been involved since the Board's last meeting. These included:

- Approach from Tanya Colyer seeking Board consent to erect an outdoor community Christmas Tree in Riverton in the vicinity of the RSA. Ms Colyer advised she is prepared to arrange fundraising toward the purchase of the tree by way of guiz nights and raffles.
 - Members felt this is a worthwhile project and suggested Ms Colyer liaise with the Community Engineer to confirm location and the placement of the tree.
- Approach from Tia Webb on the possibility of holding a paua and blue cod festival in Riverton. Members noted further information to be presented to the Board in due course.
- Suggestion received for an identifiable walking track to be established around the coastline. The Board requested the Community Partnerships Leader follow-up and investigate options to be presented to the Board in due course.

The meeting concluded at 6.30pm	CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD AT A MEETING OF THE RIVERTON/APARIMA COMMUNITY BOARD HELD ON MONDAY, 10 APRIL 2017.
	<u>DATE</u> :
	CHAIRPERSON:



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Council Report

Record No: R/17/5/11562

Author: Simon Moran, Community Partnership Leader Approved by: Rex Capil, Group Manager Community and Futures

□ Decision □ Recommendation □ Information

Chief Executive

Havelock North Water Inquiry

- The "Report of the Havelock North Drinking Water Inquiry: Stage 1" was released in mid-May. Stage 1 of the Inquiry has essentially focussed on what occurred at Havelock North and why.
- The Inquiry found that there were a number of failings by Hastings District Council, drinking-water assessors appointed under the Health Act 1956 and employed by the Hawke's Bay DHB, and Hawke's Bay Regional Council, being the key parties with responsibility for the water supply regime in Havelock North. While none of the faults identified directly caused the outbreak the Inquiry notes that a different outcome may have occurred if the identified deficiencies had not existed.
- 3 Stage 2 of the Inquiry is now proceeding and will look at lessons and improvements that can be made more broadly to the way in which water is managed across New Zealand. This will include looking at the regulatory regimes under which the various agencies involved operate.
- 4 The outcome of Stage 2 is expected to have ramifications for the broader water policy settings within which all local authorities across New Zealand operate and will no doubt inform other policy work being undertaken by Central Government.
- Local Government New Zealand will be making submissions on behalf of all local authorities. Much of this submission is expected to draw on the work completed as part of their Water 2050 project through which they have advocated for the development of a co-regulatory model to help drive the lifting of standards across the sector.
- As part of the broader policy debate about the development of water standards it is important that there is a stronger linkage between the different aspects that need to be covered including issues ranging from the setting of standards through to the financing and community affordability of infrastructure to deliver required standards over time.

Civil Defence Review

- The Government have decided to carry out a review of civil defence policy settings. The review is described as: "Better responses to natural disasters and other emergencies in New Zealand", and will be led by a Technical Advisory Group ("TAG") which is chaired by Hon Roger Sowry.
- The terms of reference for the review are expected to be released at the end of May with provisional recommendations likely to go to Government by the end of August.
- 9 The overall focus of the review will be on the following three broad areas:
 - Decision rights that is how should the chain of command work;
 - The nature of information flows to the public and media given available technology and the nature of the resources available locally and centrally to assist; and

- Capability and capacity across the system including ways and means to better deploy resources depending on priorities.
- 10 Officers will continue to monitor the review as it proceeds and report on any outcomes of significance to Southland.

Southland Regional Development Strategy (SoRDs)

- Work has been progressed to develop a proposed consultation document for the formation of a new Southland Regional Development Agency as a council controlled organisation.
- The agency would be formed as a limited liability company with its shareholders consisting of the four Southland Councils, Iwi and community based organisations to ensure that there is a 'whole of region' approach to regional development moving forward. Other key aspects of the proposal include the appointment of a skills based board, to ensure that the focus is on the appointment of directors with an appropriate level of expertise, and the creation of a separate tourism division to ensure that there is an appropriate level of focus placed on development of the tourism industry. This proposal is consistent with the recommendation made by the SoRDS Tourism Action Team.
- 13 If the proposal is accepted by all four Councils then there would be a joint community consultation exercise undertaken. This would streamline the process and ensure that there is a common set of recommendations provided back to each of the Councils.

Land and Water Plan

- 14 Last year Council lodged a comprehensive submission on the Environment Southland (ES) proposed Land and Water Plan.
- 15 ES are now moving into the formal hearings process with a requirement for detailed evidence to be submitted by 12 May although they have granted time extensions for some submitters.
- Officers have now lodged, in conjunction with the Gore District and Invercargill City Councils the evidence needed to support the submission previously approved by Council. The Councils are due to present their evidence at a hearing in September 2017.

Rural Fire

- 17 The transition process to merge Rural Fire Authorities with the NZ Fire Service to create Fire and Emergency Management NZ (FENZ) is continuing. FENZ will officially come into being from 1 July 2017.
- As part of the transition process Council has formally resolved to approve the sale of the relevant firefighting equipment to FENZ at a nominal price. More recently officers have also been working with FENZ to agree transitional arrangements for the provision of a range of support services including Information Technology services. It is expected that these arrangements will continue through until June 2018.

Tourism Infrastructure Fund

- On 11 May the Government announced a new Tourism Infrastructure Fund to replace the Mid-sized Regional Facilities Fund and Regional Growth Partnership Fund.
- The new fund will have some \$25 million per annum available to assist with co-funding of tourism related facilities in district's that meet the relevant criteria.
- 21 Officers will give consideration to whether there are any infrastructure projects within this District that might meet the criteria. This will be done via work that needs to be progressed to develop a programme of works needed to implement the Open Spaces Strategy that was adopted by Council in 2014. Officers will look to include these projects in the draft 2018 10 Year Plan.

22 It is important to recognise the co-funding requirement and hence the need for funding to be available through existing budgets.

Te Anau Wastewater Discharge Project

- On 22 March Council received formal advice indicating that the Smith Family no longer wished to proceed with the proposed sale of their land to Council for potential use as an alternate disposal site for the Te Anau Wastewater project. From a contractual perspective, Council is now able, under the Deed of Agreement that it has with Fiordland Sewage Options, to exercise the Kepler consents should it so choose.
- At its 17 May meeting Council asked officers to proceed with the development of a Business Case for the Kepler option. This decision reflects the importance of Council continuing to progress development of this option given the need to have any alternative fully operational by December 2020, unless new consents can be obtained for the existing Upukerora discharge.
- In parallel with the work on the Kepler Business Case officers are also progressing development of potential criteria and a process via which it might identify potentially suitable alternative disposal sites. Work is underway to develop these criteria with a report back on these going to the Te Anau Wastewater Project Committee in August.

Around the Mountains Cycle Trail

- At its 17 May meeting Council asked to progress the development of a business case for a "Heartland Ride" option from Walter Peak to Centre Hill.
- As part of the business case process officers are also required to advance negotiations with the three main external funders, including the Crown, to agree on the implications of Council proceeding this option on the existing contractual arrangements. To date the Crown has been clear that it expects the Council to complete the Trail to the Great Ride standard and for Council to do otherwise would be a breach of its Funding Agreement.
- 28 Officers are progressing the work required and will keep Council briefed as it proceeds.

Milford Opportunities Project

- As part of the SoRDS project Central Government announced the allocation of \$250,000 towards the first phase of the Milford Opportunities Project.
- 30 Officers have been working with the Department of Conservation to develop revised terms of reference for the project. These are being discussed with the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment (MBIE) which is the government agency that will manage the funding arrangements with Council. Work is also underway to identify members that might be suitable for the proposed project governance group.

Customer Support

- 31 Customer Support is currently preparing for the annual dog registrations over June and July. With the introduction of online payments over the last two years, there has been an increase in payments received online and forms received via email. The Environmental Health Team will send out approximately 6,500 letters to our customers for dog registration.
- The Nightcaps Community Library has now moved to a Book Bus service with the first stop being planned for late June 2017. We will monitor use of the service over the next six months and also work closely with regular customers to meet their library needs.

Services and Assets

Public Conveniences

- This is predominantly business as usual when it comes to operations, however the budgets clearly show an increase in costs for those toilets situated on the main tourist routes. The upgrade project at Colac Bay has been deferred until the Foreshore Road access issues have been resolved.
- 34 The Lions Park usage counts show similar seasonal trends to previous years, the year-end totals however are likely to be slightly down on last year given the low numbers early in the season. The reason for this is unknown, however it did coincide with the significant upgrade work on the building next door by Real Journeys which may have affected their bus parking locations.

Water Structures

- 35 Consultation on Stewart Island jetties is ongoing, with Southport now also wanting to divest its ownership of the Golden Bay wharf. Plans are also underway to do some initial investigations of the Waiau River boat ramps to identify any urgent issues to be included in the 2018 Long Term Plan. A more detailed inspection will be undertaken prior to the next Long Term Plan.
- Licence Agreements with private berth owners at Riverton is progressing with a majority signed and returned. The outstanding ones will be followed up.

Curio Bay Project

Ongoing with Council's waste water project and Department of Conservation's carpark completed. The South Catlins Trust has the new camping amenities building operational as well as commencing construction on the new heritage building. An ancillary project has resulted from all this development and the three parties in conjunction with other interest groups, are involved in a planting programme on the reserve to increase the habitat for the Yellow Eyed Penguins.

Te Anau Airport - Manapouri

- 38 The summer season has concluded with the last flight in early May. The statistics should be out by next report to compare past year's performance. Winter period is about maintenance of ground handling equipment and general terminal tidy up, ready for the up and coming summer season which will start in the middle of August.
- A very positive letter of appreciation from Alliance Airlines with the way we handle our ground handling system; we achieved a best on time performance in the country with an on time performance factor of 95%, with one aircraft defect delaying departure.
- The Air Force display went well and one aircraft remained at the airport overnight due to a defect. The airport staff provided security for the night.

Alternative Coastal Route Improvement

The Roading Company have capitalised on recent weather patterns and have made good progress in a relatively short timeframe on this project.

Alliance Maintenance Contract Renewal

Following the decisions made by Council at its 27 April meeting to approve the proposed new road maintenance contracts officers have been working with the contractors to finalise the contract arrangements.

The discussions have been very positive with a good level of buy-in to implementation of the 80:20 principle and agreement to explore a number of other new initiatives during the next contract term.

Community and Futures

Stewart Island Wharf Engagement

- The Stewart Island wharf engagement process is now well advanced. A survey has been established and been widely distributed to residents on the Island, key stakeholders on and off the Island, and a selected number of ratepayers.
- The survey and consultation process has been publicised through the local Stewart Island News, Southland Times and the Advocate, with posters distributed throughout the Island, Riverton and Te Anau Area Offices. The consultant was on the Island in May and conducted a number of one-on-one interviews, public drop-in sessions and an evening public conversation café. From here, information will be collated and the consultant will go back to those who have taken part with a summary and any recommendations being made to Council. The final report is expected at the end of June and will go to Council July/August 2017.

Milford Opportunities

Discussions with MBIE are ongoing although we are getting closer to having a contract for the government funding that was announced at the SoRDS launch. It is likely that the project will tie in well with some work that MBIE is looking at in relation to the tourism pressures and issues that are being faced in Queenstown.

District Facilities Project

Venture Southland are undertaking this project on our behalf and are currently in the process of surveying both the operators and a representative sample of users. The project will assist Council in understanding the type, range, and location of facilities in the District as well as the level of use they get.

Te Anau Community Consultation

The public feedback part of the process has closed and the comments collated. The next step is for the Te Anau Community Board to go through the comments and identify the projects that they see as the priorities for the Board to invest in on behalf of the community, what they might advocate for on behalf of the community, and what they cannot or do not wish to pursue.

Community Governance Project and Representation Review Project Update

- The Community Governance Project and Representation Review Projects are aimed at enhancing community involvement so that future governance structures in Southland work best for the people of Southland to assist strong district decisionmaking while empowering local communities to participate in processes that reflect the needs and requirements of the district.
- The Elected Member Working Group will provide feedback on the development of issues and option and assist the stakeholder and community engagement process. It will meet over the course of the projects.
- 51 The Representation Review is a formal statutory process that will be informed by the feedback from the Community Governance Review. Staff from across the Council will be involved in the project as there will be operational issues to plan for with any changes to the

current representation arrangements. The Electoral Officer Dale Ofsoske will be assisting the Council to fulfil its statutory obligations.

2017/2018 Annual Plan

- Council made decisions on the feedback received from individuals and organisations on the Annual Plan Update 2017 on 6 April 2017.
- The key financial changes included providing a one-off grant in 2017/18 for the Hollyford Conservation Trust (\$10,000 GST exclusive) and increase in the Regional Heritage Rate (\$5 per rating unit GST inclusive), both to be funded from reserves/existing budgets. The Council also approved a number of changes to project timing, including projects to be carried forward from 2016/17 into 2017/18 and corrections to fees and charges and grants. The rate increase is for the final plan has dropped slightly to 3.63% from 3.64% signalled in the Annual Plan Update 2017.
- Council staff have incorporated the changes from the deliberations into the final draft and presented the final draft annual plan to councillors for feedback at a workshop on 17 May. The Annual Plan will be adopted at the Council meeting on 7 June 2017. At this meeting, Council will also be asked to set the rates for the 2017/18 financial year.
- Once the plan is adopted, reply letters will be sent to all people who provided feedback, a copy of the Annual Plan will be available to view on the council website and hard copies will be printed and distributed the Area Offices.
- 56 Strategy and Policy staff will then move their attention the Annual Report and LTP.

Community Leadership Plan Workshop Update

- 57 Eight Community Leadership Plan Workshops were held across the District in April bringing together Councillors, Community Board and CDA members along with Community Partnership Leaders and Venture Southland Community Development staff. Feedback from attendees has been positive and our Elected Members were challenged to look towards the future and identify opportunities, they were also asked what their township will look like in the next 3, 10 and 30 years, who will be living there and who their communities of interest will be.
- The Community Partnership Leaders are now working to collate the results before embarking on stage two of the consultation process with key community stakeholders.

Service Delivery Scoping Project

Council has engaged Rebecca McElrea to undertake the above project. The purpose is to consider future Council service delivery options for communities in the Southland District with demand from residents, ratepayers and visitors being the primary focus. The consultant has been requested to investigate and consider the types and levels of service demanded from customers and consumers, how services could be delivered and where from. At present we are working to develop the surveys before commencing the community engagement aspect of the process.

Environmental Services

Resource Management Act Amendments

Now that the Resource Management Act amendments have been enacted, staff are working through the implications of these and will be presenting a report on this to Council at its meeting in 21 June 2017.

- One of the major components of the amendments in the introduction of a more 'template' approach to planning at a national level aimed at driving more national consistency. This is likely to have significant implications for the shape of future planning documents.
- The Ministry for the Environment is bringing a road show to Invercargill on this topic on the afternoon of 21 June, which staff will be attending.

Earthquake Prone Amendments to the Building Act 2004

- As previously advised these take effect on 1 July 2017.
- 64 Council has received correspondence from MBIE on various arrangements which all councils need to make in advance of the amendments and the Team Leader of Building Solutions is working through these now. The Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment held a briefing session for relevant Council staff in Dunedin on 23 and 24 May 2017.
- 65 Councillors will recall that key elements of this can be briefly summarised as setting timeframes for assessing buildings identified as potentially earthquake prone, and timeframes for strengthening such identified buildings based on the risk zone which they are located within (Southland District Council contains High, Medium and Low zone), and based on the use of the buildings and their potential for collapse on key thoroughfares.

Building Control

- The issued consents are down by 44% on April last year and these numbers were down 11% (March) and 23% (February) relative to their respective months in 2016. This reduction is primarily due to a drop off in consent applications for fires, dwelling alterations and farm buildings. There were the same number of new dwellings consented and an increase in the number of new dairy sheds being consented when compared to the same period as last year. The value of the consented work is up by \$1 Million, with three dairy sheds adding \$1.2 Million or 25% to the value of work consented.
- The distribution of work seems to remain primarily in the larger urban areas such as Winton, Te Anau and Riverton. The average price per consented dwelling has risen by more than \$70,000 from the same period last year, reflecting the greater complexity in design. The consents issued this month will require 225 inspections before the work is completed. We continue to receive consent applications at a steady rate and have a number of consents to process.

Dog Registrations

Dog registration forms are going out in the post in early June. The new dog registration discounts are being introduced this year that recognise responsible ownership, neutering and containment.

Freedom Camping Bylaw

69 Local discussions are continuing concerning possibly amending the freedom camping bylaw rules for Lumsden, Waikawa and Weirs Beach.

Rakiura Heritage Centre

70 Resource consent was lodged on 1 March to construct a heritage centre at 6 Argyle Street, Oban. This application is currently on hold and once all of the necessary information is received, it will be limited notified to the property owners and occupiers within close proximity to the site.

Notice of Requirement (Edendale)

71 The submission on the proposal to realign State Highway 1 closed on 11 May. A total of 18 submissions were received and an indicative timeframe for holding a hearing will be late July or early August. An Independent Commissioner will hold the hearing and make a decision on the application.

District Plan Appeals

Council has just received indicative mediation dates for the remaining Proposed District Plan appeals. The Environment Court mediation is pencilled in between 8-11 August which will be confirmed once all the parties are satisfied with the dates.

Water and Land Plan Evidence

73 Council has submitted five briefs of evidence in relation to Environment Southland's Water and Land Plan hearings which started on 22 May. Council submitted primarily in relation to the organisation's core business (infrastructure affordability, equitable requirements across different activities, timing of rules having effect etc). Council is going to speak to its evidence in mid-September.

Resource Consents

Resource consent application numbers remain at relatively subdued levels, with limited large scale development currently occurring in the District. Most consents are being processed within the statutory processing timeframes.

Venture

- The Venture Southland Community Development team has been conducting an assessment of all facilities available for community use or hire across the District on behalf of Southland District Council. The team have been in contact with facility managers in the Riverton area to gain their feedback on what is available and community needs over the past month, and are very appreciative of the community's assistance with this process.
- The Community Development team are also organising free workshops for volunteers "Surviving and Thriving as a Volunteer Organisation" in June/July in partnership with Southland Community Law. Workshop locations and dates are as follows:

Tuatapere – Thursday 1st June

Otautau – Wednesday 7th June

Gore - Thursday 15th June

Winton - Wednesday 21st June

Mossburn - Thursday 29th June

Invercargill – Wednesday 5th July

All are from 6:30pm – 9pm. Contact Suzanne Mckenzie to book a place or for more information – 03 211 1400 or <u>suzanne@venturesouthland.co.nz</u>.

77 Kathryn Cowie has been working with the following local groups in the Riverton area - providing funding and governance advice, and assisting with projects where required – Thornbury Vintage Tractor & Implement Club, Southland Heritage & Building Preservation Trust (Kohi Kohi's Cottage), and the Riverton Arts Trust.

Information Management

Digitisation Project

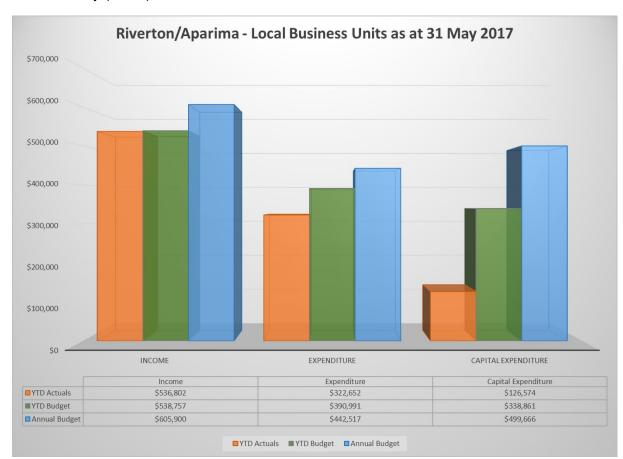
The final main shipment of paper has been sent from Council at the end of May. This particular shipment will be the single largest being the total boxes sent to over 1,000.

People and Capability

In February 2017, Council contracted Simpson Grierson to undertake a Health and Safety Gap Analysis. The gap analysis included a review of Southland District Councils Health and Safety Management System, discussions with key operational leaders and visits to operational locations and discussions with workers and key contractors. The intent of the exercise was to compare our current practices with good practice so that we could identify areas for improvement. The report identifies a number of opportunities for improving our current Health and Safety practices. An Action Plan including a draft commitment, objectives and targets has been developed and will be presented to the Finance and Audit Committee in June 2017 for their approval and subsequent monitoring of progress.

Finance

Operational expenditure cost centres are generally tracking slightly under budget. The main contributors are Street Works maintenance general (-\$21K), Operating Costs (-\$22k) and Taramea Bay (-\$14k).



Riverton/Aparima - Business Units as at 31 May 2017										
		Income			Expenses			Capital		
				Budget Full	Expenses		Budget Full			Budget Full
BU Code	Business Unit	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Year	YTD	Budget YTD	Year	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Year
26300	Administration - Riverton	\$36,966	\$36,952	\$51,415	\$35,449	\$38,785	\$42,311			
26301	Library - Riverton	\$56,398	\$57,051	\$64,741	\$49,485	\$49,097	\$54,421	\$4,655	\$7,954	\$8,677
26302	Operating Costs - Riverton	\$34,850	\$43,645	\$47,613	\$31,184	\$53,335	\$57,714			
26307	Street Works - Riverton	\$165,126	\$165,061	\$180,066	\$14,320	\$35,557	\$38,688	\$297	\$146,744	\$290,084
26310	Refuse Collection - Riverton	\$23,539	\$23,530	\$25,669	\$21,502	\$23,530	\$25,669			
26313	Stormwater Drainage - Riverton	\$41,994	\$41,522	\$45,297	\$26,216	\$31,272	\$34,075		\$54,908	\$59,900
26314	SW - STO554 & PLS54A Riverton							\$5,379		
26325	Cemetery - Riverton	\$49,178	\$45,293	\$51,107	\$41,199	\$40,711	\$44,411			
26328	Beautification - Riverton	\$52,987	\$52,977	\$57,793	\$45,728	\$52,977	\$57,793			
26332	Recreation Reserve - Riverton	\$12,001	\$10,695	\$11,667	\$6,162	\$10,791	\$14,167	\$89,493	\$110,807	\$120,880
26333	Taramea (Howells Point)	\$6,864	\$6,861	\$7,497	\$4,425	\$5,028	\$5,485			
26337	Taramea Bay	\$18,930	\$18,173	\$22,424	\$9,559	\$17,913	\$31,791	\$16,000	\$18,448	\$20,125
26338	Koikoi Park	\$600						\$10,750		
26340	War Memorial Reserve	\$1,414	\$1,414	\$1,792		\$1,414	\$1,542			
26346	Playground - Riverton	\$5,452	\$5,450	\$5,945	\$10,143	\$5,450	\$7,034			
26391	Riverton Pool	\$30,503	\$30,135	\$32,874	\$27,279	\$25,131	\$27,416	_		
Total		\$536,802	\$538,757	\$605,900	\$322,652	\$390,991	\$442,517	\$126,574	\$338,861	\$499,666

Recommendation

That the Riverton/Aparima Community Board:

a) Receives the report titled "Council Report" dated 12 June 2017.

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.