

Moutere Hills Residents Association

Public Meeting
Tuesday 11/04/2017 - 7 pm
Moutere Hills Community Centre

Agenda

1. Welcome
 - a. Welcome by Chairperson
2. Attendance
 - a. Mayor Richard Kempthorne, Councillors Tim King, Anne Turley, Dean McNamara
 - b. TDC: Richard Kirby (Engineering Manager), Susan Edwards (Community Development Manager), Sharon Flood (Strategic Policy Manager), Jamie McPherson (Transportation Manager) and Rob Smith (Environmental Information Manager)
 - c. MHRA Committee: T Finn, P Hyatt, M Bender, M Weller, F Mali, A Sutherland
3. Apologies
 - a. N McBride, J Leith - accepted
4. Moutere Hills Community Pathway
 - a. Short Update and Project Status
 - Survey Results
 - Presentation of pathway preferences as determined from survey run following our last AGM; these are taken into consideration by the committee during route-finding; detailed results can be found on our website.
 - Petition Results
 - The petition in support of pathway construction has been signed by a total of 609 individuals.
 - Route Finding
 - This process is ongoing with some recent developments and negotiations with individual landowners. However, no continuous route meeting the requirements has been established yet.
 - Support by Council
 - Our ward councillors have expressed their support of the project.
 - Transportation Department has previously worked with us in looking at routes.
 - Parks & Reserves has recently expressed support and offered assistance with a letter.
 - We appreciate all support given so far and are hoping for continued cooperation with TDC.
 - Long Term Plan
 - The MHRA will aim to submit the proposed pathway as project to be considered in the LTP 2018-28 (Early Feedback Process).
5. TDC Annual Plan 2017/18
 - a. Presentation by TDC Staff
 - As in the previous year, TDC runs community presentations rather than a full consultation, since the Annual Plan does include significant changes to the agreed plan.
 - Mayor Kempthorne presents notes on expected rates increase and debts – all significantly lower than forecast in the Long Term Plan.
 - b. Community Feedback/Discussion as follows
6. Speed Limits/Road Safety
 - a. Community Feedback
 - Concerns are raised that traffic between the village and the Community Centre is becoming a real safety issue which should to be addressed both by creating a safe walking and cycling route and adjusting the speed limit on the highway past the Community Centre.
 - Council response is that it is difficult to adjust the speed limit on the highway as national regulations have to be abided by.
 - It is noted that there will not be a speed limit bylaw review this year, but Transportation Manager Jamie McPherson offers to review the situation at the MHCC as an individual case.
 - The MHRA will follow up and provide copies of our previous submissions to support the issue.
7. Dovedale Rural Water Supply
 - a. Community Feedback
 - Planned upgrades of the Dovedale Water Scheme to meet DWSNZ are noted in the plan for 2018-2020 and the community wonders how this can be achieved.
 - Cr King reiterates that it is hugely expensive to raise the wholesale water quality in rural schemes (which are to a large degree for stock supply) and it is yet to be determined what measures will be feasible or affordable.
 - The discussion includes the concept that individual users should treat water using a suitable plant (filters and UV disinfectant) where it is for domestic use, rather than trying to upgrade the complete water scheme.

- The question is also raised whether it is of a higher priority to improve water quality to those users who are already connected, or whether to make the current supply available to more users.
- Options are currently being explored for comparable schemes such as Eighty-Eight Valley.
- Note is taken that the local community associations such as MHRA should be notified and involved by TDC staff as investigations for the Dovedale Scheme get underway.

8. Residential Development / Rural Areas

a. Community Feedback

- Some concerns are raised regarding increased residential development in certain rural areas and how rural character can be preserved.
- Cr King responds that zoning decisions take this into consideration and endeavour to focus growth in some areas while maintaining rural character in others. It is noted that zoning is necessarily a relatively 'blunt' instrument.
- Various discussion around Rural 3 zones and affordable housing, with notes on the current approach which does allow multiple dwellings on rural properties while avoiding subdivision.

9. Community Support / Civil Defence

a. Community Feedback

- Some discussion regarding the preparedness of the local community in a Civil Defence emergency (with the MHCC being a CD Welfare Centre).
- It is proposed that one of the upcoming public meeting should focus on civil defence and natural disaster emergencies.

10. Close