

Submissions 2013/14 Annual Plan - Financial Impact								
				\$ Impact-CAPEX	\$ Impact-OPEX	Interest \$ on CAPEX	Total Impact 2013/14	% Rate increase
	From							
	<b>Proposed Rates Increase 13/14</b>						<b>50,729,857</b>	<b>5.02%</b>
<b>Line</b>	<b>Sub No</b>	<b>Staff Recommend Support</b>	<b>Detail</b>					
1	12	Wellington Free Ambulance	Increase from current contribution level	0	16,968	0	16,968	0.04%
2	23	Bee Friendly Farming Group	Funding request	0	5,000	0	5,000	0.01%
3	27	Kapiti Vintage 2013	Investment in programme	0	8,000	0	8,000	0.02%
4	42	Kapiti US Marines Trust	Annual Grant for memorial day costs	0	2,000	0	2,000	0.00%
5	49	T Gan	Grant Race Relations Day 2014 - \$1,534 already provided	0	500	0	500	0.00%
6	53	St Patricks Parish	Walkway repair to our Lady of Lourdes	0	21,050	0	21,050	0.04%
7	57	Raumati swimming club	Timing equipment purchase (Council Ownership)	115,407	0	4,039	4,039	0.01%
8	65	Kapiti Community Centre	Salaries	0	17,000	0	17,000	0.04%
9	65	Kapiti Community Centre	Capital for Upgrade.	32,000	0	1,120	1,120	0.00%
10	66	Kapiti Coast Youth Council	Youth2U dollars scheme	0	6,000	0	6,000	0.01%
	<b>Total Staff Recommend Support</b>			<b>147,407</b>	<b>76,518</b>	<b>5,159</b>	<b>81,677</b>	<b>0.17%</b>
							<b>50,811,534</b>	<b>5.19%</b>
	<b>Fund from Existing Budgets</b>			<b>What Budget</b>				
11	46	Paekakariki Community Board	Bike racks in Village	0	2,000	0	2,000	0.00%
12	58	Kapiti Tourism Site	Website start up (Contestable Process) estimate \$50k	0	0	0	0	0.00%
13	60	Friends of Waikanae River	Irrigation system modifications (part of)	0	0	0	0	
14	60	Friends of Waikanae River	Maintenance of planted areas	0	0	0	0	
15	66	Kapiti Coast Youth Council	Extra hours Co-ordinator	0	6,000	0	6,000	0.01%
16	68	S Rayner	Shower upgrade Weka Park Raumati	0	0	0	0	
17	69	J Embling	Contribution to Neighbourhood Support Horowhenua	0	3,000	0	3,000	0.01%
18	81	Otaki Community Board	Signs/viewing platform Otaki Estuary	0	3,000	0	3,000	0.01%
19	61	Kapiti Accessibility Advisory Group	Increase current knowledge of present levels of access of Kapiti's parks and open spaces for people with disabilities.	0	1,000	0	1,000	0.00%
20	66	Kapiti Coast Youth Council	Installation of Power Sockets (assumes easy access etc)	0	0	0	0	
	<b>Total Fund from Existing Budgets</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>0.03%</b>
	<b>Investigate or include as part of 2014/15 Annual Plan Process or 2015 LTP Process</b>			<b>What Process</b>				
21	5	Kapiti Senior Citizens Association Inc	Funding Request - Hall Upgrade	0	60,000	0	60,000	0.12%
22	26	Kapiti Coast Funeral Home Ltd	Public toilets at Waikanae cemetery	45,000	5,000	1,575	6,575	0.01%
23	26	Kapiti Coast Funeral Home Ltd	Public toilets at Otaki cemetery	0	0	0	0	
24	26	Kapiti Coast Funeral Home Ltd	Public toilets at Paraparaumu Beach cemetery	45,000	5,000	1,575	6,575	0.01%
25	26	Kapiti Coast Funeral Home Ltd	Public toilets at Awa Tapu cemetery	100,000	5,000	3,500	8,500	0.02%
26	30	Kapiti Coast Museum	Contingency Fund capital for Museums	0	100,000	0	100,000	0.21%
27	41/47	Kapiti College	P/ship funding Perf Arts Centre at college	1,000,000	0	35,000	35,000	0.07%
28	46	Paekakariki Community Board	Tilley Road playground	65,000	0	2,275	2,275	0.00%
29	46	Paekakariki Community Board	Tilley Road toilets increased	100,000	5,000	3,500	8,500	0.02%
30	52	J Baldwin	Miscellaneous Requests	0	0	0	0	
31	59	Kapiti community hub working group	Landscaping/signage/artwork in area	0	5,000	0	5,000	0.01%
32	59	Kapiti community hub working group	Landscaping/signage/artwork in area	0	3,000	0	3,000	0.01%
33	59	Kapiti community hub working group	Landscaping/signage/artwork in area	0	12,000	0	12,000	0.02%
34	60	Friends of Waikanae River	Irrigation system modifications (balance of work)	0	0	0	0	
35	61	J Webber, Kapiti Accessibility Group	Funding for Kapiti Accessibility Advisory Group assessment	0	0	0	0	
36	66	Kapiti Coast Youth Council	Installation of Power Sockets (balance of request)	0	6,000	0	6,000	0.01%
37	68	S Rayner	Changing Room/Toilet upgrade Weka Park Raumati	0	0	0	0	
38	79	Paraparaumu Community Board	Art Work	0	0	0	0	
	<b>Total Investigate or include as part of 2014/15 Annual Plan Process or 2015 LTP Process</b>			<b>1,355,000</b>	<b>146,000</b>	<b>47,425</b>	<b>193,425</b>	<b>0.40%</b>
	<b>Staff Recommendation - Do not Support</b>							
39	15	Olive Terrace Playground	Request to Build Playground	65,000	3,000	2,275	5,275	0.01%
40	20	Waikanae Community Board	Introduce Adult Season Pass	0	0	0	0	
41	32	Surf Life Saving	Running costs 13/14 - only if direct to Clubs	0	8,000	0	8,000	0.02%
42	36	G Booth	Otaki Town Village toilet requirement	0	0	0	0	
43	40	Kena Kena School	Grant Fireworks Fiesta	0	10,000	0	10,000	0.02%
44	44	A Cairncross	Funding - Flax and Fibre Festival	0	0	0	0	
45	48	Kapiti Tourism Action Group	Kapiti Fishing and Seaside Festival	0	62,750	0	62,750	0.13%
46	58	D VanDenOever	Website start up - Contestable Process (see above)	0	20,000	0	20,000	0.04%
47	65	Kapiti Community Centre	Feasibility Study	0	10,650	0	10,650	0.02%
48	66	Kapiti Coast Youth Council	Use of Vehicle	0	8,000	0	8,000	0.02%
49	73	C Glover	Miscellaneous Requests	0	0	0	0	
50	82	W Van Den Oever (Kapa Haka Colleges Group)	Apply for appropriate Grant	0	300	0	300	0.00%
	<b>Total Staff Recommendation - Do not Support</b>			<b>65,000</b>	<b>122,700</b>	<b>2,275</b>	<b>124,975</b>	<b>0.26%</b>

## 2013/14 Annual Plan Submissions

### **Submitter: 1: PSGR Physicians and Scientists for Global Responsibility**

**Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Bylaws/Other**

#### **Summary**

The Physicians and Scientists for Global Responsibility (PSGR) is a Charitable Trust established to provide independent scientific assessment and advice on matters relating to genetic engineering and other scientific matters including nanotechnology and synthetic biology. They ask that Council apply a "precautionary policy on genetically engineered organisms to meet its duty of care to its ratepayers and to protect the environment."

They draw Councils' attention to the Inter-Council Working Party (ICWP) on GMO (genetically modified organisms) Risk Evaluation and Management Options which has investigated the nature and extent of risks local authorities could expect to face from transgenic organisms in the environment and the options available to address those risks.

The submission covers the latest documents released by the ICWP and gives a number of examples of potential issues. Detailed discussion is provided on examples of particular concern: the EPA approval to the test planting of *pinus radiata* with a number of engineered traits; and concerns over nanotechnology.

The submissions provides supporting information and references.

#### **Response**

The Council does not have direct control of issues such as genetic engineering, nanotechnology and synthetic biology. However, it will consider your views when matters such as this arise in the course of its work.

## Submitter: 2: Denise Timblich

### Topic: Water Management/Water Supply/Fluoridation

#### Summary

Strongly opposed to fluoride in the water supply and does not consider current tap water to be safe. Currently travels to Petone water fountain in order to get untreated drinking water. Is considering installing a tank for drinking water purposes only. Believes her rates should provide her with safe drinking water.

#### Response

##### Option A

Council intends to maintain its current level of service. Council currently adds Fluoride to the Waikanae, Paraparaumu and Raumati water supply. No fluoride is added to Otaki, Hautere or Paekakariki. The level of Fluoride added to Waikanae, Paraparaumu and Raumati water supply was reduced from 1ppm to 0.7ppm in 2009 after the issue was debated by the previous Council. The addition of Fluoride to the public water supply is not mandatory but is recommended by the Ministry of Health.

Non-fluoridated water is available at the following public supply points located within Otaki and Paekakariki:

- Otaki Visitor Centre Main Highway, Otaki
- Otaki Library Mill Road, Otaki
- Paekakariki Town Centre, Beach Road, Paekakariki

The location of these non-fluoridated water filling points are identified on the Council website and by signage at each location.

Or

##### Option B

Council will initiate a special consultative process to determine whether it will continue to add fluoride to the Waikanae, Paraparaumu and Raumati water supply.

## Submitter: 3: Jacqueline Maree Elliott

### Topic: Water Management/Water Supply/Water Storage

#### Summary

Requests that Council finalise the purchase of land, and resource consent process, for Dam "as per the last election promise to have the dam complete by 2014".

States: "Pending gaining of resource consent - I recommend the application is withdrawn before a lengthy appeal process is started and that KCDC withdraw from the RR Plan due to the unexpected complexities of the processes involved"

#### Response

- Council has purchased land for a proposed Dam in the Maungakotukutuku valley and its construction is currently planned for 2060. There has never been any commitment by Council to complete the construction of a Dam by 2014.
- In regard to the River Recharge Project Council advises they do not plan to withdraw from any resource consent application it has made and is not aware of any "unexpected complexities" associated with the process.

## **Submitter: 3: Jacqueline Maree Elliott (Continued)**

### **Topic: Water Management/Water Supply/Water Meters**

#### **Summary**

Opposes water meters and requires that a referendum be held. Believes water meters should only be used for leak detection.

#### **Response**

- Council resolved to proceed with the installation of water meters in June 2012 and is progressing with the installation on time and on budget.
- When understanding water demand, water loss through leakage is only one part of the picture and to look at it in isolation shows a lack of understanding of water supply management.
- Changes in behaviour and reduction in peak demand are areas where water meters offer significant benefits that will be realised once volumetric charging is introduced in July 2014, and will continue to be realised through ongoing volumetric charging.

### **Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Financial Strategy/Managing Debt**

#### **Summary**

Appalled by the level of debt and projected debt rises. Considers that Council has no right to plan any debt for any period beyond the three years of the current election term. States: "You are all strangers to Kapiti. You are spending the next generation, our childrens, unearned income. You are concerned with nothing but your own narrow sector interests". Requests that the Civic Centre be placed on the market and sold to repay Kapiti coast ratepayers debt.

#### **Response**

- Before Council committed to the reconstruction project it investigated the most cost effective solution to accommodating Council staff and functions.
- The Council manages its debt by keeping its debt levels within key financial ratio limits which include debt interest as a portion of total revenue, net/debt to equity and net/debt to operating revenue. The Council also has an aggressive debt repayment programme which commences from the 2016/17 year. Council is funding additional debt repayments on top of the standard debt repayments required to repay loans over a 20 and 30 year period. This means that Council's projected debt level at the end of 20 years is \$77 million.

### **Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Rates and Charges/Other**

#### **Summary**

Requires that any revenue raised from water meters be put into a ratepayer owned trust under ratepayer control.

#### **Response**

- The revenue from water meter charges is used to fund the operating costs of Council's water supply.
- The water account is a closed account and is not used for any other purpose than to fund the operating costs of Council's water supply so there is no need to set up a trust. The additional costs of operating any Trust would have to be funded from the water consumers.

## **Submitter: 4: Nga Hapu o Otaki - Koroki**

**Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Tangata Whenua/Other**

### **Summary**

Supports the Wahi Tapu work and requests that Council support continues after 2014. Acknowledges the 627 sites that have been included in the iwi database.

### **Response**

Wahi Tapu work is budgeted through to 2015/16. Further level of support will be reviewed in the development of the 2015 Long Term Plan process.

## **Submitter: 5: Kapiti Senior Citizens Association Inc**

**Topic: Community Facilities/non-Council Owned Property/Other**

### **Summary**

The Kapiti Senior Citizens Association is seeking funding of around \$30,000 to undertake necessary repairs to the Senior Citizens community facility at 45 Ocean Road Paraparaumu.

Details of current user groups and organisations are provided in the submission.

"The following work is required:

1. The 26 year old gas heating system is failing and parts have to be manufactured. It needs to be replaced with air conditioning units. This system will have to be replaced before winter.
2. New fire regulations come into force this year and the current ceiling does not meet these requirements. The ceiling will be replaced with fireproof gib and emergency lighting installed at the same time
3. The ceiling needs to be plastered and painted.
4. The chairs need replacing. An email has been sent to Tamsin Evans to see if we can obtain some of the Council chairs after the shift to the new building.
5. The carpet and curtains need replacing (estimated cost \$15,000).
6. Some of the guttering needs replacing (cost unknown at this time).
7. The storm water drain is blocked (repair cost unknown at this time)."

The work will be staged with the first step to replace the heating system at a cost of \$37,476. A breakdown of costs is provided in the submission, including a voluntary labour component with the conclusion that "around \$30,000 would meet the Association's needs for the first section of the work".

The Hall Committee has been revitalised and have revised hall charges to take them from a deficit to a profit. In the interim they need to urgently make the improvements outlined so that the hall can continue to be used.

When speaking to this submission on 22 May 2013, the Association provided further information about work required and stated "the money needed to complete the upgrade inside would be \$30,000.00 for stage one and an extra \$30,000.00 outlined in the original submission from Liz Koh."

### **Response**

Council would like more detailed information from the Kapiti Senior Citizens Association with regard to the planning that has either undertaken and/or is planned in regard to the proposed hall upgrade. The information should be sent to Cath Edmondson, Social Wellbeing Manager. Once received staff will review the proposal, discuss it with the Association and prepare a report to Council in time for consideration as part of the draft 2014/15 Annual Plan process.

## **Submitter: 6: Jennie Gutry**

### **Topic: Community Facilities/Swimming Pools/Aquatic Centre**

#### **Summary**

Concerned about the purchase of a second hydroslide while there is still a major shortfall in the fundraising of over \$1million. Supports a second hydroslide when funding allows. Asks that priority be given to items that the centre needs to attract competitions (and therefore income) such as computerised lane timing systems.

#### **Response**

- Council has agreed to proceed with the second hydroslide. Provision for this was included in the draft Annual Plan.
- The decision regarding the lane timing equipment and associated technology will be included with this response.

### **Topic: Community Facilities**

#### **Summary**

Suggests that the Council consider a joint funding partnership with Kapiti College to fund a community theatre and performing arts centre because Kapiti does not have enough performance venues for all the various performance groups who are active on the coast.

Advises that Kapiti College has already raised \$2 million towards their estimated \$3 million project. States "by building a bigger capacity theatre to suit community use, the Council would benefit from the \$2 million college funding and would support the many performance groups in this area".

#### **Response**

Staff have met with the College to discuss any commonality with regards to what the College is proposing versus the future use of the closed Raumati Pool facility, the Council's plans to build a Performing Arts Centre and discussions with Southward Theatre about whether they have any development plans. Note that at this stage the College has indicated their intention to proceed regardless of any other community developments. However, regular communication will occur.

## Submitter: 7: Jacky Renouf

### Topic: Development Management/Town Centres/Planning

#### Summary

States that consultations were held some time ago on development of an 'identity' and physical improvements in Raumati Road, considers that developments have been piecemeal to date.

Requests that Council consider the redevelopment of Raumati Beach centre. This could form part of the decommissioning of the pool and adjacent areas, including dealing with the Garden Road entry from Rosetta Road and parking at Waterfront Tavern area.

Would like to see an 'upgrade' to Raumati Beach along the lines of the attention given to Paraparaumu beach to recognise Raumati Beach's importance as part of the wonderful Kapiti Coast Communities.

#### Response

- The Raumati Beach town centre area has been the subject of initial design work towards an upgrade of the public streetscape. With the exception of the Marine Gardens upgrade, however, the town centre upgrade has not been able to progress further due to funding considerations.
- Future consideration of the overall Town Centre work programme and relative priorities of different Town Centre localities will include Raumati Beach.

## Submitter: 8: Ian King

### Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Rates and Charges/Affordability

#### Summary

Objects to the additional costs on new home builders to install supplementary water collection and storage systems. States: "The house next to mine can use KCDC treated water to clean their cars, wash their boats, water their lawns, clean their windows etc without any financial penalty and they pay the same water rate as I. Yet I have to incur a \$10K cost to do the same". Considers water metering will "not cure this problem".

Suggests: "There should be (a) a grant from KCDC due to us assisting their water conservation by having the supplementary system, that repays the cost of installation over say 20 years (\$500pa), or (b) our basic water rates should be substantially reduced".

#### Response

- Water metering will mean that the house where treated water is used for watering lawns, boats, cleaning windows etc will pay more for their water use.
- The Council rejects your request for a grant for new home builders to fund water conservation and storage systems because they are required as part of the District Plan requirements for new homes. The water monitoring system of charging will benefit those ratepayers who have installed water conservation devices and are using less potable water.

## Submitter: 9: Coast Access Radio Waikanae

**Topic: Environmental Protection/Emergency Management /Other**

### Summary

Coast Access Radio has asked that:

1. "Coast Access Radio be added to the list of Kapiti radio stations used by Kapiti Coast District Council to broadcast community notices and information, as well as Civil Defence messages.
2. That the name of Coast Access Radio be included in community newspaper notices informing readers of which stations to tune to in case of civil emergency.
3. That Coast Access Radio be included with other Kapiti broadcasters for paid advertising."

Background on the role of Access radio in communities (which align with council's Levels of Service statement p79 ), and information on current services, and statistics are provided in the submission.

States: "There are people in the Kapiti region, in particularly Waikanae, who listen to CAR. Many of these listeners do not change stations but stay listening as they enjoy our music mix and programme format. Waikanae's demographic includes older listeners as well as trades people who like the non-commercial sound and who enjoy this station's programming. Right now, these listeners do not hear important KCDC notices and information, as Coast Access Radio is not yet a part of the KCDC communication network. "

Further supporting documentation and information about the station are included in the submission.

### Response

- In the June 2011 Residents Opinion Survey residents were asked to state their main source of information about the Council; 71.9% stated newspapers, 5.5% stated Council website and 5.3% stated printed newsletters from the Council as their main source of information. Radio as a source of information was only 0.5% of those surveyed. Since this survey the main method of advertising services and promoting Council's activities has been by print media and the Council's website to reflect the media that was most effective. Radio stations are used to broadcast Council notices at times. When used the stations selected depends on the target audience. Coast Access Radio will be considered but more information on the audience that listen to that station would assist in evaluating the benefit of using this station. Coast Access Radio is on the media contact list for press releases.
- Civil Defence messages are managed by the Wellington Regional Emergency Management Office. They negotiate contracts at a regional level using radio stations that also have a presence within Kapiti, such as More FM. Radio stations within the Kapiti area will need to negotiate directly with the Wellington Regional Emergency Management Office for Civil Defence Emergency Management advertising.
- Coast Access Radio will be added to the emergency management radio contact list.

## **Submitter: 10: Nigel Wilson**

### **Topic: Water Management/Water Supply/Water Meters**

#### **Summary**

States "There was huge public opposition to the introduction of Water meters in Kapiti. I believe KCDC erred badly by introducing them against the wishes of the communities they were elected to serve. Having committed to this wasteful use of public money KCDC can now use the meters for leak detection and as a method of measuring water use. I argue strongly against water meters being used as part of a charging regime".

#### **Response**

- Council resolved to proceed with the installation of water meters in June 2012 and is progressing with the installation on time and on budget.
- When understanding water demand, water loss through leakage is only one part of the picture and to look at it in isolation shows a lack of understanding of water supply management.
- Changes in behaviour and reduction in peak demand are areas where water meters offer significant benefits. Once volumetric charging is introduced in July 2014, these benefits will allow for a significant reduction in Councils ongoing capital expenditure.

### **Topic: Community Facilities/Council Owned Properties/Other**

#### **Summary**

Suggests that hall hire fees should be waived for "all community organisations/not for profits". States "At present you have the ridiculous situation where our much valued community groups have to go cap in hand to community boards for grants to pay KCDC hall hire fees. It is a silly, expense to administer money go round and wastes a huge amount of Council and Community groups time". Suggests a roster system be set up where such groups apply for the use of public utilities such as halls.

#### **Response**

- Council is currently undertaking a community facilities review that includes hall hire. The Council will consider your comments as part of that review.
- Hall hire fees are currently subsidised from rates for 75% of the operating costs. Waiving hire fees would increase rates.

### **Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Democratic Processes/Other**

#### **Summary**

States "I fully support the two-tier system of local government for the Wellington region". The preferred option is the establishment of a super city and community boards. "This way local democracy and local decision making would be protected."

#### **Response**

The Council notes your support for the two-tier system of local government but notes that the two tier system does not offer Community Boards as such. Instead it generates a voice at the District level. A single tier option provides the opportunity for community boards but does not guarantee their use by the governing body.

## **Submitter: 10: Nigel Wilson (Continued)**

### **Topic: Water Management/Water Supply/Water Storage**

#### **Summary**

Considers the solution to Kapiti's water storage problem is to to build a dam. States "This has been the public's preferred option for the last two decades. We have seen many millions of ratepayers money wasted on the bore system which has been a rank failure."

Suggests "Do what is sensible and either hand over the Water supply needs for Kapiti to the Greater Wellington Regional Council or get on and build a dam."

Considers water meters are a waste of money and the river recharge scheme is untested science.

#### **Response**

- The most recent drought and associated water supply issues faced by the region, specifically the reported imminent lack of available treated water supply (minimum of 2 weeks) within the Greater Wellington Regional Councils supply catchments, does not suggest the "hand over" of a further 46,000 Kapiti users would be a sensible option.
- The Council was able to avoid significant water restrictions in the recent drought period through the use of its bore field and does not consider this to be a failure.
- Council has purchased land for a proposed Dam in the Mangakotukuku valley and its construction is currently planned for 2060.
- Council also advises that the research for the River Recharge with Groundwater project was extensively tested and is currently awaiting the outcome of a consenting process for the scheme.

### **Topic: Water Management/Water Supply/Water Conservation**

#### **Summary**

States "KCDC should embark on an education programme about water use. This has been very effective around the rest of the region where we have seen a steady decline in the per head water usage over the past few years."

#### **Response**

- Council has had a water education programme as part of its water conservation plan since 2002. For more information see Council's website [www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/Your-Council/A---Z-Council-Services-and-Facilities/Water/Water-Use/](http://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/Your-Council/A---Z-Council-Services-and-Facilities/Water/Water-Use/) or contact Council's Water Use Advisor.
- Council notes that without charging there is no incentive for change.

## **Submitter: 11: Democrats for Social Credit**

### **Topic: Water Management/Water Supply/Fluoridation**

#### **Summary**

Considers that fluoridation contravenes the Health and Disability Commissioner's Code of Rights which asserts that no-one may be medicated without their informed consent.

States "Fluoridation is intended to treat people so must not be confused with the treatment of water to make it potable. It is blatantly a "one-size-fits-all" policy which avoids tackling the dietary causes of tooth decay. So it is encouraging to note increasing professional concern, here and in Australia, about the pathology of fluoride compounds. It is both unethical and unscientific to claim a substance is absolutely safe for people of all ages now and in the future, let alone spend public funds to promote this view."

Commends the campaign led by the the Fluoride Action Network and asks councillors to consider carefully the Fluoridation Network submission along with this one and vote against fluoridation.

#### **Response**

##### **Option A**

Council intends to maintain its current level of service. Council currently adds Fluoride to the Waikanae, Paraparaumu and Raumati water supply. No fluoride is added to Otaki, Hautere or Paekakariki. The level of Fluoride added to Waikanae, Paraparaumu and Raumati water supply was reduced from 1ppm to 0.7ppm in 2009 after the issue was debated by the previous Council. The addition of Fluoride to the public water supply is not mandatory but is recommended by the Ministry of Health.

Non-fluoridated water is available at the following public supply points located within Otaki and Paekakariki:

- Otaki Visitor Centre Main Highway, Otaki
- Otaki Library Mill Road, Otaki
- Paekakariki Town Centre, Beach Road, Paekakariki

The location of these non-fluoridated water filling points are identified on the Council website and by signage at each location.

or

##### **Option B**

Council will initiate a special consultative process to determine whether it will continue to add fluoride to the Waikanae, Paraparaumu and Raumati water supply.

## **Submitter: 11: Democrats for Social Credit (Continued)**

### **Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Rates and Charges/Affordability**

#### **Summary**

Considers that the real intention of the Local Government Funding Agency is to "deepen capital markets", and that GST on rates is "unfair and unnecessary".

Asks that Councils pursue rate reductions through insisting on credit lines being opened with the Reserve Bank, and refusal to collect GST. States "With the resultant increase in disposal income communities would have the ability to invest in and purchase from locally and nationally owned business and farms, instead of the dangerous dependence we are experiencing on foreign investors in land and industry".

#### **Response**

- The Council cannot refuse to collect GST and would be charged penalty if not levied and collected. The Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA) was set up to provide local authorities the opportunity to reduce interest rates through collective borrowing through the LGFA. The Government also contributed \$5m to the set up of this Agency.
- The presence of the Local Government Funding Agency in the market has meant that banks and other institutions have reduced their interest rate margins. Without the LGFA local authorities would have been subject to the financial markets and margins would have increased from where they were. Since the LGFA has been in the market, interest rate margins that the LGFA has achieved have decreased by up to 0.7%.

## **Submitter: 12: Wellington Free Ambulance**

**Topic: Supporting Social Wellbeing/Partnership, Advocacy, Funding, Strategies/Other**

### **Summary**

Requests that Council increase its annual contribution from its current level of \$6,132 (only \$0.13 per head of population) to \$23,100 (\$0.50 per head of population).

The submission provides statistics on service provision to the Kapiti region, including demand growth, the range of services provided, and the benefits to the community.

Considers that Council has a mandate from voters to support them. States "87% of the local population believe that Wellington Free Ambulance is its most valued regional amenity (Wellington Region Mayoral Forum. (Colmar Brunton Social Research Agency, 9 March 2011)".

"To keep this service free to people in our region, Wellington Free has to raise \$4million a year: Local people support us very generously. It is vital that Kapiti Coast District Council is seen to support us too to demonstrate that they are in step with their public."

### **Response**

The Council has provided grant funding of \$6,000 plus CPI to Wellington Free Ambulance for over ten years.

### **Option A**

The Council has approved increased funding by \$16,968 to bring the total up to \$23,100. To support this increase Council will require specific contract objectives and outcomes from Wellington Free Ambulance.

Or

### **Option B**

The Council has declined to increase its annual contribution.

## **Submitter: 13: Nancy Pollock**

**Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Rates and Charges/Affordability**

### **Summary**

Asks why Paekakariki rate rises are the highest each year when the community has no council sewage service? States "a \$145 increase is too much - please explain, and reconsider for 2014".

### **Response**

Paekakariki's average land values are higher than the average urban land values from other communities throughout the District because of its predominately coastal properties and the sections are larger due to the need to cater for a septic tank system. Council advises that the Paekakariki community is not levied for wastewater.

## **Submitter: 13: Nancy Pollock (Continued)**

### **Topic: Access and Transport/NZTA Expressway/Local Roding Network**

#### **Summary**

Supports the Expressway and the upgrade of State Highway 1 through the region. "There must be two routes, one for local traffic and one for fast through traffic to capital city."

#### **Response**

The Council thanks the submitter for their comment and notes their support for two routes, one for local traffic and one for fast through traffic to the capital city.

### **Topic: Water Management/Water Supply/Water Meters**

#### **Summary**

Supports water meters, but would like more information provided to each property on where meters will be sited, cost of meters, and "how we are expected to pay?"

#### **Response**

- Council web site (<http://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/Projects/Water-Meter-Installation/Water-Meter-Installation-FAQs/>) provides a comprehensive list of answers to submitters questions, in addition the installation pack provided to each household contains relevant information as well. Hard copies of both will be provided to submitter with their response.
- The water meter charges will come into effect from 1 July 2014. 50% of the total water charges will be set as a fixed charge per property and 50% will be based on the water used. The charge per 1000 litre of water supplied will be set as part of the 2014/15 Annual Plan process.

### **Topic: Solid Waste/Kerbside Recycling/Other**

#### **Summary**

Suggests more publicity and encouragement of recycling. Is concerned that "this appears to have disappeared at Otaihanga - tins and plastic mixed together". States that "that bag/bin companies appear to override recycling".

#### **Response**

- Council will continue to promote and encourage recycling through its ongoing advertising and publicity programmes. The Council has committed to the continued reduction in waste to landfill through recycling. This is highlighted as a key activity in the Council's action plan within the Regional Waste Minimisation and Management Plan, which was adopted by Council in 2012.
- Recycling has been successful in Kapiti since its introduction in 2008 and it is Council's expectation that most residents want to be acting in a sustainable way and use recycling.
- Waste collectors have to provide their customers with the option to kerbside recycle under their collector's license. The cost of recycling will be less than the cost of disposal to landfill, as landfill costs will continue to rise and recycling will always be the best alternative for both residents and collectors.

## **Submitter: 14: David Scott**

### **Topic: Water Management/Water Supply/Water Meters**

#### **Summary**

Strongly objects to water meters and believes that they will result in higher rates for families.

#### **Response**

The Charging Regime advisory Group (CRAG) considered the options with regard to volumetric charging for water and the potential impacts on different areas of the community. The CRAG reported back to Council in April 2012 with its findings and recommendations and this report is available on Council web site.

### **Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Rates and Charges/Affordability**

#### **Summary**

"There is no mention of the Capital Valuation rating and the effect on my rates"

Objects to having one of the highest rate increases in the region. Believes "lawyers charges, consultants fees and staffing costs are way too high".

#### **Response**

- Council only uses capital value rating for stormwater.
- The Council did not provide any information on capital value rating because the Council decided as part of its Funding and Rating review that it would not consult on capital and land value options. This is because the issue has been fully consulted on during previous rating and funding reviews in the last six years.
- The Horowhenua District Council, in its Draft Annual Plan was proposing to have a rate increase of 8%.

### **Topic: Access and Transport/Local Roding Network/Design**

#### **Summary**

Considers that Kapiti Road traffic has intensified because of poor planning and is going to get worse.

#### **Response**

The progressive upgrade of Kapiti Road is a significant strategic project for Council. Work has already been done on the possible look and feel of Kapiti Road in conjunction with the development of the Town Centre planning, more detailed work was delayed due to the uncertainty associated with the Expressway.

Further work is now planned in 2013/14 to develop a long term vision for the road, that over time will be implemented as sections of the road are upgraded. The vision will incorporate the needs of pedestrian, cyclist and road users with a focus on developing more of a boulevard feel to the road. This work will incorporate input from the community on their needs and issues raised through the annual plan process will also be incorporated.

## **Submitter: 14: David Scott (Continued)**

### **Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Democratic Processes/Other**

#### **Summary**

States "There seems to be little in the planning as regards the new regional arrangements".

#### **Response**

- Early consultation is underway across the region to establish whether or not there is interest in putting forward a proposal to the Local Government Commission (LGC). The LGC will develop a preferred proposal for further consultation. A poll may occur and only after that may there be a change to regional governance.
- Council has undertaken an extensive consultation process at this stage.
- No actual proposal exists at present therefore no planning for actual change is required at this stage.

### **Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Democratic Processes/Other**

#### **Summary**

States "Council is moving out of core services".

#### **Response**

Council is not moving out of core services, they are the same as when the submitter was a Councillor.

## **Submitter: 15: Amanda Capazorio**

### **Topic: Parks and Open Space/Funding Request/Other**

#### **Summary**

Asking for a playground in Olive Terrace.

States "It doesn't have to be a large play area but just enough to keep the many children entertained in the neighbourhood. The many benefits of having a playground in our cul de sac include safer environment as the house overlook the green and a slower traffic flow. The green is big enough for ball sports to be kept and played." (Photo of green provided with submission). "I know there are other playgrounds at Te Atiawa and Kotuku Place but just the numbers of children in Olive Terrace alone will ensure that the playground will not be in vain or go to waste".

Signed statements from 23 neighbours supporting a playground are attached to the submission.

#### **Response**

Council notes there are existing playgrounds close by in Kotuku and Te Ati Awa Parks, as well as at the reserve off Aaron Court next to the Kena Kena School.

Council notes that to establish a small neighbourhood playground would cost between \$40,000 to \$65,000.

#### **Option A:**

The Council has declined your request for a playground in Olive Terrace as it considers there are sufficient publicly provided playgrounds in the area as shown in the enclosed map, and therefore can not justify spending an additional \$40,000 - \$60,000 for an additional neighbourhood playground.

or

#### **Option B:**

The Council has approved your request for a playground in Olive Terrace.

## **Submitter: 16: Barry Stimpson**

### **Topic: Community Facilities/Swimming Pools/Other**

#### **Summary**

Requests that Council set up a working party for a joint venture with the Ministry of Education to provide a indoor heated pool 33.33m x 8 lanes at North Waikanae Pool. The proposed pool would open all year 7 days a week. Includes suggested times for school/public/lifeguard swimming club use.

#### **Response**

Council considers it has sufficient aquatic facilities within the District. Council notes that with the opening of the Coastlands Aquatic Centre there will be an increase in Learn to Swim opportunities. The Coastlands Aquatic Centre has a dedicated programmes pool for teaching Learn to Swim.

## **Submitter: 17: Graham Neal**

### **Topic: Community Facilities/Swimming Pools/Other**

#### **Summary**

Does not consider a second hydroslide to be responsible use of council money. Suggests building the dam in the hills.

#### **Response**

Council has decided to proceed with the installation of a second hydroslide. Provision for this was included in the draft Annual Plan.

### **Topic: Water Management/Water Supply/Water Storage**

#### **Summary**

States "The Council have only just scraped through, up until now, with the current water supply. Another one next year and we will be in dire straights. Council concentrate on what the community wants, not your own grandiose schemes".

#### **Response**

- The Council was able to avoid significant water restrictions in the recent drought period through the use of its bore field and does not consider this to be a failure. This was in contrast with the situation for Porirua, Hutt City, Upper Hutt City and Wellington who are provided with water via Greater Wellington Regional Council. It was clear from their publicity that water supply was approaching crisis point during the drought. Council has purchased land for a proposed Dam in the Maungakotukutuku Valley and its construction is currently planned for 2060.
- Council also advises that the research for the River Recharge with Groundwater project was extensively tested and is currently awaiting the outcome of a consenting process for the scheme.

**Submitter: 18: Laurie Petherick**

**Topic: Parks and Open Space/Facilities/Other**

**Summary**

Congratulates Council for the 'forward thinking' in providing for freedom camping for self-contained campervans in designated areas on the Kapiti Coast. Hopes that other councils will following KCDC policy regarding freedom camping.

Resides overlooking a freedom park and has seen no abuse by any campervanners and has received nothing but praise from them.

Suggests that:

the area at the end of Major Durie Place should have a relaxed policy on proximity of parking from the Council sign and that the best area is the grassed area between the carpark and the lagoon;

the number of campervans be increased from 4 up to 8 at Major Durie Place;

the number of campervans be increased from 2 at Waimea Rd carpark;

the one night stay be increased to two nights for the Waikanae River reserve area; and

the existing rubbish receptacles are inadequate and are being used as a cheap rubbish disposal bin by some local residents (photos of suitable rubbish bins in Gisborne and Bay of Plenty provided with submission).

**Response**

Your comments will be forwarded to the relevant staff members for consideration when the Council next reviews the Freedom Camping Bylaw.

## Submitter: 19: Dewi Bone

### Topic: Water Management/Water Supply/Fluoridation

#### Summary

Opposes fluoridation in the water system. Considers it a 'highly toxic and dangerous element' that should be banned immediately from the water supply. Submission gives 10 reasons to ban fluoride immediately:

1. Violation of the individuals right to informed consent in medication
2. Fluoride not an essential element - no biological processes depend on it
3. Children in fluoridated countries are over-exposed to fluorides (increasing dental fluorosis)
4. Chemicals used to fluoridate are largely hazardous by-products of fertiliser industry
5. There is mounting evidence swallowing fluoride causes harm (damage soft tissue, dental and skeletal fluorosis, reduced IQ in children).
6. Swallowing fluoride provides little or no benefit to teeth (works topically)
7. Bottle feed babies in fluoridated areas get 200 times more fluoride than a breast fed baby (with associated harm)
8. Once added to water there is no way to control who gets the drug and how much - no monitoring.
9. Certain subgroups are more sensitive to harm from fluoride (i.e. infants, elderly, diabetics, those with poor nutrition or kidney disease)
10. Fluoridation discriminates against those with low income as they cannot afford avoidance measures.

#### Response

##### Option A

Council intends to maintain its current level of service. Council currently adds Fluoride to the Waikanae, Paraparaumu and Raumati water supply. No fluoride is added to Otaki, Hautere or Paekakariki. The level of Fluoride added to Waikanae, Paraparaumu and Raumati water supply was reduced from 1ppm to 0.7ppm in 2009 after the issue was debated by the previous Council. The addition of Fluoride to the public water supply is not mandatory but is recommended by the Ministry of Health.

Non-fluoridated water is available at the following public supply points located within Otaki and Paekakariki:

- Otaki Visitor Centre Main Highway, Otaki
- Otaki Library Mill Road, Otaki
- Paekakariki Town Centre, Beach Road, Paekakariki

The location of these non-fluoridated water filling points are identified on the Council website and by signage at each location.

or

##### Option B

Council will initiate a special consultative process to determine whether it will continue to add fluoride to the Waikanae, Paraparaumu and Raumati water supply.

## **Submitter: 20: Waikanae Community Board**

### **Topic: Development Management/Town Centres/Planning**

#### **Summary**

Endorses the inclusion of the design work process in 2013/14 for the Waikanae Town Centre. Considers that this is long overdue but understands the constraints that have been caused by uncertainty regarding the expressway.

#### **Response**

Council affirms that design work will recommence on the Waikanae Town Centre building on the work undertaken process but taking account of the Expressway decision once this is completed. It will also involve working on the associated SH1 revocation design. A full community design process will be undertaken.

### **Topic: Solid Waste/Waste Disposal Services (Landfill)/Other**

#### **Summary**

Considers that until the new round-a-bout on State Highway One is completed at the Otaihanga intersection, it is unreasonable to expect Waikanae residents to drive to that transfer station.

Thanks the Council for ensuring that the Waikanae Transfer Station facility continues and that the hours of operation remains the same as it is currently.

Considers that this should be funded districtwide rather than as a local rate until the issues related to safety have been addressed.

#### **Response**

- It is expected the roundabout at the Otaihanga intersection will be completed by the New Zealand Transport Agency prior to Christmas 2013.
- Most of the cost of the Waikanae Transfer Station is met districtwide. The portion of the service that Waikanae residents fund is the additional cost of leaving the Transfer Station open full time hours, noting that Waikanae has a higher level of service in terms of travel distance than other parts of the District. The Council was faced with either reducing the hours to keep within the existing budgets or retaining the full time hours for the benefit of the Waikanae residents. The retention of these hours is being recovered through a local Waikanae rate.

## **Submitter: 20: Waikanae Community Board (Continued)**

### **Topic: Community Facilities/Swimming Pools/Other**

#### **Summary**

Seeks the re-introduction of a season pass for the Waikanae swimming pool. Considers that the removal of the pass has meant that a frequent adult swimmer could pay up more than twice the previous season pass rate over the 6 month summer opening through buying concession tickets. A season pass priced at around \$250 is "likely to be attractive for those that use the pool specifically for physical fitness only, making little impact on Council's swimming pool revenue".

Supporting costings and details are provided in the full submission.

#### **Response**

The season pass is no longer available at any of the District pools. The reason the season pass was dropped was in the interests of fairness and consistency across the District as it provided pensioners and gold card holders a double discount. Currently the discount allows pensioners and gold card holders to gain entry at the child price. Given the above it is hard to establish what would be, and justify, a fair rate for a season pass. Currently the concessions (10, 20, 30 or 50) are valid at all the District Pools, so the fee structure is consistent across the entire District.

## **Submitter: 21: Mrs Campbell**

### **Topic: Water Management/Water Supply/Water Meters**

#### **Summary**

Considers that the majority did not want water meters installed.

#### **Response**

- Council resolved to proceed with the installation of water meters in June 2012 and is progressing with the installation on time and on budget.
- The results of a comprehensive consultative process undertaken prior to the Council's decision in June 2012 reported a small majority (53%) of those surveyed did not support water meters.

## Submitter: 21: Mrs Campbell (Continued)

### Topic: Access and Transport/Local Roothing Network/Design

#### Summary

Considers that Kapiti Road is congested. Asks: "We now have 3 sets of lights to negotiate when we should have had another alternative route using Ihakara Street going towards the beach. When will we see anything like an alternative route?"

#### Response

- The progressive upgrade of Kapiti Road is a significant strategic project for Council. Work has already been done on the possible look and feel of Kapiti Road in conjunction with the development of the Town Centre planning, more detailed work was delayed due to the uncertainty associated with the expressway. Further work is now planned in 2013/14 to develop a long term vision for the road, that over time will be implemented as sections of the road are upgraded. The vision will incorporate the needs of pedestrian, cyclist and road users with a focus on developing more of a boulevard feel to the road. This work will incorporate input from the community on their needs and issues raised through the annual plan process will also be incorporated.
- In regard to an alternative route, the Council has set aside funding in the Long Term 20 year budget to construct the eastern segment of the Ihakara Street extension; however, the full extension to Paraparaumu Beach is dependent on access through the Kapiti Coast Airport and funding of that segment by the Airport itself as part of its development. The Council's understanding is that the Airport's development of the relevant part of its site is not planned to take place for several years or more, as the Airport is currently focusing its development on the part of their property fronting Kapiti Road.

### Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Financial Strategy/Managing Debt

#### Summary

Considers that Council is "spending millions that could or should have gone to paying our debt. We are well and truly so far in debt that its not funny."

#### Response

- The Council manages its debt by keeping its debt levels within key financial ratio limits which include debt interest as a portion of total revenue, net/debt to equity and net/debt to operating revenue. The Council is operating within these Treasury Management Policies.
- The Council also has an aggressive debt repayment programme which commences from the 2016/17 year. Council is funding additional debt repayments on top of the standard debt repayments required to repay loans over a 20 and 30 year period. This means that Council's projected debt level at the end of 20 years is \$77 million.

## **Submitter: 22: Noeline Gannaway**

### **Topic: Water Management/Water Supply/Fluoridation**

#### **Summary**

Asks that Council stop adding fluoride to the drinking water, "in the interests of public health, especially your vulnerable sectors, i.e. babies, diabetics, kidney patients and the elderly"

#### **Response**

##### **Option A**

Council intends to maintain its current level of service. Council currently adds Fluoride to the Waikanae, Paraparaumu and Raumati water supply. No fluoride is added to Otaki, Hautere or Paekakariki. The level of Fluoride added to Waikanae, Paraparaumu and Raumati water supply was reduced from 1ppm to 0.7ppm in 2009 after the issue was debated by the previous Council. The addition of Fluoride to the public water supply is not mandatory but is recommended by the Ministry of Health.

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The location of these non-fluoridated water filling points are identified on the Council website and by signage at each location.

or

##### **Option B**

Council will initiate a special consultative process to determine whether it will continue to add fluoride to the Waikanae, Paraparaumu and Raumati water supply.

## **Submitter: 23: The Bee Friendly Farming Group**

**Topic: Supporting Environmental Sustainability/Sustainability/Other**

### **Summary**

Seeks financial support to continue the Sustainable Farming Fund (SFF) Trees for Bees project.

The project seeks to determine the best plants (including native plants) to provide nutrition for bees in the periods of pollen shortage either side of the main summer honey season. "This will contribute usefully to both good quality infrastructure and public services through Council's plantings in reserves recreational facilities and other community infrastructure such as roadside plantings."

Continuation of the SFF Trees for Bees project depends on finding co-funding to support their new bid (current funding from SFF ends in November 2013). "Our budget is not big and we depend on relatively small contributions from a wide support base. We hope you will consider our project favourably".

Has previously received support ranging from \$200 to \$5,000 from some councils, the beekeeping industry, Federated Farmers, Arable Research and other voluntary help.

Background information on issues with bee colonies, work to date, current financial partners/support and needs going forward is provided.

### **Response**

#### **Option A**

Council has approved funding of \$5,000 for the Sustainable Farming Fund (SFF) Trees for Bees project.

or

#### **Option B**

Council has declined funding of \$5,000 for the Sustainable Farming Fund (SFF) Trees for Bees project.

## Submitter: 24: Warren Austad

### Topic: Building Control and Resource Consents/General/Other

#### Summary

Supports the Council in making a submission on the proposal to increase earthquake strengthening. Considers that "the Christchurch earthquake is unique in that fatalities occurred due the collapse of a building that should never have been built, and a local authority whose building standards reflected the belief that earthquakes didn't happen in Canterbury."

States that proposed changes are "a result of mild national hysteria about the strength of buildings, stimulated by an insurance industry that has increased premiums grossly".

Comments that Council identified so-called fault traces in our district some time ago. Considers that these may be of value for construction of a large public facility but are of no significance to ordinary homeowners and that "the indiscriminate circulation of this data may well have led to unnecessary widespread anxiety". Comments that "the damage caused by an earthquake relates to its proximity to population and structures, its severity and its depth. It is only when a time base of thousands of years is used that the association with faults may become apparent." Asks that Council "wastes no more time or money in this direction."

#### Response

Council has no choice in addressing earthquake issues. It is required to identify natural hazards and make this information available to property owners. Council must comply with government requirements in this area.

### Topic: Water Management/Water Supply/Water Storage

#### Summary

Encourages Council in reducing water consumption with storage tanks, smart plumbing and water meters. Considers the "energy-consuming borefield" with expensive reticulation as a main source of water for the district to be a mistake. Considers a dam in the Maungakotukutuku Valley should have been built. Opposes the water recharge scheme.

#### Response

- The Council was able to avoid significant water restrictions in the recent drought period through the use of its bore field and does not consider this to be a failure.
- The Waikanae river is Council's main source of water for the Waikanae, Paraparaumu and Raumati areas. The bore field is a supplementary supply, not the "main source of water" and will continue to be under the proposed river Recharge with Groundwater scheme.
- Council has purchased land for a proposed Dam in the Maungakotukutuku valley and its construction is currently planned for 2060.
- Council also advises that the research for the River Recharge with Groundwater project was extensively tested and is currently awaiting the outcome of a consenting process for the scheme.

## Submitter: 24: Warren Austad (Continued)

### Topic: Development Management/General/District Plan Review

#### Summary

Considers that predictions of the behaviour of our coastline based on a 100 year period are "pure sophistry". States "If we take the Shand Report, based on a narrow briefing to consider only sea level rise, discover adjustment of formula in the calculations, and consider the other possible influences it is hard to believe it has any value". Considers that incorporating this information into a LIM is indefensible and irresponsible.

States: "By all means make all of the information public including the precise brief given...but do not put a semi-legal construction on it. My property is not affected in this matter. However, as a ratepayer, I shall be most annoyed if this stupidity has to be defended legally by KCDC.

Further information supporting this view is given in the submission.

#### Response

Council is required to address coastal hazard matters under the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement. This requires a minimum timeframe of 100 years. The analysis must include a range of factors including sea level rise, with the latter parameters provided under the Ministry for the Environment guidelines. The issues you have raised will be canvassed via the District Plan Review process.

## Submitter: 25: Donald Vautier

### Topic: Water Management/Local Issues/Other

#### Summary

States: "It is a disgrace and a health risk to Kapiti residents that 12.5% of residents in Kapiti are not on town supply water and new money into sourcing water is not going into additional reticulation. The best water in the district is the river water. It flows from the Waikanae and Otaki Rivers into the ocean. If we don't use it we lose it. It is no help to the rest of the world once it becomes sea water. After writing off money spent for alternative water, river water is still the cheapest and 100% reliable all year round. Waikanae was a town of lovely gardens 20 years ago. Let's get back to that by encouraging watering of gardens and good hygiene is good health."

#### Response

- Many of the residents not on town supply water, apart from Te Horo Beach, are rural communities. It is unusual for any Council to provide a reticulated water supply system to dispersed rural communities. An extensive consultation process with Te Horo Beach residents some years ago clearly showed the community's preference to not have a reticulated water supply system. Water assets are vested to Council when new subdivisions and housing is created by private developers. This is how Council extends the District water supply networks. Existing properties not connected to Council's water supply networks can be connected at private cost to those individual owners.
- In regard to using Waikanae and Otaki rivers, river water supply is not reliable in a drought. Council decided to supplement river water with ground water to enable more river water to be abstracted and treated for drinking water purposes.
- Council encourages sustainable outdoor water use by requiring new buildings to have a rain water top up tank with a restricted Council supply. Council also encourages watering of gardens by advising private property owners to install rain water harvesting tank systems or by installing a private bore supplies. Complete outdoor water use is not environmentally sustainable or cost effective from the river supply. Watering gardens with drinking quality water that costs money to treat and distribute, regardless of its availability is not sustainable in the Kapiti District and not considered a wise use of such a precious resource internationally.

## **Submitter: 26: Group of Kapiti Coast Funeral Homes**

### **Topic: Community Facilities/Public Toilets/Additional Toilets**

#### **Summary**

Considers that there is a lack of public toilet facilities in Awa Tapu, Paraparaumu, Waikanae, and Otaki Cemeteries.

All parties to this submission have had experiences of families asking for toilet facilities, and of families being in considerable distress when advised there are no toilets available.

States "Apart from the obvious benefit for visitors to the cemeteries, provision of toilets will avoid people urinating, or worse, defecating, on the cemetery grounds, which is offensive both culturally and physically, and poses a potential health and safety risk to all cemetery users. In addition to the provision of toilet facilities, all cemeteries should include clearly visible and easily accessible external taps for hand-washing by all visitors to the cemeteries. Council should note this issue is of particular cultural importance to the tangata whenua of Kapiti."

Requests Council includes provision of toilet facilities as a matter of urgency at Awa Tapu, Paraparaumu and Otaki cemeteries.

Further information is given in the submission.

#### **Response**

Staff will investigate the proposed installation of public toilets in its cemeteries and report back to Council on a possible implementation programme in 2014/15.

## **Submitter: 27: Kapiti Vintage Partnership**

**Topic: Economic Development/Events/Other**

### **Summary**

Requests financial assistance of \$8,000 plus GST for three unique food and beverage events that showcase local producers during the Visa Wellington on a Plate festival. "There continues to be a number of established and emerging food and beverage producers that are manufacturing exceptional value-add products and who are leveraging off their Kapiti location and are employing local people. Kapiti Vintage seeks to support these producers in their efforts to profile and expand their businesses." Kapiti Vintage events are:

Kapiti Vintage: "a vintage steam train trip from Wellington to Otaki where you'll experience a five course gastronomic feast at the Milk Station, a stunning Mediterranean style building".

Foodie Family Steam Excursion: "a steam train 'food and wine excursion' from Otaki to Feilding return - perfect for families, train enthusiasts and groups of friends wanting a great day out"

The Station Market Day-tripper: "a scenic steam train ride from Wellington to visit a special Producers Market set-up inside the Otaki Railway Station to celebrate the fabulous produce of the Kapiti and Horowhenua regions". New event for 2013,

Further details of these events, including demographics/survey results from the 2012 events, and how they promote local industries are provided in the submission,

The Kapiti Vintage Partnership is seeking investment of \$8,000 + GST. "Guaranteed financial support over the medium term will allow the Kapiti Vintage Partnership to continue expanding this event over the long term and to make sure that it aligns with the KCDC Economic Development Strategy as in essence this event is a Kapiti branding exercise."

### **Response**

The Council, via its service provider, is completing a review of key events that it believes have significant capacity for growth mainly via marketing in Auckland and elsewhere in New Zealand.

### **Option A**

In the interim Council approves \$8,000 for the 2013/14 year.

or

### **Option B**

Council declines your request for \$8,000 for the 2013/14 year.

## **Submitter: 28: Waikanae Swimming Club Inc.**

### **Topic: Community Facilities/Swimming Pools/Other**

#### **Summary**

Seeks "confirmation that the Council for the foreseeable future will continue to allow the Club sole hire of Waikanae Pool on Mondays and Thursdays from 6 - 8 pm for the twelve weeks of its season and at a reasonable rate."

Includes further information on background and why sole access to the pool for four hours a week, at affordable rates, is necessary.

It also sets out the benefits of the club to the Waikanae community, such as:

- providing affordable swimming lessons to families. New Zealand has terrible drowning statistics.
- We provide the Council with a guaranteed income stream for our twelve week season
- We provide work experience and valuable opportunities for the teenagers who coach for us.
- We foster a family and community spirit. Our parents are involved with the timing nights, race nights, the committee, coaching and the family social occasions we run."

States "Waikanae Pool was built by the community and for the community. We are asking for the right to continue to serve our community in our community pool and we ask for your support in this."

#### **Response**

The Council notes that since this submission was made, there has been a meeting with the Waikanae Swim Club, the Chair of the Waikanae Board, Bernie Goedhart and Alison Law. An agreement was reached that the Waikanae Swim Club would have exclusive use each season depending on numbers from the previous season. If the Club consistently has more than 100 swimmers attending each night, exclusive use will continue for the next season. The Swimming Club will report the membership attendance figure to the Council's Aquatic Facilities Manager at the end of their season each year. There will be no need for further meetings on the exclusive use issue unless numbers drop below this trigger point.

## **Submitter: 29: Pat McNair**

### **Topic: Water Management/Water Supply/Fluoridation**

#### **Summary**

Opposes adding fluoride to the public water supply. Reasons include:

- "no legal basis for adding fluoride"
- scientific evidence is that "adding fluoride to the water supply is likely to cause adverse health effects in significant proportions of population. Therefore Section 23 of the Health Act requires that you cease fluoridation"
- taking the word of MoH or DHB "is an abdication of a Councillor's statutory authority [in decision making] and can be challenged".
- "Medical ethics unequivocally demands that the wishes of an individual over-rides actions imposed by the state."
- "Article 2 of the Council of Europe's Convention for the Protection of Human Rights & Dignity of Human Beings with Regard to the Application of Biology and Medicine, 1999, affirms the primacy of the individual and therefore affirms that water fluoridation is subject to the consent of the individual. Those who elect not to have their dental caries treated by water fluoridation present no public health risk, so the imposition of water fluoridation is covered by this Article."

#### **Response**

##### **Option A**

Council intends to maintain its current level of service. Council currently adds Fluoride to the Waikanae, Paraparaumu and Raumati water supply. No fluoride is added to Otaki, Hautere or Paekakariki. The level of Fluoride added to Waikanae, Paraparaumu and Raumati water supply was reduced from 1ppm to 0.7ppm in 2009 after the issue was debated by the previous Council. The addition of Fluoride to the public water supply is not mandatory but is recommended by the Ministry of Health.

Non-fluoridated water is available at the following public supply points located within Otaki and Paekakariki:

- Otaki Visitor Centre Main Highway, Otaki
- Otaki Library Mill Road, Otaki
- Paekakariki Town Centre, Beach Road, Paekakariki

The location of these non-fluoridated water filling points are identified on the Council website and by signage at each location.

or

##### **Option B**

Council will initiate a special consultative process to determine whether it will continue to add fluoride to the Waikanae, Paraparaumu and Raumati water supply.

## **Submitter: 30: Kapiti Coast Museum**

**Topic: Libraries, Arts and Museums/Museums/Other**

### **Summary**

Seeks the establishment of a contingency fund of \$75,000 - \$100,000 for local museum developments "subject to the presentation of a development plan by the Kapiti Coast Museum Committee".

Current support of the Museum should be maintained and provisions made for further enhancements.

The Museum is run on a voluntary basis, and while this would be retained and nurtured, funds are required to appoint and retain trained staff; to extend open hours; enable detailed cataloguing of the museums collections; promote activities of the museum; build research capabilities; improve access to visitors; and extend its facilities.

States "For the Museum to remain a valuable resource for the community it needs not only capital investment, but ongoing financial support to enhance and grow its burgeoning reputation as a tourist attraction and an education resource, especially for local schools which are increasingly using the museum to enhance their education programmes."

### **Response**

The Strategy for Supporting the Arts defines the Council's role districtwide in supporting Museums on the Kapiti Coast. This is to, "promote the cultural heritage of the District in partnership with the libraries, museums, tangata whenua, and other groups."

The Council asks that the Kapiti Coast Museum returns with its request for funding as part of the Annual Plan process in the 2014/15 year, once it has developed a plan to clearly show how the financial support it has requested will be used to enhance its facilities.

## Submitter: 31: L Stockley

### Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Rates and Charges/Affordability

#### Summary

Objects to the level of rate increases. Asks "surely it is simple enough to determine a nil (or very small) increase as the first step, then work out what can be afforded". Considers that rate increases have been over the rate of inflation and average wage rises. States "It is becoming unaffordable to live in Kapiti. Rates review up from \$49,000 to \$324,000?"

#### Response

- The Council advises that rates revenue up from \$49,000 to \$324,000 relates to the rates revenue that is used to assist with the funding of the solid waste activity. This was included in the Long Term Plan amendment for the solid waste activity.
- This increase is partly offset by a savings in water and wastewater rates of \$108,000 relating to the internal charges for the disposal at the landfill of wastewater and water biosolids from the Council's water and wastewater treatment plants.
- This Council is the only Council that has undertaken an Affordability Study during its 2012 Long Term Plan process. In addition it is worth noting that the consumer price index (C.P.I) measure of inflation is not applicable to local government. indexes, such as the Construction Index are a more accurate measure of costs, which are usually higher than C.P.I
- The level of rates funding the solid waste activity has increased from \$49,000 in the 2012/13 year to \$324,000 proposed in the 2013/14 but this is partly offset by a reduction in wastewater and water rates of \$108,000 relating to the internal revenue generated from the disposal of wastewater and water bio-solids from the Council's wastewater and water treatment plants.

## Submitter: 32: Surf Life Saving New Zealand

### Topic: Supporting Social Wellbeing/Partnership, Advocacy, Funding, Strategies/Other

#### Summary

Seeks continued funding for the Regional Lifeguard Services (\$49,377.79 for 2013/14). Supporting information provided includes patrol statistics, descriptions of current level of service provided, costs for the next three years, a recommendation to extend existing surf lifeguarding services for Otaki and Paekakariki beaches, and the role of Surf Lifesaving New Zealand.

An attached paper also makes recommendations for the next 10 years, including increasing water safety information for consumers, integration of coastal emergency services, installation of emergency beacons, and funding to access the safety at two additional beach sites in the next two years.

#### Response

- The proposals represent a significant shift in levels of service which require further review as part of the 2015 Long Term Plan review process.
- At this stage Council believes that any increase in funding would be better focused on support for recruitment and training of new volunteers by local clubs.
- Decline and note \$6,000 included in budgets for two local clubs (\$3,000 each) for recruitment and

## **Submitter: 33: Reece Baker**

### **Topic: Water Management/Water Supply/Fluoridation**

#### **Summary**

Urges Council to remove fluoride from the water supply because it is "an unethical and potentially dangerous practice. Removing fluoride would restore self-determination and democracy back to the people, it would save the council money on importing this chemical, and it would prevent serious impacts to the people and to our environment".

States that the community "ought to have the basic human right to self-medication rather than through compulsory mass medication which I deem to be an immoral practice".

States "It is my opinion that adverse health risks associated and linked with water fluoridation leaves no justification for the Council to continue to add this chemical to our water supply. The risks and costs far exceed the debatable benefit of dental decay prevention. It needs to be fundamentally up to the people whether they choose to accept this benefit by using fluoride toothpastes, but in no manner should it be up to the Council to make this decision for us".

Submission includes supporting information including a large number of articles and studies regarding Fluoride.

#### **Response**

##### **Option A**

Council intends to maintain its current level of service. Council currently adds Fluoride to the Waikanae, Paraparaumu and Raumati water supply. No fluoride is added to Otaki, Hautere or Paekakariki. The level of Fluoride added to Waikanae, Paraparaumu and Raumati water supply was reduced from 1ppm to 0.7ppm in 2009 after the issue was debated by the previous Council. The addition of Fluoride to the public water supply is not mandatory but is recommended by the Ministry of Health.

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or

##### **Option B**

Council will initiate a special consultative process to determine whether it will continue to add fluoride to the Waikanae, Paraparaumu and Raumati water supply.

**Submitter: 34: Gordon Cameron****Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Corporate Issues/Other****Summary**

Impressed with the Annual Plan (although prefers pictures of real people and places on the cover). Pleased that the Aquatic Centre, water supply solutions, and new Civic building have been achieved, that the gaps in asset management data have been answered, and the capacity of the Council organisation to undertake new work has improved substantially.

**Response**

The Council notes the supportive comments regarding the Coastlands Aquatic Centre, water supply solutions, new Civic Building, and improvements in asset management data.

**Topic: Building Control and Resource Consents/General/Other****Summary**

Appreciated the explanation about the changes signalled for commercial building owners to determine and minimise seismic risk. Expects that costs to be substantially met by the owners, and has already undertaken an engineer's assessment on own commercial property. Notes that property values will decrease if buildings seen to be unsafe.

States "Council will need to meet the costs for its own building stock". Asks whether Kapiti has any Cuba Street or Jackson Street scenarios (numerous older buildings with both earthquake and heritage

**Response**

The Council advises that it has no Cuba Street or Jackson Street scenarios. However the Council notes there are a couple of buildings in Otaki Main Street that would fall into the category of older building with earthquake and heritage issues.

**Topic: Coastal Management/Managed Retreat and Seawalls/District Plan Review****Summary**

Has noticed a number of "robust-looking" seawalls being built. Agrees that land owners should be empowered to protect their own land (sustainably and without detriment to other land), and that those that buy coastal property (or any property) "should accept inherent risk and not expect or be able to litigate against the Council to protect them in perpetuity."

Notes that the coastline is always changing, however sand taken from one area invariably deposits somewhere else so it is hard to envisage the whole coastline retreating.

Asks if "there any conflict between the Council building and maintaining coastal protection, while proposing managed retreat and thereby making this more difficult for private land owners?"

**Response**

Council has identified for a number of years that it will formulate a process for the community to consider the impacts of climate change. It also makes clear that it has not adopted a position on this. It has also identified that it will continue investment in public assets but will review its approach over time. Council is not building new coastal protection works but is replacing existing assets.

## **Submitter: 34: Gordon Cameron (Continued)**

### **Topic: Libraries, Arts and Museums/Kapiti Coast District Libraries/General**

#### **Summary**

Pleased to see no mention of reducing opening hours at Waikanae and Otaki in order to offset increased hours at Paraparaumu. Seeks confirmation that "the concept of the larger metropolitan taking resources from the smaller communities would be seen as a poor decision".

#### **Response**

- The Council advises that the four libraries on the Kapiti Coast operate as a team, with resources shared across the District.
- There will be interior changes to Paraparaumu, Waikanae and Otaki Libraries over the next two years as a result of technological changes to the way in which the libraries provide different services. Waikanae Library is scheduled for extensive redevelopment in 2015/16 in conjunction with the upgrade to Mahara Gallery. This project will also address earthquake strengthening requirements.

### **Topic: Libraries, Arts and Museums/Kapiti Coast District Libraries/General (Continued)**

#### **Summary**

Asks a number of questions regarding staff restructures at Kapiti Libraries.

#### **Response**

- The Council advises that the library review undertaken in 2012 was initiated as a direct response to the changing role of libraries internationally and identifying what this means for our community. No significant operational changes had been undertaken for thirty years previous to the library review. There has been significant consultation with staff throughout this process and this will be ongoing.
- The objective of the review was to realign library roles with community needs. It was never intended as a way in which to reduce operational expenses. The annual report clearly states all severance payments made to Council employees. Due to privacy requirements, names are not attributed to each payment.
- Waikanae Library, along with each library on the Kapiti Coast, has feedback forms which are readily available for public comment. Alternatively, customers can complete service requests through the Council website.

### **Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Financial Strategy/Other**

#### **Summary**

Asks why the contingency fund is budgeted to be completely utilised by the end of next financial year. "What is the \$1.545 million being applied to? It seems inconsistent as a contingency fund should be available for as yet unknown contingencies".

#### **Response**

- The Contingency Fund is being mainly used to fund leaky home claims that have been lodged but not yet finalised.
- The Council has also used \$425,000 to offset the 2013/14 year rates increase.

## **Submitter: 34: Gordon Cameron (Continued)**

### **Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Rates and Charges/Affordability**

#### **Summary**

Considers that rates are not unreasonable as "although they have doubled over 10 years and now exceed \$50 million (+GST), this is around \$1,000 per resident (as some rates paid by the commercial sector)." However, expects to see a lesser increase over the next 10 years with the amended local government legislation and possible amalgamation.

Considers "the rating impacts are acceptable in an election year".

#### **Response**

The Council notes your comments and is striving to provide services in a cost-effective manner to keep rates at a reasonable level.

## **Submitter: 35: Sport Wellington**

### **Topic: Supporting Social Wellbeing/Sporting Activities/Other**

#### **Summary**

Congratulates the Council on the development of the Aquatic Centre and the ongoing provision of sporting facilities in the District. Submission discusses the role and benefit of sport in the community. States "the sport and recreation piece of the social wellbeing jigsaw is an essential component to any solution to improving social behaviour and the youth culture within the community".

#### **Response**

The Council thanks Sport Wellington for their supportive comments.

### **Topic: Community Facilities/Swimming Pools/Raumati Pool**

#### **Summary**

Supports the community facilities study that will be completed in the latter part of 2013.

Acknowledges the decommissioning of the Raumati Pool, and states that this provides an opportunity to 'future proof' this land "through community consultation led by research and analysis into what the future sport and recreation needs of the community will be". Recommends a number of resources and studies that may assist in this process and any future planning.

#### **Response**

- Council is aware of the survey work that Sport NZ has recently completed.
  
- With regard to the current status of the redevelopment of Raumati Pool, Council advises that once it is closed, the Paraparaumu Community Board and Council have agreed to seek proposals for its redevelopment. Suitably qualified and experienced designers will investigate the possibility of the venue being a performing arts/multi purpose recreation facility. The brief and RFP for this work will be funded this financial year and any redevelopment within the available funds will occur in the 2013/14 financial

## **Submitter: 35: Sport Wellington (Continued)**

### **Topic: Parks and Open Space/Facilities/Other**

#### **Summary**

Thanks Council for the on-going provision and upkeep of sports fields, pools, and walking/cycling tracks through the district.

#### **Response**

The Council notes Sport Wellington's supportive comments regarding the ongoing provision and upkeep of facilities in the region.

## **Submitter: 36: Graham Booth**

### **Topic: Community Facilities/Public Toilets/Additional Toilets**

#### **Summary**

Asks for a public toilet to provided in the shopping area on Main Street, Otaki.

Owns the Arcade Building on Main Street and provides a fully accessible toilet for tenants and their customers. However, around 50% of users only visit the Arcade for the toilet. Has considered locking toilets and providing keys to tenants but "being community-minded we have let the situation develop. It does however create a cost to us in the provision of disposables and cleaning".

Suggests that a toilet unit such as the one in the Market Area on the Highway be installed next to the Community Hall in the new play area.

#### **Response**

- The Council advises that there are public facilities in the library available during operating hours and a short distance away in Memorial Gardens also on Main Street.
- The Council considers this to be sufficient public toilet facilities in this location but will look into providing improved signage for those facilities.

**Submitter: 37: Carol Dimech****Topic: Libraries, Arts and Museums/Arts/Other****Summary**

Suggests that Council consider developing an art show along the lines of the yearly Beach Art Show held in Perth. States "this show attracted over 300,000 and at \$15 per person no one complained". Awards are given and "three world class artists had art valued at over \$65,000 which was sold". Advises that this show has been built up over five years, and includes cafes, shops and a BBQ on last day. "All together over \$3,000,000 was made by the council" and is a top tourist attraction.

Also suggests another type of beach art display in Perth which showcases local artists. This is held over a suitable long weekend, and provides a sale outlet for new artists without the restrictions of permanent exhibitions/galleries.

**Response**

Council advises that, at this stage, due to limited resources, there are no plans for the Council to develop further large arts events beyond the Kapiti Arts Trail in 2013/14. Council's plan is to support one significant event that has economic development benefit per year. This includes providing wrap around support rather than funding grants and is likely to include an increased focus on the Arts Trail.

**Submitter: 38: Helene Donaldson****Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Corporate Issues/Communications****Summary**

Disappointed that the "usual summary of new capital works and their individual costs" was missing from the plan.

States " The summary has been an invaluable tool as a starting point in formulating a submission. The detail of expenditure is buried in the financial details, with no clarity around the cost of any particular item. For example, if there had not been any media reports in respect of the proposed additional hydroslide, readers of the DAP would be unaware that this item costs the full \$431,000 of additional capital expenditure."

Concerned about the level of transparency, and if the community questions a project at a later date will they be told that "Council consulted on the issue, it was in the Draft Annual Plan."

**Response**

The format of the Draft Annual Plan has changed in an effort to make the Plan more readable and avoid the repetition of financial information in different parts of the Plan. The details of the capital expenditure projects are included in the Capital Expenditure summary in Part Two. The number of new capital works that were not specific in the 2012 Long Term Plan is limited.

The key new projects are limited and included:

Second Hydroslide	\$430,000
Waikakariki Stream work	\$310,000
Access Ramp at Coastlands Aquatic Centre	\$100,000

## **Submitter: 38: Helene Donaldson (Continued)**

### **Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Rates and Charges/Affordability**

#### **Summary**

Pleased that the proposed average rates increase is a reduction on that projected in the LTP. States this is "still an increase of an average 4.78% - more that four times the CPI increase of 0.9% (0.6% when the tobacco component is taken out of the CPI). Beneficiaries on benefits that receive a CPI increase will only be receiving the 0.6% inflation adjustment to their benefit incomes".

Concerned that many residents are already struggling with meeting current living costs, with Kapiti foodbanks "experiencing ever increasing demands on their services, with middle income families using their the services to make ends meet".

#### **Response**

- The Council advises that local authority costs are driven by the Local Government inflation index averaging 2.8% rather than the household Cost Price Index (CPI).
- The Local Government Inflation Index is produced by BERL (Business & Economic Research Ltd) for all local authorities. This index is driven by the construction price index which is generally higher than the household CPI as the household CPI is impacted by a range of goods and services, such as the food index etc.
- The Council is conscious of those on fixed income and has endeavoured to keep the rates down and has reduced the rate increase from the 6.9% as per the Long Term Plan to 4.7% in the Draft Annual Plan.
- This Council is the only council to carry out an affordability study every three years as part of its Long Term Plan discussions and analysis.

### **Topic: Community Facilities/Swimming Pools/Aquatic Centre**

#### **Summary**

Considers that there is no justification in spending a further \$431,000 on a second hydroslide, and expresses concern the LTCCP is not being complied with: cost at more than twice that agreed; "broken" funding ratio; and agreement that construction would not begin until all community funding had been raised in full.

Considers that the community was not advised of the "compromise" between moveable floor and disability ramp prior to construction.

#### **Response**

- The Council made a careful decision in December 2010 before proceeding to construction of the Coastlands Aquatic Centre.
- Council notes it has had a ramp designed and is working through the process of having the ramp approved by Variopool for use with the moveable floor.

## **Submitter: 38: Helene Donaldson (Continued)**

### **Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Financial Strategy/Other**

#### **Summary**

Concerned that the increases to new assets and asset renewals from those in the 2012 LTP are substantial and have occurred within a year of the LTP being set.

States "there has been a great deal of community angst at cost blow-outs, and these increases do nothing to allay fears that there are still no adequate controls or questioning of large increases"

Recommends that Council refrains from "rubber stamping" cost increases.

Recommends that Council: holds management accountable for keeping new and renewable assets within budget; refuses to approve the continual requests for additional funding of projects; and provides a "full and transparent explanation as to why we are presented with large increases in new and renewable asset costs in the second year of the LTP".

#### **Response**

- The Council advises that the only key additional capital items for the 2013/14 year which were not included in the 2012 Long Term Plan for the 2013/14 year are the Waikakariki Stream works required to mitigate flooding impacts at Paekakariki amounting to \$310,000, \$430,000 for a second hydroslide and provision for an access ramp \$100,000 at the Coastlands Aquatic Centre.
  
- \$840,000 out of a total two year capital works programme of \$86 million is relatively minor.
  
- Apart from these changes the forecast capital expenditure for the 2012/13 year and the capital expenditure programme including carryovers per the 2013/14 Draft Annual Plan matches the capital expenditure programme for those same two years in the 2012 Long Term Plan.

## Submitter: 39: Kapiti Coast Grey Power Association Inc

### Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Corporate Issues/Communications

#### Summary

Commends Council on the great deal of work that goes into preparing the Draft Annual Plan. Is concerned at the departure from the normal presentation in Part One. Questions why there is no summary itemising the capital expenditure items so residents/ratepayers have a quick and user-friendly starting point for ascertaining what is important to them.

States "Part One has an extensive list in each expenditure category detailing what Council has been doing, but there is no clarity on what is proposed and the associated expenditure for the 2013 year." For example, it is hard to find out what second hydroslide costs are without looking in Part Two of the plan.

"Acknowledges the huge amount of work by staff and through the workshops that has gone into producing the KCDC 2013/14 Draft Annual Plan. Noted that the Financial information is not itemised which makes it hard to find out what items cost for example the proposed second hydroslide without looking in Part Two of the Annual Plan."

#### Response

The format of the Draft Annual Plan has changed in an effort to make the Plan more readable and avoid the repetition of financial information in different parts of the Plan. The details of the capital expenditure projects are included in the Capital Expenditure summary in Part Two. The number of new capital works that were not specific in the 2012 Long Term Plan is limited.

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## **Submitter: 39: Kapiti Coast Grey Power Association Inc (Continued)**

### **Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Rates and Charges/Affordability**

#### **Summary**

Notes that although Council is congratulating itself on reducing the average rates increase from that projected in the Long Term Plan, the average rates increase is still more than 4 times CPI of 0.9%. This is well beyond the affordability level of a large proportion of Kapiti's population and will result in a lowered standard of living for many of its ratepayers.

States "Married Superannuitants will receive 2.4% approx. increase in income; about half of this will be 'swallowed up' by the rates increase, with the rest to cover the increases in electricity charges, general costs of living and then the advent of water meter charging".

#### **Response**

- The Council advises that local authority costs are driven by the Local Government inflation index averaging 2.8% rather than the household Cost Price Index (CPI).
- The Local Government Inflation Index is produced by BERL (Business & Economic Research Ltd) for all local authorities. This index is driven by the construction price index which is generally higher than the household CPI as the household CPI is impacted by a range of goods and services, such as the food index etc.
- The Council is conscious of those on fixed income and has endeavoured to keep the rates down and has reduced the rate increase from the 6.9% as per the Long Term Plan to 4.7% in the Draft Annual Plan.
- This Council is the only council to carry out an affordability study every three years as part of its Long Term Plan discussions and analysis.

## Submitter: 39: Kapiti Coast Grey Power Association Inc (Continued)

### Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Rates and Charges/Affordability

#### Summary

Concerned that statements regarding the average 4.7% rates increase give the impression that this is the districtwide and conceals the higher amounts for rate payers in the different localities. Accepts that the detail is included in the Plan; however "publicity concentrates on the 4.7% figure, not what one would call open governance".

Reminds Council that proposed increases in rates are high for a large proportion of Grey Power members, beneficiaries and other ratepayers, discusses statistics regarding the numbers living close to or below the poverty line, provides information regarding CPI adjustments for beneficiaries, and resubmits a chart from last year regarding 'Rates as a percentage of the 60% poverty line'. States "in the Affordability Study it is stated 'theoretically 35% of the Kapiti Coast District live in relative poverty' given that they have an income less than 60% of the National Median income of \$30,840 calculated in 2006. This reflects the significant proportion of older people in the District that receive NZ Superannuation."

States: "It is hoped that the need for financial prudence this year, and (hopefully) consideration for the groups of ratepayers on low or fixed incomes will result in a focus of managing the costs and further reducing the projected increase in rates from the LTP."

Recognises that "the new hardship provision and Rates Rebate Scheme will assist many, but unfortunately, not all those who will need assistance".

#### Response

The average districtwide rates increase of 4.7% does have a different impact for each community and the impact on each community was clearly shown and highlighted in the summary Draft Annual Plan and also in the Draft Annual Plan itself. Even within each community the average rates increase would vary for individual properties depending on their land values and capital values compared to the average land values in the community.

- The Council has taken into account all ratepayers, but especially the group of ratepayers on low and fixed incomes, and has reduced the projected average districtwide rate increase from 6.9% as per the Long Term Plan to 4.7% for the 2013/14 year.
- The main drivers of the 4.7% relates to the increase in debt servicing, depreciation and operating costs associated with the key major projects such as the Coastlands Aquatic Centre and other major projects included in the capital works programme for the 2012/13 year and 2013/14 year.
- On top of these costs there is the impact of inflation on Local Government Costs. BERL (Business and Economic Research Limited) produce a Local Government Inflation Index for all local authorities and the key drivers of this index is the Construction Price Index.
- The 4.7% increase comprises of the following:
  - Local Government Inflation Index 2.8%
  - Increase from Capital Works Programme 1.9%
  - Total Rates Increase 2013/14 4.7%
- This Council is the only Council to carry out an affordability study every three years as part of its Long Term Plan and is conscious of the affordability issues facing its ratepayers and endeavours to keep its rates at lower levels.

## **Submitter: 39: Kapiti Coast Grey Power Association Inc (Continued)**

### **Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Corporate Issues/Other**

#### **Summary**

States "There appears to be no change in Council activities despite the amendments in the Local Government Amendment Act 2012".

#### **Response**

- The Council advises that page 16 of the Annual Plan explains how Council intends to review the linkages between what it currently does against the new purpose, role and powers of Council under the Local Government Act 2012.
- Council is not required to review its activities or amend its Long Term Plan.

### **Topic: Community Facilities/Swimming Pools/Aquatic Centre**

#### **Summary**

Requests the provision of a ramp into the main pool for the disabled.

States "The community was not advised of the 'compromise' between moveable floor and disability ramp prior to the commencement of construction. The stance that adequate disability access is provided via the learner pool is not acceptable to us and our members. Disability also encompasses those who have had strokes, heart attacks and other health conditions, and for which exercise in the pool is invaluable. For many, climbing steps or ladders after exercise is not safe; they are perfectly capable of exiting the pool under their own steam if there is the use of a ramp. This provides them with dignity also, rather than having to be 'managed' in and out of the pool".

#### **Response**

The Council has provided disability access to the pool building, a ramp into the programmes pool, and a self operated hoist and custom built stairs in the main pool. In addition Council has had a ramp designed for the main pool and is currently working through the process of having it approved by Variopool for use with the moveable floor.

### **Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Financial Strategy/Other**

#### **Summary**

Concerned that "the public are unaware that some of public contributions required under the funding formula have not yet been paid and will be funded in the interim by the Council borrowing money and paying interest in this".

#### **Response**

The timing of the public contributions were factored into Council's budget for the 2012 Long Term Plan and it was stated that those contributions would be made over a 10 year period in the 2011/12 Annual Plan.

## **Submitter: 39: Kapiti Coast Grey Power Association Inc (Continued)**

### **Topic: Community Facilities/Swimming Pools/Aquatic Centre**

#### **Summary**

Does not support provision of a second Hydroslide.

#### **Response**

Council has decided to proceed with the installation of a second hydroslide. Provision for this was included in the draft Annual Plan.

### **Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Corporate Issues/Other**

#### **Summary**

Offers congratulations to Council staff for their negotiating skills in reaching an agreement with the receivers to complete the facility.

States "The long list of what has been happening with community engagement and involvement is very encouraging"

States "The Libraries provide helpful, friendly services. The staff at the Waikanae library cheerfully go out of their way to make sure borrowers find the books or material for which they are looking."

In regard to environmental sustainability states "Staff members are to be commended for the list of innovative activities carried out through the year".

Commends the range of initiatives in relation to the Kapiti Lights area and community safety, the facilitation work with the Youth Council, and the Disability Reference Group.

#### **Response**

The Council thanks the submitter for their supportive comments.

### **Topic: Community Facilities/Swimming Pools/Aquatic Centre**

#### **Summary**

Questions the "safety aspect of two hydroslides in a smaller 25 metre pool; the originally planned two hydroslides were for a 50 metre pool".

#### **Response**

The Council advises that the hydroslides are separate to the pools and the design has always incorporated a separate landing chute for each slide.

## **Submitter: 39: Kapiti Coast Grey Power Association Inc (Continued)**

### **Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Financial Strategy/Other**

#### **Summary**

Would like to see "a process which would evaluate the benefits of ratepayers' contribution to the commercial sector, e.g. the increase in employment and GDP increase resulting from its loan to the Clean Technology centre, etc".

#### **Response**

As each project is progressed an estimate of multiplier effect or job creation will be considered. At a certain scale this can be translated to some assumptions about GDP per capita solutions. Identifying the extent to which this creates commercial benefit as opposed to general community benefit is more difficult to assess. This will be considered as part of the next Long Term Plan review of activities.

### **Topic: Water Management/Increase Water Supply/Build River Recharge**

#### **Summary**

Notes that current level of rainfall is approximately 1,000mm per year and Draft Annual Plan suggests that this "is projected to increase by possibly up to 14% annually due to climate change".

Asks if this increase of rainfall means that the River Recharge project may not be required in future years?

#### **Response**

Future changes in weather patterns do project increased intensity and duration of rainfall events but they also project longer dryer summers which also impacts on water availability. These factors have been incorporated into Council's long term water supply strategy, which River Recharge with Groundwater forms a part of. The significant benefit of the recharge scheme is its ability to be staged and to be used only at times of need which allows for a more managed response to changes in climate conditions.

### **Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Financial Strategy/Other**

#### **Summary**

Notes that new assets and asset renewals have large increases in price above the LTP projections by \$6.68 million, with \$5.9 million being the net amount above the projection. States "Many submitters to last year's DAP and LTP amendment queried the validity of Council's projections. The LTP was only formulated last year and we already have this large blow-out."

#### **Response**

Council advises that the reason for the change in the capital expenditure for the water activity for the 2013/14 year in the Draft Annual Plan compared to the 2013/14 year in the 2012 Long Term Plan is there is \$6 million of carryover capital expenditure in the water activity from the 2012/13 year. There is no large blowout of capital costs.

## **Submitter: 39: Kapiti Coast Grey Power Association Inc (Continued)**

### **Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Financial Strategy/Managing Rates**

#### **Summary**

Notes with concern "that the Council has not yet developed a policy around the non payment of water rates".

#### **Response**

- The Council advises that water meter charges are a rate and are subject to the same payment provisions as other Council rates i.e. subject to a 10% penalty if unpaid after the penalty date.
- The non-payment of water rates will follow the same procedure as the non-payment of other rates. The Council has also stated that if a ratepayer has an extraordinarily high water meter reading where a leak has been identified, provided action is being taken or there is an agreement to fix the water leak within a reasonable time then the water consumption charge for the period would be reduced to an average estimated consumption for that period.

### **Topic: Solid Waste/Waste Disposal Services (Landfill)/Other**

#### **Summary**

States "Some support for the Waikanae landfill costs to be made up by rating". Supports investigations into reducing operating hours to five days a week including Saturdays and Sundays.

#### **Response**

Most of the costs of the Waikanae Transfer Station are met districtwide. The portion of the service that Waikanae residents fund is the additional cost of leaving the Transfer Station open full time hours. The Council was faced with either reducing the hours to keep within the existing budgets or retaining the full time hours for the benefit of the Waikanae residents. The retention of these hours is being recovered through a local Waikanae rate.

### **Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Financial Strategy/Managing Rates**

#### **Summary**

States "The cost for the hydroslide is not stated in Part 1, but Part 2 of the DAP page 28 has \$431,000 which is almost 0.9% of the proposed rates although the money would probably be raised by loan".

Recommends that Council does not proceed with the second hydroslide, saving a further 0.9% from the proposed rates increase.

#### **Response**

The Council notes that the second hydroslide with a proposed cost of \$430,000 would be loan funded and the rating impact of the debt servicing costs in the first year would be around \$25,000 which equates to 0.005% rate increase. This is currently included in the Draft Annual Plan rates increase of 4.7%.

## **Submitter: 39: Kapiti Coast Grey Power Association Inc (Continued)**

### **Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Democratic Processes/Other**

#### **Summary**

Looks forward to amalgamation of local bodies in the Wellington Region and the consequential introduction of a commercial rating differential. Asks if the Council has ever evaluated the effects of its current policy of not having a differential.

#### **Response**

The Council has never fully evaluated the impacts of not having a commercial differential. The Council's commercial area only makes up around 6% of the land value and around 8% of the Capital Value of the District.

### **Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Financial Strategy/Managing Rates**

#### **Summary**

States "Page 19 gives the 2013/14 Programme: Financial Strategy and Rates Impact. The Council's projected Debt at 30th June 2013 is \$142 million which is a reduction on the projection in the LTP of \$149 million due to the timing of some Capital works, and therefore cannot be called savings".

#### **Response**

- There is an error in the projected debt levels shown in the Draft Annual Plan.
  
- The projected debt as at 30 June 2013 is \$131 million which is a reduction compared to the projection in the Long Term Plan of \$135 million due to the timing of some capital works and was not referred to as savings. The total projected debt as at 30 June 2014 is \$149 million.

### **Topic: Economic Development/Events/Other**

#### **Summary**

Comments on the new tourism marketing brand. States "the new logo is not popular in the community".

#### **Response**

The Council advises that it has made its decision on the logo and branding.

## **Submitter: 40: Kena Kena School Parent Network**

**Topic: Supporting Social Wellbeing/Partnership, Advocacy, Funding, Strategies/Other**

### **Summary**

Seeking funding for the schools main fundraiser, the Fireworks Fiesta.

The Fireworks Fiesta is a "family friendly spectacle like no other in the area". It is enjoyed by the school community, supports local businesses and local talent, and is a much anticipated event by the wider Kapiti community.

Advises that school is finding it no longer feasible to fund and run the event with the fireworks display costing \$8,000. Last years event 'barely broke even'.

Notes that last year's request for a grant from Council did not receive a response.

Asks if funding, "from the same grant source that was made to Raumati South School" for the Ellerslie Flower Show, could be made available for Kena Kena School to put on this event.

### **Response**

Council provided the funding for the Raumati South School to the Ellerslie Flower Show from its contingency budget and has no specified budget to draw from.

The Otaki Community Board has provided support to the Waitohu School from its community grants budget and it may be appropriate for funding to be sought from the Paraparaumu Raumati Community Board.

### **Option A**

Decline funding sought.

or

### **Option B**

Grant funding of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the Fireworks Fiesta.

## Submitter: 41: Kapiti College Board of Trustees

### Topic: Community Facilities

#### Summary

Invites Council to consider a financial partnership with Kapiti College in building a performing arts centre for use by the community.

Notes that the Annual Plan mentions consideration of new uses for Raumati Pool following its decommissioning, and that suggestions include a performing arts facility. States: "We believe that the building is poorly suited to the latter and the purpose of this submission is to alert the Council to the Board's own plans for performing arts' facilities and to suggest an alternative path."

Kapiti College is in the final stages of its feasibility study for a new Performing Arts Centre. The projected cost is \$3 million plus fitout costs. Funding for the project will come from Ministry of Education 5 Year Plan funding, College reserves and fundraising. Before fundraising, \$2 million will be available by the project building commencement date. The project has been listed on GETS (Government Electronic Tendering System) and registrations of interest gathered from construction companies. It is anticipated that building will begin at the end of 2013, with project completion in August 2014.

Submission also includes description of proposed facilities, discussion on the need for such a facility in Kapiti, outlines similar projects built in schools around the country and advises of the investigations undertaken into best practice and design for such facilities.

Notes that the results of any discussions with Council are likely to have an impact on the construction of the main theatre - i.e. "do we build a smaller space to meet the College's minimum requirements or do we build a larger theatre which is of more general use to the community?"

#### Response

- Note intention to proceed with a two stage project - improve music suite then establish a performance facility with a 300 plus seat capacity. Agrees this would be a valuable asset to the school. Understand that staff contact has already been made by Lex Bartlett, Leisure and Open Space Asset Manager in relation to any commonality with regards to what the College is proposing versus the future use (performance arts / multi-purpose) of the closed Raumati Pool facility, the Council's plans to build a Performing Arts Centre and discussions with Southward Theatre about whether they have any development plans. Note that at this stage the College has indicated their intention to proceed regardless of any other community developments.
- Suggest that (1) there would be value in regular communication and (2) that the College make early contact with Council's Resource Consents and Compliance Manager, Andrew Guerin to ascertain what might be required in regards to a resource consent for a performance facility such as is proposed.
- At this stage Council has factored in the construction of a performing arts facility in the Paraparaumu Town Centre in 2026. A decision to shift to another site is important strategically and requires considerable consideration of the implications. There for it is appropriate to review otion in a more considered way. Council is happy to continue discussions I the context of the Long Term Plan provisions for a facility.

## **Submitter: 42: Kapiti US Marines Trust**

### **Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Consultation, Projects and**

#### **Summary**

Seeks funding of \$2,000 for an annual Memorial Day Commemoration in Queen Elizabeth Park to commemorate the lives of the U.S. service men and women who lost their lives in World War II, and acknowledge the relationship Kapiti had with the Marines. Funding would be to cover some of the basic costs of the event (the Minister, musicians, Kapa haka and the provision of chairs for the service).

Submission sets out the background to the Trust, why Kapiti should position itself as the 'centre of interest' for U.S. Marines history, work to date, and plans for developing this heritage area. The Trust also thanks the Council for its support of the 70th Anniversary of U.S. Armed Forces in 2012.

#### **Response**

##### **Option A**

Council has approved funding of \$2,000 for a Memorial Day Commemoration event.

or

##### **Option B**

Council has declined your request for funding.

## **Submitter: 43: Lynn Jordan**

### **Topic: Water Management/Water Supply/Fluoridation**

#### **Summary**

Opposes adding fluoride to the water supply. Submission includes:

- "1) List of over seventy Doctors, Dentists and other health professionals from Wellington and around New Zealand who want an end to water fluoridation.
- 2) List of over 4,000 international names on the Fluoride Action Network's Professionals Statement to End Water Fluoridation.
- 3) Authorized statements & quotes to me from New Zealand Doctors and Dentists who oppose water fluoridation.
- 4) List of statements from the majority of countries who reject fluoridation.
- 5) The story of how I incurred fluoride poisoning through skin absorption as described to you in the past two years' submissions."

Asks "every Councillor to respond to this question: Please can you send me the scientific evidence on which you rely, that fluoridated water is absolutely safe to drink".

#### **Response**

##### **Option A**

Council intends to maintain its current level of service. Council currently adds Fluoride to the Waikanae, Paraparaumu and Raumati water supply. No fluoride is added to Otaki, Hautere or Paekakariki. The level of Fluoride added to Waikanae, Paraparaumu and Raumati water supply was reduced from 1ppm to 0.7ppm in 2009 after the issue was debated by the previous Council. The addition of Fluoride to the public water supply is not mandatory but is recommended by the Ministry of Health.

Non-fluoridated water is available at the following public supply points located within Otaki and Paekakariki:

- Otaki Visitor Centre Main Highway, Otaki
- Otaki Library Mill Road, Otaki
- Paekakariki Town Centre, Beach Road, Paekakariki

The location of these non-fluoridated water filling points are identified on the Council website and by signage at each location.

or

##### **Option B**

Council will initiate a special consultative process to determine whether it will continue to add fluoride to the Waikanae, Paraparaumu and Raumati water supply.

**Submitter: 44: Angie Cairncross****Topic: Libraries, Arts and Museums/Arts/Other****Summary**

Supports the clear strategies identified in the 2012 Arts Strategy, however is concerned that the Annual Plan only contains "bare general reference" to these intentions. In particular, the The Flax and Fibre Festival. "Such an event has the capacity to recognise many of Kapiti's skilled and revered Maori weavers while drawing attention to the local history of flax and fibre production. Further, Kapiti has many other fibre practitioners such as quilt makers, felters, weavers, dyers and other fibre artists. There is a growing interest in this creative area at a national and local level and such an event would cross cultural and multi disciplinary areas."

**Recommends Council:**

- increase its support to arts events held throughout the year (rather than one huge event such as an Arts Trail or Arts festival);
- provide funding for the development of a Flax and Fibre Festival to be held in 2014/15 (scoping funding will be sought from Creative Communities in 2013); and
- investigate the development of a purpose built performance venue in the area.

**Response**

Advise that Council's strategy from an economic development perspective is to identify five existing or emerging events which it can help market and assist with wrap around tourism opportunities. It will focus on one event annually.

Advise that staff have met with the College to discuss any commonality with regards to what the College is proposing versus the future use of the closed Raumati Pool facility, the Council's plans to build a Performing Arts Centre and discussions with Southward Theatre about whether they have any development plans. Note that at this stage the College has indicated their intention to proceed regardless of any other community developments. However, regular communication will occur.

The Council will consider the level of its funding for the arts via the 2015 Long Term Plan review and will take note of your comments. In the meantime the submitter may wish to make contact with Council's business support advisor who would be able to provide some initial advice around the feasibility analysis.

## **Submitter: 45: Tonchi Begovich**

### **Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Rates and Charges/Rural Village Differential**

#### **Summary**

Opposes Ferndale properties having their rating category changed from Rural Village to Urban with the associated rates increases.

Considers that Council should recognise the contribution the Ferndale development is making towards the Council achieving its sustainability goals.

States "arbitrarily increasing rates by reassigning the properties to a different rating category is going to discourage others from making a commitment to sustainable housing. Instead, the council should create a new category that recognises prescribed levels of sustainability achieved, and set the rates for such properties at a level somewhat less than the urban rate. This rating level could be devised to reflect the reduced use of Council resources and the contribution to the Council's sustainability goals for the district. This would be a positive step for the Council and could encourage further sustainable residential developments in the district".

Asks that until this concept is considered that Council retain Ferndale properties at the rural village rate.

Submission includes information on the sustainability requirements at Ferndale, and the success of these measures including recognition through awards.

#### **Response**

- The properties in the Ferndale Development have enjoyed three years of lower rating levels from the time the subdivision was uplifted using the rural village differential rating. As part of its Rating and Funding review exercise during the Draft Annual plan process the Council considered that these properties in the Ferndale Development and the surrounding properties were no different to properties in the urban rating area and therefore they should move into the urban rating area.
- While the Council acknowledges the sustainability features in the subdivision and continues to encourage those features it does need to consider fairness and equity issues when considering rating classifications of properties.

## **Submitter: 46: Paekakariki Community Board**

### **Topic: Access and Transport/Footpaths/Other**

#### **Summary**

Seeks to have input into the footpath maintenance schedule for 2013/14.

#### **Response**

- Council advises that individual members of the community can identify footpath defects and report them to Council. Council records these complaints in the Service Request system. The faults/ defects are then prioritised and rectified within the nominated response times set out in Council's maintenance contract.
- In addition, a list of proposed footpath works for Paekakariki will be provided to the Community Board.

## **Submitter: 46: Paekakariki Community Board (Continued)**

### **Topic: Coastal Management/General/Other**

#### **Summary**

Acknowledges and thanks Council for the inclusion of \$110,000 for further coastal protection for Paekakariki.

However, asks whether this will all be spent in the 2013 / 14 financial year? States "This project is in its very early stages. Could it not be split across two financial years?"

#### **Response**

The \$110,000 is tied into the overall budget for the upgrading of the timber only seawall. This amount is for the consenting stage of the project with physical works commencing in the following year. Any delay will have a flow on effect so this work must happen in 2013/14.

### **Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Financial Strategy/Managing Rates**

#### **Summary**

Concerned that Paekakariki rates have increased over 14% in two years. Asks that the "Council revise its expenditure to a level so that the impact on our small community is closer to that for the average for Kapiti properties".

In addition, asks that Council reconsider the need for these capital items that were not previously in the 10 year LTP for the 2013/14 year. Suggests that the requirements to fund these could be spread across multiple years.

States "Without changes to Kapiti's rating policies, or a move towards a capital value rating system, we have very limited ability to influence our rating level. We must therefore focus on the Council's funding policies, total expenditure, and the items that are driving such high rate increases. These are increased operating costs, and additional capital expenditure elsewhere in the District."

These issues are discussed further in the submission.

#### **Response**

- Without the funding of water on a districtwide basis Paekakariki's water charges for the 2013/14 year would have been \$100 per rateable property higher (\$459 per property) as compared to \$359 on the districtwide basis.
- Some long overdue capital works have been undertaken in Paekakariki on the water supply including the Ocean Road water reticulation pipeline renewal and the Wellington Road Pipeline Renewal which were affordable if they were funded from local rates.
- Another section affecting the rates in Paekakariki is that most properties are coastal and are larger due to the need to cater for a septic tank system. These factors mean that Paekakariki has higher average urban land values. Paekakariki residents do not have a wastewater charge.

## **Submitter: 46: Paekakariki Community Board (Continued)**

### **Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Financial Strategy/Managing Rates**

#### **Summary**

Notes that for the 2011/12 financial year there was a rates surplus of \$691,000. Approximately a third of this was used to offset the 2012/13 rates, and the balance was used for additional unplanned expenses.

Asks for the surplus as at 30 June 2013 to be used to offset the 2013/14 rates increase, and that this policy be repeated in 2014.

#### **Response**

The projected surplus as at 30 June 2013 as per the Draft Annual Plan was \$430,000 with \$204,000 being used to fund District Plan hearing costs for the 2013/14 year and the balance is being used to offset the 2013/14 rates increase.

### **Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Financial Strategy/Managing Rates (Continued)**

#### **Summary**

Asks that the Council set up a community based working group this year to "explore the implications of a change from land value to capital value in the knowledge that this is the likely rating policy change with local government reform. It will be valuable for the community to have as much advance understanding of this as possible."

#### **Response**

The Council could supply information to any interest groups on the implications of a change from Land Value to Capital Value based on previous Council's rating and funding reviews that have been undertaken. This could also include the impacts of such a change for a range of properties in the community. Until Local Government Reform issues are settled Council will not be undertaking any further work on capital value rating as Council does not have the staff resource to support such a programme.

Note: a capital / land value review has been undertaken twice in the last six or so years.

## Submitter: 46: Paekakariki Community Board (Continued)

### Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Financial Strategy/Managing Rates

#### Summary

States: "KCDC has the highest debt level of the eight territorial councils in the region. While the usual reason given for this is the need to provide infrastructure for an expanding population, it is noted that the projected increase in rateable properties for 2013/14 district-wide has dropped from that projected in the LTP. And perhaps, with the state of the Wellington economy, the projected population and increase in the rating base may not be achieved over the medium term? This needs to be kept under review. It is hard for Paekakariki properties with a static rating base to share in the benefits of growth in the district

#### Response

- Even though the Kapiti Coast has one of the highest debt levels per capita in the Wellington region it is managing its debt within tight financial ratios and debt levels are consistent with the standards set out in the Treasury Management Policies. There is a slow down in the growth in the rating base and a further slow down has been projected as part of the finalisation of the Annual Plan with the growth dropping further from 0.2% to 0.1%.
- The Council has ensured that it is funding asset renewals in old areas of the District such as Paekakariki. Paekakariki does get a benefit from a share of the growth in the rating base that is shared on a districtwide basis.

### Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Financial Strategy/Other

#### Summary

States "Measuring the understanding and impact of the debt levels could be enhanced by including the financial ratio, Net debt per \$m rateable c.v. / L.V. This was a useful measure in the recent Ken Douglas report."

#### Response

- Net debt per \$m of capital value on the Kapiti Coast District could be undertaken but this is not a normal measure that the debt rating agencies consider Council's net debt per \$m of capital value is projected to be as at 30 June 2014 is \$14,650.
- This measure is not particularly relevant for this Council because most of Council's debt servicing costs are funded from fixed targeted rates per rating unit.
- The Council does not intend to add any further financial ratios for the management of its debt.

## Submitter: 46: Paekakariki Community Board (Continued)

### Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Financial Strategy/Other

#### Summary

States "We note that this year's capital expenditure programme is for \$38.8m of works, inclusive of \$9.29m carried forward from 2012/13. This does raise the question of the Council's capacity to complete its intended capital programme in anyone year, and the time table as to when funds are raised for capital works. There are a number of new capital items that were either not included in last year's LTP at all, or were included at substantially lower amounts. For example: roading -local area connections (\$1.8m), a second hydro slide for the Aquatic Centre (\$.43m), a greater amount for clean technology development, and the Waikanae water treatment plan renewals and upgrades., and the water metering project. (Perhaps this extra \$2.0m is part of the carry forward?)

We submit that the Council revise its expenditure to a level so that the impact on our small community is closer to that for the average for Kapiti properties.

We ask the Council to reconsider the need for these capital items that were not previously in the 10 year LTP for the 2013/14 year. The requirements to fund these could be spread across multiple years.

#### Response

- The majority of the capital items being carried forward were caused by factors outside Council's control. These include water capital projects which make up a substantial portion of the \$9.29 million total carryovers where the rescheduling of work has resulted from the delays in the resource consents for the River Recharge projects.
- The number of new capital items is limited. The new capital items include \$310,000 for Waikakariki Stream works to mitigate flooding effects for Paekakariki. Paekakariki is significantly benefiting from the Districtwide funding of Council's water supplies. Without Districtwide funding of water, Paekakariki water charges would have been \$100,000 higher at \$459 compared to \$359 as a Districtwide charge.
- Under the districtwide funding of water, wastewater and stormwater services the capital expenditure is spent when and where it is required as per the Asset Management Plans rather than being based on the affordability of this work for smaller communities. Substantial Water Reticulation renewal is being undertaken in Paekakariki for which the whole District is contributing to.
- Due to the different rating factors affecting each community, it would not be possible to have each community's rates at the same level as the average rating increase across the District.

## **Submitter: 46: Paekakariki Community Board (Continued)**

### **Topic: Environmental Protection/General/Other**

#### **Summary**

Seeks to have signage erected around local streams warning users of potential health hazards.

States "We are aware that there have been high e.coli readings in the Wainui Stream in Paekakariki . We also have concerns about the safety of Waikakariki Stream. Both of these streams are heavily used by children, who play in and around the streams. We believe that people should be aware of the potential risks when allowing their children to play in these streams, and would like signage to be considered by KCDC".

#### **Response**

- Any stream that receives stormwater run off has the potential for contamination. This potential is increased during wet weather and for a period of 24 hours after heavy rainfall. There may also be a risk during low flow where concentration maybe higher.
  
- The streams in question are not considered to be recreational bathing areas and like many other streams in the District may have the following issues: flow through from areas with multiple property septic tanks, localised road runoff; and runoff from a mainly rural upstream catchment. These issues should be considered before use.
  
- Council considers an annual education campaign will be the most effective and appropriate means to address the issue.

### **Topic: Parks and Open Space/Funding Request/Other**

#### **Summary**

Seeks playground equipment at the new Tilley Road sports field facility. States installation of playground equipment "will enhance the development considerably, and go some way to replacing the play equipment which was removed from the Wellington Road entrance to the park in recent years".

#### **Response**

The request for a playground at the Tilley Road sports field will be investigated as part of the 2014/15 Annual Plan.

### **Topic: Development Management/Town Centres/Planning**

#### **Summary**

Seeks signage in Beach Road providing information about local attractions. States "Paekakariki has become a serious destination in recent times. We believe that signage in the village with a map to point out local areas of interest would be of immense benefit to visitors, and increase the already significant benefit these visitors bring to local businesses both within Paekakariki and across the district."

#### **Response**

The provision of an information sign with a map pointing out areas of interest, to the value of \$5,000, will be funded out of existing budgets.

## **Submitter: 46: Paekakariki Community Board (Continued)**

### **Topic: Access and Transport/Footpaths/Other**

#### **Summary**

Seeks bike racks to be installed in Paekakariki Village. States "As part of our street upgrade some years ago, bike racks were intended and part of the plan for Beach Road. Bicycles are at present parked anywhere along the pavement, damaging the front of buildings and blocking the footpath".

#### **Response**

The installation of cycle racks would cost \$2,000.

**Option A:** Council has approved your request for cycle racks which will be funded from existing budgets.

Or

**Option B:** Council has declined your request for cycle racks.

### **Topic: Development Management/Town Centres/Planning**

#### **Summary**

Seeks the replacing of the lighting under the eaves in Beach Road. Considers the current lighting to be very old and tired and that it should be replaced with new, energy efficient lighting.

#### **Response**

Advises that the lights in question are not owned by the Council and that Council does not maintain or upgrade privately owned assets. The Community Board may wish to talk to the property owners.

## Submitter: 46: Paekakariki Community Board (Continued)

### Topic: Community Facilities/Public Toilets/Additional Toilets

#### Summary

Requests that toilets be developed at Tilley Road Sports Fields due to the increased numbers of walkers and bikers using the park.

They are aware the toilets in the weaver's building may be made available. However, if those toilets turn out not to be a possibility, then a new facility should be funded. States "The lack of toilets was a concern expressed more than once during community discussions about the project. Though there are toilets at the Wellington Road end of QE Park, they are a sufficient distance to be inconvenient for users of the Tilley Road entrance".

#### Response

- The Council notes there are currently toilets at the Weavers' Club facilities. If the Weavers' Club facilities could be made available to the public they would need to be upgraded, particularly the water supply and possibly the septic tank, and an external entrance provided directly to the toilets.
- The cost to install toilets at the Tilley Road reserve if the Weavers Club facilities are not available would be \$45,000 plus an annual maintenance cost of \$5,000 and provision for septic tank facilities.
- Public toilets at this location are also able to meet the need of park users and walkers and cyclists particularly if the entranceway of the planned cycleway / walkway associated with the Expressway is constructed in this location. Staff recommend that this be considered for the 2014/15 year once the location of the cycleway is confirmed.

**Option A:** Council has declined your request for toilets at Tilley Road Sports Fields and notes that it will be investigated for the 2014/15 Annual Plan.

Or

**Option B:** Council has approved your request for toilets at Tilley Road Sports Fields.

## Submitter: 47: Dick van den Oever

### Topic: Community Facilities

#### Summary

Supports the Council providing partnership funding for a performance venue at Kapiti College.

Considers:

- it would be a community shared venue for the many quality performing groups in the Kapiti Coast.
- there are currently no suitable venues (Southwards has poor audio facilities/qualities)
- the feasibility study for Raumati Pools could focus on a sports venue only, making the study simpler and saving money.

#### Response

- The Council is in the process of considering concepts for the redevelopment of the Raumati Pool and does not intend to replicate any current or planned performance facilities.
- Advise that staff have met with the College to discuss any commonality with regards to what the College is proposing versus the future use of the closed Raumati Pool facility, the Council's plans to build a Performing Arts Centre and discussions with Southward Theatre about whether they have any development plans. Note that at this stage the College has indicated their intention to proceed regardless of any other community developments. However, regular communication will occur.

## **Submitter: 48: Kapiti Tourism Action Group**

### **Topic: Economic Development/Budget/Other**

#### **Summary**

The Kapiti Tourism Action Group seeks to develop a partnership with Council for promoting tourism in Kapiti. The group recommends the development of:

- a regular Calendar of Events, with an increase in the number of events in Kapiti
- a Business Plan for tourism with a possible 5 to 6 Iconic events every year
- a Marketing Programme for tourism that focuses on both domestic and international markets.
- a fully functional website and a strong, effective advertising campaign and good rankings around Google searches etc.
- the building of intelligence and awareness around what is happening on the Kapiti Coast.

Further details are provided in the submission

#### **Response**

The Council has a programme to support tourism on the Kapiti Coast. It believes a partnership approach is appropriate with tourism businesses also taking responsibility for a co-ordinated approach.

The Council's approach consists of:

- branding framework (completed)
- identifying 5 key events in a year which have the capacity to grow and its targeted support through its marketing initiatives (underway)
- Focusing on 1 key event each year which it will actively promote wrap-around initiatives.
- Marketing via Positively Wellington Tourism both in domestic and Australian markets (completed).
- Development of a Kapiti Tourism website (which will be available in the first half of 2013/14)
- i-Sites management, including a review of approach
- tourism operator business support/advice
- improved provision of tourism data and an agreed monitoring framework with sector (2013/14)
- an improved events calendar (2013/14)
- stakeholder partnerships, including with TAG.

### **Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Rates and Charges/Targeted Rates**

#### **Summary**

Seeks to develop a partnership with Council for promoting tourism in Kapiti.

Suggests an annual targeted rate of \$75 per business to fund strategic planning and event management around Tourism and Events. The fund would assist in delivering annual iconic events in partnership with Council, similar to what as been done in Otaki with Otaki Village Promotion Group.

#### **Response**

This would need to be considered as part of a Rating and Funding review process as part of the next Long Term Plan process in 2015 and this would need to be fully consulted on in 2015. Council would welcome any information on the consultation you have undertaken to date.

## **Submitter: 48: Kapiti Tourism Action Group (Continued)**

**Topic: Economic Development/Events/Other**

### **Summary**

Seeks to develop a partnership with Council for promoting tourism in Kapiti.

Requests the sum of \$62,750.00 from the Tourism budget to hold an "Iconic 2-day weekend district wide 'Kapiti Family Fishing & Seaside Festival' in February/March 2014".

An explanation of the event, and a breakdown of the funding needed is provided in submission. "A more detailed budget can be provided if Council supports the idea in principle".

### **Response**

- The Council is completing a review of key events that it believes have a significant capacity for growth, including marketing in Auckland and elsewhere in New Zealand. The Council will explore these potential events with TAG, the Chamber of Commerce and other interested tourism stakeholders.
  
- The Council appreciates the efforts of the TAG in trying to address the question of events.
  
- Two popular fishing tournaments are already run on the Kapiti Coast and many other communities in NZ have similar events. It is unclear whether there is demand for further events, particularly where the risk profile is high.

### **Option A**

Council declines to support the proposed event but will continue to work with TAG around the events strategy.

or

### **Option B**

Council approves \$62,750 to hold a Kapiti Family Fishing & Seaside Festival.

## **Submitter: 49: Kapiti International Friendship Group & Maori Dept,**

**Topic: Supporting Social Wellbeing/Partnership, Advocacy, Funding, Strategies/Other**

### **Summary**

Seeks \$2,000 for the celebration of Race Relations Day 2014.

States "This year we partnered with the Filipino Community of Kapiti to hold a very successful event which highlighted the contributions made by ethnic migrants workers in our retirement and aged care industry. Next year's event will focus on ethnic and race relations in our schools and colleges. A particular focus will be on the international student communities, especially at Kapiti College and Otaki College."

More details on this and next year's proposed programme will be presented at the Annual Plan hearings.

### **Response**

#### **Option A**

Council has approved additional funding of \$500 for the celebration of Race Relations Day of to bring the total to \$2,000.

or

#### **Option B**

Council has declined additional funding of \$500 and will retain the current funding level of \$1,000 for the celebration of Race Relations Day.

## **Submitter: 50: Gleb Speranski**

**Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Rates and Charges/Rural Village Differential**

### **Summary**

Objects to Anlaby Road being changed from Rural Rating Differential R1 to Rural Differential R3.

Further details are provided in the submission.

### **Response**

- The rural village differential rating is based on the following three rates: the districtwide General Rate, Regulatory Services Rate and Local Community Rate and cover the services relating to those rates as sent to you in a letter.
- The Council does not rate the properties in Anlaby Road/Angus Road for water because they are not connected to the urban water supply but the sections are clustered together similar to other properties in the rural village rating area i.e. properties in Te Horo Beach which also have no connection to water and sewerage services are also in the rural village rating area. Even though services are unchanged from the previous year your property has been undercharged for these services.
- The rural village classification is not determined by the connection to Council services such as water and sewerage. Prior to the subdivision of the properties in Anlaby Road/Angus Road they were part of a larger rural block. Now that they have been subdivided into smaller residential blocks from a fairness and equity point of view they need to move into a rural village differential.

## Submitter: 51: Ferndale Development Ltd

### Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Financial Strategy/Managing Rates

#### Summary

Opposes re-zoning of Ferndale from rural village to urban and "implores council to retain the status quo - recognizing its significantly lower impost on council systems and services". States "Ferndale was encouraged by the Kapiti Coast District Council that saw support for the development as a means to show its commitment to, and underline the success of, its sustainable policies. We note that in 2011, the council won a local government Green Ribbon Award for its sustainable policies".

Suggests Council adopt a new rating category to encourage both sustainable subdivision development and the building of homes that place a lesser call on the district's infrastructure.

Alternatively, that Council adopt a Rates Remission policy similar to the policy proposed by the Tasman District Council that would give rating relief where residential ratepayers are being subjected to an increase in rates brought about by a zone change. The policy could smooth the transition between one rating zone and another over several years where there will be a substantial increase in residential rates.

#### Response

- The properties in the Ferndale subdivision are not being re-zoned under the District Plan. The Council is changing the rates classification for properties within the Ferndale subdivision and some surrounding smaller properties. These are being moved from the rural village differential to the urban rating area.
- The difference between the urban and the rural village differential rates is that rural village ratepayers pay 70% of the urban rate for the following three rates: the Districtwide General rate, Regulatory service rate and the local Community rate. Those three rates cover a range of functions and services including Democratic Services, Emergency Management, Supporting Environmental Sustainability, Resource Consents, Building Consents, Environmental Monitoring and Development Management.
- The Council considers that the Ferndale properties access to the Council services and functions provided by those three rates is no different to those properties already in the urban rating area. So from a fairness and equity point of view they need to be included into the Waikanae urban rating area.
- While Council acknowledges and encourages the sustainability initiatives included in the Ferndale subdivision it has provided some rating relief by leaving the subdivision in the rural village differential for a number of years. From a fairness and equity point of view it cannot continue to leave this subdivision in the Rural Village Differential group as the sections are no different to the sections in the urban rating area in terms of the access to the above Council Services.
- The Rates Remission Policy proposed by the Tasman District Council relates to the rezoning of properties under the District Plan and not to a change in rating classification.
- Once the District Plan is finalised, the Council may consider a rating classification based on meeting higher sustainability standards than the standard requirements but this would have to be considered as part of a major future rating and funding review.

## Submitter: 52: John Baldwin

### Topic: Access and Transport/Local Roding Network/Design

#### Summary

Requests that the design of all road remarking planned for the 2013/14 year be reviewed and redesigned "to reduce the excessive width of central flush medians thereby enabling the provision of cycle lanes".

Requests that the speed limit be reduced at Otaihanga Road/Ratanui Road.

Requests that the speed limit at Rimu Road be reduced to 30kph around town centre.

Requests the "provision and installation of two re-locatable speed cameras to be circulated around the district in places where residents are complaining of speeding vehicles".

Requests that traffic calming be achieved by reclaiming sections of long stretches of straight roads (Parakai Street) through construction of a landscaped outcrop and ramped paved section of roadway, including seating for public. Requests the trial of this at one central Kapiti residential street known for speeding vehicles due to its length and straightness (i.e. Parakai St).

#### Response

- Councils approach to provision for cycling is set out in its Sustainable Transport Strategy.
- The minimum width of any flush median is based on national standards that consider both the practical application and safety issues associated with flush medians and Council do not consider their width to be "excessive" where it has been necessary to install them.
- Council does however, when considering any roading upgrades, look at opportunities to improve accessibility for all users including cyclists, the ongoing implementation of the CWB strategy across the district will continue in 2013/14 to provide for the provision of cycle lanes on our local roads. This will occur on a case by case basis.
- Following a study carried out on the road network around Otaihanga, a provisional reduced speed limit has been implemented on Otaihanga Road, pending approval by the Community Board.
- Rimu Road is a collector road which provides a link to the district network arterial corridor (Kapiti Road) with relatively high traffic volume. Reducing the speed limit to 30kph would result in severe traffic congestion and is not considered necessary at this time. However, provision for active modes will be an ongoing consideration.
- Your suggestion for re-locatable speed cameras will be forwarded to the police for their consideration as Council does not manage enforcement with regard to speeding.
- Traffic calming devices are used to slow vehicle speeds and to enhance pedestrian and cyclist safety. However, installation of certain types of traffic calming devices in an urban street can be problematic in that where there is insufficient road space these devices can restrict access for emergency and service vehicles including fire engines, refuse trucks, etc. Council declines your request for using Parakai Street as a trial as it is a local road with relatively low traffic activity, and with a carriageway width of 6.8m, installation of the types of traffic calming devices suggested would restrict access for emergency vehicles.

## Submitter: 52: John Baldwin (Continued)

### Topic: Access and Transport/Footpaths/Other

#### Summary

Requests that power poles which are obstructing access for pedestrians and mobility scooter users be progressively removed "over a specific time frame starting with the Nth side of Ruapehu St in 2013/14". States "Electra owns the poles. KCDC owns the footpaths... neither KCDC nor Electra want to pay for removal of the poles and undergrounding of associated services".

Requests any new or reconstructed footpaths are designed so that vehicle crossings do not create access difficulties for pedestrians or scooter users.

Requests that footpaths on main arterial routes, where there are no cycle lanes, be designated as shared pathways, particularly within a one kilometre radius of schools/colleges. Where pathways are considered too narrow to be used as a shared pathway they should be upgraded.

#### Response

- The major focus at this stage is focusing on the removal of trip hazards. Removal of power poles is a very significant cost which would need to be looked at in the Long Term Plan. The Council is unlikely to support this suggestion at this stage.
- The responsibility for the proactive undergrounding of power cables rests with Electra and there is a significant cost associated with this process. Council does however look at opportunities to underground power cables when undertaking capital works projects, Raumati stormwater upgrade, Kapiti Road traffic lights are recent examples where this has occurred. There are no plans to proactively remove power poles from the district's footpaths, Council will continue to look at under grounding power on a case by case basis in conjunction with its capital works program.
- Council does consider pedestrian access issues when undertaking footpath upgrades. There is however a significant cost associated with reconfiguring existing footpaths to remove the potential conflict between vehicle crossings and pedestrians and there are no plans to proactively upgrade existing footpaths to achieve this.
- In regard to ensuring that footpaths on arterial routes are designated as shared pathways, narrow paths are typically upgraded as part of an overall road upgrade program such as the installation of lights at the Kapiti Road / Rimu Road intersection. All footpaths in this immediate location were upgraded to shared standard as part of that project. Other locations are determined by priority which is generally based on existing pavement quality, pedestrian use and space available, but is also determined by outside influences. For example, Council can now upgrade the footpath on Poplar Avenue between Te Ra School and Matai Road to shared standard now that the route and alignment of the Mackays to Peka Peka Expressway is confirmed.

## Submitter: 52: John Baldwin (Continued)

### Topic: Access and Transport/Cycleways, Walkways and Bridleways/Network

#### Summary

The submitter has made the following requests:

1. The installation of cycleways on both sides of Ruapehu Street.
2. The continuity of cycleway on both sides of Kapiti Road through the removal of parking and linking up of existing isolated lengths of cycle lanes. States "Kapiti Road has a traffic count equivalent to SH1 along Amohia St where NZTA has removed all parking of both sides".
3. The "removal of all KCDC barriers and obstructions at entrances to pedestrian links (bollards to prevent 4x wheel vehicle access excepted) and the erection of signage prohibiting the use of motor bikes and scooters".
4. The approval of shortcuts on reserve land. States "where desire lines have been worn by foot traffic across reserve land and where these desire lines achieve a significant reduction in travel distance that barriers and obstructions erected by KCDC to thwart such access be removed".
5. That the Wharemauku Stream shared pathway be extended eastwards under the Rimu Road bridge. States "Council officers have resisted this initiative in the past on the basis of personal security and H&S reasons whilst ignoring the danger of walkers and cyclists being ejected onto Rimu Road".

#### Response

- Council when considering any roading upgrade looks at opportunities to improve accessibility for all users including cyclists. The ongoing implementation of the CWB strategy across the district will continue in 2013/14 to provide for the provision of cycle lanes on our local roads. The suggestion with regard to Ruapehu St will be forwarded to the CWB working group for consideration in the 2014/15 program.
- The progressive upgrade of Kapiti Road is a significant strategic project for Council. Work has already been done on the possible look and feel of Kapiti Road in conjunction with the development of the Town Centre planning. More detailed work was delayed due to the uncertainty associated with the expressway. Further work is now planned in 2013/14 to develop a long term vision for the road, that over time will be implemented as sections of the road are upgraded. The vision will incorporate the needs of pedestrian, cyclist and road users with a focus on developing more of a boulevard feel to the road. This work will incorporate input from the community on their needs and issues raised through the annual plan process will also be incorporated.
- Investigating shortcut routes is supported, provided they are not at odds with any site specific management plans or longer term strategic development of a site, they are not considered in isolation from what may be a wider access and recreational management approach to a site, there is available funding and the suggested routes save sufficient time to justify their existence and associated expense.
- The removal of 'inappropriate barriers' without allowing unrestricted access particularly for motor vehicles and motor bikes is supported. Council invites you to meet with the Roding Asset Manager to clarify specific locations for consideration.
- In regard to the Wharemauku Stream, a zebra crossing has been provided within 100 metres of the point that the pathway meets Rimu Road. This was determined to be the best solution for crossing the road to Coastlands in this area. Council notes that the area east of Rimu Road including under or through Coastlands is a floodway and cannot be developed for public walkways or cycles.

## **Submitter: 53: St Patricks Parish**

### **Topic: Community Facilities/non-Council Owned Property/Other**

#### **Summary**

Seeks funding of \$21,000 for restoration of the pathway leading to the Statue of Our Lady of Lourdes. Price includes 250 square meters approximately 1.5 meters wide of concrete stabilised base course with asphalt covered path.

Information including the history of the statue along with photographs of the poor state of repair of the path, and a quote for repair are included in submission.

In addition, photos and descriptions of stages 1 and 2, restoration of statue and grounds respectively are provided. These stages were funded by monies held in trust, sponsorships from local business and volunteer labour.

States that "while the land is owned and maintained by the Paraparaumu parish it is perceived as 'community owned' land, open to the public, not only serving the parish but also national and international tourists alike".

#### **Response**

##### **Option A**

Council has approved your request for \$21,000 for restoration of the pathway. As part of this approval Council will require a formal guarantee that public access will be available over the renewal life funded (20 years).

or

##### **Option B**

Council has declined your request for \$21,000 for restoration of the pathway.

## Submitter: 54: TG & SJ Mason

### Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Rates and Charges/Rural Village Differential

#### Summary

Opposes changes to Ferndale Development's rating category from Rural Village to Urban.

Considers that Ferndale uses fewer resources than the usual urban development due to the sustainable design of the subdivision and homes. Notes that Ferndale has received national recognition for its integrated sustainability contributions.

States "Ratepayers of Ferndale pay for the sustainability features in the subdivision as section prices reflect the extra costs involved for the developers particularly with storm water measures. Meeting the sustainability standards required also considerably increases building costs. We had assumed that the current rural village classification was an entirely fair and logical way for Council to recognise this investment and commitment by residents."

Considers that the rating change is not just a major imposition on the Ferndale Development ratepayers, but "we believe it has the effect of seriously undermining Council's own sustainability strategies and initiatives."

Recommends that Council:

- recognise and encourage the contribution the Ferndale development makes towards achieving its sustainability goals;
- recognise that increasing rates by reassigning the properties to a different rating category will discourage others from making a commitment to sustainable housing;
- create a new category that recognises prescribed levels of sustainability achieved and set the rates for such properties at a level somewhat less than the urban rate. Such a rating level should reflect the reduced use of Council resources and the contribution to Council's sustainability goals; and
- retain the status quo with all Ferndale properties remaining rated at the rural village rate until this proposal is "considered and hopefully implemented".

#### Response

- The Council rejects the request for Ferndale properties to remain in the rural village rating area.
- The properties in the Ferndale subdivision are not being re-zoned from a District Plan perspective but from a rating point of view they are being moved from the rural village differential to the urban rating area.
- The difference between the urban and the rural village differential rates is that rural village ratepayers pay 70% of the urban rate for the following three rates: the Districtwide General rate, Regulatory service rate and the local Community rate. Those three rates cover a range of functions and services including Democratic Services, Emergency Management, Supporting Environmental Sustainability, Resource Consents, Building Consents, Environmental Monitoring and Development Management.
- The Council considers that the Ferndale properties access to the Council services and functions provided by those three rates is no different to those properties already in the urban rating area. So from a fairness and equity point of view they need to be included into the Waikanae urban rating area.
- The properties in the Ferndale subdivision have enjoyed three years of the rural village differential but now following the Rating and Funding review they need to be moved into the urban rating area.
- The Council does acknowledge the sustainability initiatives in the Ferndale subdivision and these initiatives are encouraged in all subdivisions but it does not change the fact that these sections are no different in terms of access to the above Council services to other properties in the urban rating area.
- Once the District Plan is finalised, the Council may consider a rating classification based on meeting higher sustainability standards than the standard requirements but this would have to be considered as Summary of part of a major future rating and funding review.

## Submitter: 55: Trustees Poyntzfield Trust

### Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Rates and Charges/Rural Village Differential

#### Summary

Opposes change to rating policy for Ferndale Development

States "Ferndale uses fewer council resources than the usual urban development because the development was designed to be more sustainable than the usual subdivision. This was achieved through the design of the subdivision and with covenants and design requirements for buildings in the subdivision".

"We have hitherto assumed that the rural village classification was an entirely fair and logical way for Council to recognise this investment and commitment by residents."

Asks that Council recognise the contribution the Ferndale development is making towards Council achieving its sustainability goals and that increasing rates by reassigning the properties to a different rating category will discourage others from making this commitment.

Suggests Council make a new category that recognises prescribed levels of sustainability achieved and sets the rates for such properties at a level somewhat less than the urban rate. Asks Council to retain the status quo until this concept is considered.

#### Response

- The Council rejects the request for Ferndale properties to remain in the rural village rating area.
- The properties in the Ferndale subdivision are not being re-zoned from a District Plan perspective but from a rating point of view they are being moved from the rural village differential to the urban rating area.
- The difference between the urban and the rural village differential rates is that rural village ratepayers pay 70% of the urban rate for the following three rates: the Districtwide General rate, Regulatory service rate and the local Community rate. Those three rates cover a range of functions and services including Democratic Services, Emergency Management, Supporting Environmental Sustainability, Resource Consents, Building Consents, Environmental Monitoring and Development Management.
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- Once the District Plan is finalised, the Council may consider a rating classification based on meeting higher sustainability standards than the standard requirements but this would have to be considered as part of a major future rating and funding review.

## **Submitter: 56: Positively Wellington Tourism**

### **Topic: Economic Development/Local Economy/Other**

#### **Summary**

Supports Council's strategy for growing the local economy through tourism development; business support, attraction and retention services and Town Centre development.

Supports the priority to develop tourism and business support, attraction and retention services including the use of the destination marketing brand. Also supports further exploration of the concept of a gateway or visitor centre for Kapiti Island, "one of the jewels in the crown of the Kapiti district".

Looks forward to working closely with Council over 2013/14 on further developing joint regional initiatives.

#### **Response**

The Council notes the support for Council's strategy for growing the local economy through tourism development, and their desire to continue working with Council over 2013/14 on further developing joint regional initiatives.

## **Submitter: 57: Raumati Swimming Club**

### **Topic: Community Facilities/Swimming Pools/Aquatic Centre**

#### **Summary**

Seeks the support of the Council to underwrite the purchase of timing equipment for the Aquatic Centre. This includes a timing system \$81,294 plus GST; a new results display board \$30,000 plus GST (will be required if timing system is unable to interface with moveable floor display board); and \$4,000 (approx) for water polo timing equipment.

States " the fact that the Council is underwriting the purchase will make securing community trust funding significantly easier. Every year, obtaining funding from the various community trusts is becoming harder. Experience indicates that obtaining 100% funding is not certain. Given the Club is not able to show that it has the means to make a part payment to make up for any funding shortfall, without the Council's underwriting of the purchase it is very unlikely to secure any funding. It is likely that a trust would see making a contribution as a waste of time as the purchase wouldn't be able to go ahead due to the lack of full funding. The underwriting, therefore, will be key to securing any funding."

Notes that the club has not found any other swim club in New Zealand that owns the electronic timing equipment in the pools they use; and that borrowing automated timing equipment from Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre is not a practical solution.

Includes further information in support of proposal.

#### **Response**

##### **Option A**

Council has agreed to purchase the timing equipment and associated technology subject to the Raumati Swimming Club advising the success or otherwise of their various funding applications. The timing equipment will be owned by Council.

Or

##### **Option B**

Council has declined to purchase the timing equipment and associated technology.

## **Submitter: 58: Captured Essence**

**Topic: Economic Development/Local Economy/Other**

### **Summary**

Seeks \$20,00 funding for development of a destination website for Kapiti.

The proposed website is supported by the Kapiti Tourism Action Group as it considers that the national and international market needs "a one stop & shop website to market what we have to offer in Kapiti."

States "The website will be a commercially own-funding-generating site that will need investment to startup. We request a \$20,000.00 startup amount to develop and market this website. In time the website will fund itself by paid ads on the website, by commission fees by suppliers that are booked through the website and we will also seek for further charity funding in the future."

Details of the mission for the website, research undertaken, plans for ongoing upkeep and maintenance, and a blueprint, including links to examples which show "the style and manner we will develop the website", are attached to the Submission.

### **Response**

- The Council has entered into an agreement with Positively Wellington Tourism to market Kapiti Coast via its website. This includes the marketing alliance into Australia in particular.
  
- A further Kapiti Coast tourism website is needed which will link to this initiative and also provide direct access for potential visitors. Council will fund this development via a contestable process.
  
- Decline request for \$20,000 and invite submitter to be involved in an Expression of Interest process for early in the 2013/14 year.

## Submitter: 59: Kapiti Community Hub Working Group

### Topic: Community Facilities/Council Owned Properties/Other

#### Summary

Seeks funding of \$20,000 to develop the long term vision of the Kapiti Community Hub Working group, which was submitted to the Council's Long Term Plan last year.

Financial support is sought for the following initiatives :

1. Landscaping to identify this area with the community hub (\$3,000).
2. Signage to the community hub area at the Ngahina/Kapiti Road and Rimu/Iver Trask intersections to indicate the presence of the hub, and explanatory signage within the community hub (\$12,000).
3. Provision for canvassing community opinion regarding an artwork which symbolises the role of the hub in the community, including preparing and issuing a Request for Proposal, assessing proposals and developing and costing a submission to Council (\$5,000).
4. Lighting - review the adequacy of lighting from Civic Building to the Coastlands Aquatic Centre.

Background/supporting information is provided in the submission.

#### Response

The Council appreciates the development of the community hub concept which intends to signal the existence of a range of community service organisations and activities in the area.

The Council also acknowledges the need for an integrated approach to the whole area and thanks the Working group for its consideration of these issues.

The Council intends to develop a full landscaping plan for the developed town centre area in the first half of 2013/14, this will include:

- Planting and landscaping
- Lighting review
- Signage
- Identification of areas for placement of future art works.

#### Option 1-A

Major new planting will not be undertaken until the landscape design project is completed and will be funded from existing budgets. Council will ensure that the Working Group is directly involved in this design work. Council declines \$3,000 funding for landscaping.

or

#### Option 1-B

Council approves \$3,000 funding for landscaping

#### Option 2-A

New signage will be designed as part of the review. Funding will be from the existing budget. The Working Group will be involved in that process in order to establish signage needs and concepts as it relates to Community Hub concept. Council declines \$12,000 for signage.

or

#### Option 2-B

Council approves \$12,000 for signage.

Council has recently developed a public art policy which provides a process for commissioning public art on public land.

This will ensure that the whole area is developed and provided for in a co-ordinated way.

#### Option 3-A

- Any artwork for the developed town centre area will be commissioned by Council via the new public art policy. The Working Group will be able to have input into the initial work on the placement of any artwork adjacent to the Community Centre. Council declines \$5,000 for a proposal for artwork.

or

#### Option 3-B

Council approves \$5,000 for a proposal for artwork.

## **Submitter: 59: Kapiti Community Hub Working Group (Continued)**

### **Topic: Community Facilities/Council Owned Properties/Other**

- New lighting fixtures in the area around the new Coastlands Aquatics Centre and car parks are in the process of being installed. An area that requires further consideration is adjacent to the willows and this will be provided for from existing budgets. The Working Group will have an opportunity for input into this work.
- Any new lighting design and investment will be developed via the landscaping plan. This will include consideration of any provision linked to the community hub concept.

## **Submitter: 60: Friends of the Waikanae River Inc**

### **Topic: Parks and Open Space/Funding Request/Other**

#### **Summary**

Seeks continued financial and practical support for the Friends of the Waikanae River and the Waikanae River Walkway.

Seeks overhead watering system and shade house for plants in their nursery.

Requests that Council does not resign from mowing around the areas they have planted.

Updates Council on developments with the NZTA on the effects of the Expressway Bridge over the Waikanae River.

Recommends that:

Financial and other support be at least retained and ideally increased; and

Council aids the Friends of the Waikanae River to obtain an adequate watering system and shade house.

#### **Response**

- The Council notes that discussion has occurred with the Friends since their submission.
- In particular, Council has offered to fund the suggested modifications to the existing irrigation system, specifically to extend the height of the sprinkler heads, and update the automated controller so that it has a moisture sensor.
- In regard to the shade house, it was suggested that the Friends, as a charitable trust, seek external funding for this in the first instance, with the offer from Council to fund the resource consent for the shade house if they were successful in their funding application.
- The request to fund the ongoing maintenance of planted areas is consistent with support given to other Friends groups, as long as all newly planted areas can be maintained within available resources. There has been no suggestion that Council will resign from mowing around areas that the Friends have planted.

## **Submitter: 61: Kapiti Accessibility Advisory Group**

**Topic: Parks and Open Space/Funding Request/Other**

### **Summary**

Supports Council's Open Spaces strategy in general terms, and requests an opportunity to contribute to its implementation with a focus on accessibility.

Notes there is likely to be a small funding resource needed to complete the current knowledge of the present levels of access provided in Kapiti's parks and open spaces for people with disabilities and impairments.

States "We believe that all urban residents and visitors should experience no barriers to accessing destination parks, neighbourhood parks, sportsgrounds or playgrounds, nor impediments to their use as linkages between residential or commercial areas".

### **Response**

- Council plans to continue the working partnership with Kapiti Accessibility Advisory Group on projects where possible to ensure the facilities are accessible for people with disabilities, as required by law or New Zealand standards.
  
- Council advises that staff are more than happy to work with the Group on how best they can contribute to the implementation of the Parks and Open Space Strategy and in particular on the issue of accessibility. The associated budget amount (up to \$1,000) that would be required to bring the Group up to speed can be accommodated from the existing budget.

## **Submitter: 62: Betty van Gaalen**

### **Topic: Water Management/Water Supply/Fluoridation**

#### **Summary**

Supports the addition to fluoride to water supply.

States "I have seen really bad teeth in children that were not seen after the addition of Fluoride into drinking water." Notes that fluoride is present in all natural waters and soils, and cites the ESR review that concludes "there is no persuasive evidence of harmful effects from optimal water fluoridation"

Asks "Where is the evidence of increased bone fractures or links with cancer that is supposed to be caused by using Fluoridated water?"

Additional information provided in submission.

#### **Response**

The Council notes your supportive comments regarding water fluoridation.

#### **Option A**

Council intends to maintain its current level of service. Council currently adds Fluoride to the Waikanae, Paraparaumu and Raumati water supply. No fluoride is added to Otaki, Hautere or Paekakariki. The level of Fluoride added to Waikanae, Paraparaumu and Raumati water supply was reduced from 1ppm to 0.7ppm in 2009 after the issue was debated by the previous Council. The addition of Fluoride to the public water supply is not mandatory but is recommended by the Ministry of Health. Non-fluoridated water is available at the following public supply points located within Otaki and Paekakariki:

- Otaki Visitor Centre Main Highway, Otaki
- Otaki Library Mill Road, Otaki
- Paekakariki Town Centre, Beach Road, Paekakariki

The location of these non-fluoridated water filling points are identified on the Council website and by signage at each location.

or

#### **Option B**

Council will initiate a special consultative process to determine whether it will continue to add fluoride to the Waikanae, Paraparaumu and Raumati water supply.

## **Submitter: 63: Marina Waterhouse**

### **Topic: Water Management/Water Supply/Fluoridation**

#### **Summary**

Opposes water fluoridation. Considers that:

- it is a by-product of the fertiliser industry that otherwise cannot be released into the environment due to its toxicity
- it is unethical without public vote or informed consent
- the evidence of any benefit is very weak
- there is no adequate margin of safety
- there are better alternatives to combat tooth decay

#### **Response**

##### **Option A**

Council intends to maintain its current level of service. Council currently adds Fluoride to the Waikanae, Paraparaumu and Raumati water supply. No fluoride is added to Otaki, Hautere or Paekakariki. The level of Fluoride added to Waikanae, Paraparaumu and Raumati water supply was reduced from 1ppm to 0.7ppm in 2009 after the issue was debated by the previous Council. The addition of Fluoride to the public water supply is not mandatory but is recommended by the Ministry of Health.

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The location of these non-fluoridated water filling points are identified on the Council website and by signage at each location.

or

##### **Option B**

Council will initiate a special consultative process to determine whether it will continue to add fluoride to the Waikanae, Paraparaumu and Raumati water supply.

## **Submitter: 64: Catherine Bonnar**

### **Topic: Water Management/Water Supply/Fluoridation**

#### **Summary**

Opposes water fluoridation and does not want Council rates spent on it.

Considers that: there are health risks; it is a violation of human rights; and that individuals can choose to get fluoride by using fluoride toothpaste.

States "You do not have the authority or the mandate. Please desist".

#### **Response**

##### **Option A**

Council intends to maintain its current level of service. Council currently adds Fluoride to the Waikanae, Paraparaumu and Raumati water supply. No fluoride is added to Otaki, Hautere or Paekakariki. The level of Fluoride added to Waikanae, Paraparaumu and Raumati water supply was reduced from 1ppm to 0.7ppm in 2009 after the issue was debated by the previous Council. The addition of Fluoride to the public water supply is not mandatory but is recommended by the Ministry of Health.

Non-fluoridated water is available at the following public supply points located within Otaki and Paekakariki:

- Otaki Visitor Centre Main Highway, Otaki
- Otaki Library Mill Road, Otaki
- Paekakariki Town Centre, Beach Road, Paekakariki

The location of these non-fluoridated water filling points are identified on the Council website and by signage at each location.

or

##### **Option B**

Council will initiate a special consultative process to determine whether it will continue to add fluoride to the Waikanae, Paraparaumu and Raumati water supply.

## Submitter: 65: Te Newhanga - Kapiti Community Centre

### Topic: Community Facilities/non-Council Owned Property/Other

#### Summary

Seeking funding for a number of key areas that will: assist the Community Centre achieve desired community outcomes; help anchor the future town centre and community hub plan in this location; and improve opportunities for youth to have affordable, safe social opportunities outside of their school, church and home.

Requests Council make provisions in its 2013/14 Annual Plan budget for:

- "Feasibility study - the funding of the shortfall between the cost of the feasibility study and the amount granted by DIA. This equates to \$10,650 plus GST.
- Suggests a partnership with Council to look at not only the development of the Community Centres Facility, but also developing a pedestrian precinct (i.e. covered parking, landscaping with seating, coloured lights in the evening, sculptures, natural amphitheatre for outdoor concerts).
- Salaries - the contribution of \$32000 plus GST to cover the salaries shortfall between what is needed and the amount DIA has granted
- Capital Improvements - a contribution of \$50,000 towards capital improvements in this financial year to improve the look and layout and increase the multigenerational appeal of the Centre and better cater for the needs of the wider community including youth."

Background information, and photographs of examples of good design, are provided in submission and supporting information.

#### Response

##### Feasibility Study

- Council staff have been working closely with the Management Committee as they have reviewed their activities
- the Council has made clear that any long term future development plans for the Centre must take into account that continued extension of the footprint of the building (ground level) is not appropriate in terms of efficient use of space. Future plans must consider extension upwards.
- Council also notes that the area surrounding the existing building must be developed as part of the overall design for the town centre. A landscape plan for the currently town centre will be developed in 2013/14 (attached is the response to the Community Hub Working Group which provides details)

##### **Option 1-A**

Council declines the request for \$10,650 for the feasibility study. In lieu of funding the Council will provide some staff support time for the feasibility study work.

or

##### **Option 1-B**

Council approves the request for \$10,650 for the feasibility study

##### Capital Expenditure

- at this stage it is unclear exactly what is proposed in terms of physical works. It is understood that the main focus is the entrance/foyer area.
- the Council is sympathetic to the need for revamping of internal space. It is important that significant physical changes are developed in conjunction with Council's Property Manager.
- the Council's property budget has \$18,000 set aside for the community centre over the next two years which can be brought to bear on this project.

##### **Option 2-A**

additional funding of \$32,000 is approved, subject to a final agreed plan being signed off by the Council's Property Manager.

or

##### **Option 2-C**

Council declines to fund a contribution to capital expenditure.

## **Submitter: 65: Te Newhanga - Kapiti Community Centre (Continued)**

**Topic: Community Facilities/non-Council Owned Property/Other**

### Salaries

- Council acknowledges and supports the strategic vision the Trust is developing and the focus on education outreach and events within the centre,
- Council understands that the salary assistance being sought is a one-off cost for 2013/14 with the business model intended to provide sufficient revenue in later years.

### **Option 3-A**

• Council approves a \$17,000 contribution to salary costs for 2013/14,  
or

### **Option 3-B**

Council approves the \$32,000 requested contribution to salary costs  
or

### **Option 3-C**

Council declines to fund a contribution to salary costs.

## **Submitter: 66: Kapiti Coast Youth Council**

**Topic: Supporting Social Wellbeing/Partnership, Advocacy, Funding, Strategies/Other**

### **Summary**

Thanks the Council for their unwavering support for the Youth Council.

### **Response**

The Council notes the thanks for the support of the Youth Council.

**Topic: Parks and Open Space/Facilities/Other**

### **Summary**

Requests Council consider the installation of power sockets at parks, making existing parks more accessible, and providing staging at parks (particularly Maclean Park and Marine Gardens).

### **Response**

- The Council will work with the Youth Council to clarify and investigate locations in parks where power sockets are required. The size and location of stages will also have to be investigated before this request can be costed.
- Investigations and costing will be undertaken in the 2013/14 year. If investigations show there are services to preferred areas consideration will be given to undertaking the installation of additional power sockets.

## **Submitter: 66: Kapiti Coast Youth Council (Continued)**

### **Topic: Libraries, Arts and Museums/Kapiti Coast District Libraries/General**

#### **Summary**

Requests Council consider more involvement with the libraries on behalf of young people. Would like to talk to library staff about other ways young people can use the libraries.

#### **Response**

The Kapiti Coast District Libraries have recently appointed a Youth Services Coordinator and are looking at ways to inspire young people to use our library services and facilities. Discussions will be held with the Youth Council, student groups and local schools. Your thoughts would be greatly appreciated.

### **Topic: Supporting Social Wellbeing/Partnership, Advocacy, Funding, Strategies/Other**

#### **Summary**

States "The Shout Out Awards is a significant award scheme for young people. The awards are about recognising young people, both in school and out, and the various categories reflect that we want to celebrate a wide range of youth achievement."

"We would like to maintain two young people on the awards panel, and involvement in project planning and decisions".

Requests that the 'Shout Out Awards' continue with youth participation in planning; and the awards continue to provide a high standard event which is on level with Civic Awards recognition.

#### **Response**

The Council notes the success of the inaugural Shout Out Awards and will continue to work with the Youth Council and young people to ensure the awards continue successfully.

### **Topic: Supporting Social Wellbeing/Partnership, Advocacy, Funding, Strategies/Other (Continued)**

#### **Summary**

Reminds Council that young people are still passionate about the concept of a Youth Centre and are helping work on feasibility.

States "We have struggled to have a voice on the advisory group and are concerned that the youth perspective is not being fully heard on this group".

Seeks continued consultation with youth over all processes regarding the Youth Centre; and continued support from Council and Council staff to explore Youth Centre models and the growing need for one.

#### **Response**

The Council notes the the Youth Council's concern about their involvement with the Youth Centre Advisory Group. The Council will work closely with the Youth Council to ensure involvement in the Youth Centre Advisory Group but will also work directly with the Youth Council to make sure they have input into the Youth Centre feasibility study.

## **Submitter: 66: Kapiti Coast Youth Council (Continued)**

### **Topic: Supporting Social Wellbeing/Partnership, Advocacy, Funding, Strategies/Other**

#### **Summary**

Seeks funding for five additional hours for the Youth Council Coordinator. The co-ordinator currently has 15 hrs/week. The extra hours will be dedicated to Council partnership projects.

Seeks easy access to a Council van for Youth Council activities

#### **Response**

- The Council advises that the Youth Council Coordinator role was increased from 5 hours to 15 hours per week in the 2012 LTP. The Council proposes to monitor the effectiveness of this level of service over the period until the next Long Term Plan.
  
- In that period additional support can be provided to the Youth Council out of the existing social wellbeing budget on an ad-hoc basis depending on the projects happening at the time.
  
- Council does not have a van available but will investigate other ways it can assist. A more efficient use of resources is likely to be van hire for particular projects.

### **Topic: Supporting Social Wellbeing/Partnership, Advocacy, Funding, Strategies/Other (Continued)**

#### **Summary**

Requests an additional \$6,000 be allocated to the Youth2U Dollars scheme.

Youth2U Dollars is an important scheme for helping young people pursue interests and develop themselves.

Currently there are two funding rounds of \$3,000 each. Each funding round funds two groups (\$500 each) and about 10 individuals. Annually receives around 120 applications, and of those as many as 100 from "massively deserving young people doing amazing things for our community".

Considers "Community Board grants are amazing for people who are achieving highly in their fields". Youth2U Dollars "aims for young people who may not be the best at what they do, but are the most passionate".

#### **Response**

Council will undertake a review of Youth2U Dollars in the 2013/14 financial year and will work with the Youth Council on that review. The review will include examining the long term effectiveness of the Youth2U Dollars scheme, the funding criteria and the amount available for distribution.

#### **Option A**

Council approves an increase of funding by \$6,000 for the Youth2U Dollars scheme for 2013/14

Or

#### **Option B**

Council declines an increase of funding by \$6,000 for the Youth2U Dollars scheme for 2013/14.

## **Submitter: 67: Brian & Judith Wheeler**

### **Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Rates and Charges/Affordability**

#### **Summary**

Opposes rates increase for Waikanae.

Considers that "Council should and must keep its expenditure in line with residents ability to pay". States "the way to do this is surely revising the items on 'wish list' if not eliminating or deferring them".

#### **Response**

The Council notes your comments and has reviewed its capital works programme as part of reducing the average rating level of the District from 6.9% to 4.7%. Also the rating level for Waikanae for the 2013/14 year in the Long Term plan has reduced from 7.82% to 5.82% in the Draft Annual Plan for the Waikanae urban rating area.

## **Submitter: 68: Stephen Rayner**

### **Topic: Community Facilities/Public Toilets/Additional Toilets**

#### **Summary**

Requests upgrade of public toilets and changing rooms at Weka Park in Raumati as "they currently are in a poor state of repair - when the showers are used the water flows out through the changing rooms".

#### **Response**

- Funds were made available for the first time in the 2013/14 financial year (\$25,000) for Council changing facilities on parks to be upgraded.
- During 2012/13 the funds were committed to water conservation initiatives such as replacing shower heads, installing manual flushing urinals and push top taps.
- Work on the showers at Weka Park is being investigated and will be considered in the 2013/14 year within the existing budget.
- Other works will be considered and prioritised within future work programmes of the toilets/changing facilities budget.

### **Topic: Community Facilities/non-Council Owned Property/Other**

#### **Summary**

Requests funding be made available to improve wheelchair access to the western side of the Kapiti Coast United Sports Club. Advises that the current paths are too steep and need a lower gradient.

#### **Response**

Council advises that staff will work with the Club to see if we can fund a workable solution to both parties. The staff contact is Lex Bartlett, Leisure and Open Space Asset Manager.

## **Submitter: 69: John Embling**

**Topic: Supporting Social Wellbeing/Partnership, Advocacy, Funding, Strategies/Other**

### **Summary**

Seeks a funding contribution to the neighbourhood support services currently provided to the Otaki region.

States: "We are aware that KCDC already makes a financial contribution to the provision of Neighbourhood Support services through Kapiti Safe Community Trust. Although Neighbourhood Support Horowhenua is based in the Horowhenua District Council territorial area, as a result of our boundaries aligning with Police boundaries, we find ourselves serving an area of some 5,500 people in Otaki with no financial contribution from the local authority representing them."

"Horowhenua District Council has provided funding of \$25,000 per year for us to operate in Horowhenua, serving a population of approx 30,000. Of course, our activity in Horowhenua has been more intensive than in Otaki, but a commensurate contribution from KCDC would be most welcome and would be in the interests of your community."

Further supporting information provided in submission.

### **Response**

Approve \$3,000 funding for Neighbourhood Support Horowhenua from within the existing Supporting Social Wellbeing budget for the next two years. Council staff would like to work closely with Neighbourhood Support Horowhenua to review and monitor Neighbourhood Support in Otaki. This information would be used to inform the review of funding of community contracts scheduled in line with the next Long Term Plan.

## Submitter: 70: Kapiti Cycling Inc

### Topic: Access and Transport/Cycleways, Walkways and Bridleways/Network

#### Summary

Asks to be consulted over the improvements to the intersections at Te Roto and Milne Drives which are proposed in connection with the Kapiti Expressway. Requests Council incorporate the latest cycle path standards for these improvements. States "Advanced Stop Boxes must be used at traffic signal intersections".

Asks that Council consider improvements to Kapiti Road with a view to cyclists. States "Kapiti Road is unquestionably the worst stretch of multi-purpose road in Kapiti, and possibly even in the Wellington region". Notes that Sir Noel Robinson's vision has not proceeded and improvements outside Mitre 10 "do not fit with his boulevard look". Asks Council to commit to a short-term solution that separates walking and cycling completely from the roadway.

Background information provided in submission.

#### Response

- The MacKays to Peka Peka Expressway will be constructed to the appropriate Austroads standards. Council staff are strongly advocating for the best possible outcomes for active transport to be achieved in the construction of the Expressway. The detailed design of the off road cycle facilities is still to be completed by the Expressway design teams.
- The progressive upgrade of Kapiti Road is a significant strategic project for Council. Work has already been done on the possible look and feel of Kapiti Road in conjunction with the development of the Town Centre planning, more detailed work was delayed due to the uncertainty associated with the expressway. Further work is now planned in 2013/14 to develop a long term vision for the road that over time will be implemented as sections of the road are upgraded. The vision will incorporate the needs of pedestrian, cyclist and road users with a focus on developing more of a boulevard feel to the road. This work will incorporate input from the community on their needs and issues raised through the annual plan process will also be incorporated.
- In regard to Kapiti Road, Council notes that outside of State Highway 1 Kapiti Road has the highest recorded crash history for cyclists in the Kapiti District. Well over half of Kapiti Road now has cycle lanes installed and signalling the intersection of Kapiti Road and Rimu Road has made turning movements for cycling much safer as well as providing off road alternatives.

## **Submitter: 70: Kapiti Cycling Inc (Continued)**

### **Topic: Access and Transport/Cycleways, Walkways and Bridleways/Network**

#### **Summary**

Asks that Council consider continuous improvements to the current cycleway network: has already expressed concerns about the poor standard of the pathway design to the Board of Inquiry (concerns shared by Council's own staff). Asks that KCI will have input into the detailed design of the pathway and its connections to the existing network.

#### **Response**

The Council is continuously improving the CWB network. Council allocates a significant amount each year to build the CWB network as described in the Long Term Plan. Council staff are strongly advocating for the best possible outcomes for active transport to be achieved in the construction of the Expressway. The detailed design of the off road cycle facilities is still to be completed by the Expressway design

## **Submitter: 72: John Murray**

### **Topic: Parks and Open Space/Facilities/Other**

#### **Summary**

Wants to see the Wharemauku Stream development undertaken, in particular through the Coastlands Sector, and the ability to "walk by the 'quiet waters' with an underpass under the bridges, in safety and peace, with seats and trees and flowers".

Submission sets out a vision for the area, and copies of letters to the editor (including above quote), and excerpts from; Kapiti Update, Community Plan Reports, and 1991 proposal from Chris Harlen.

#### **Response**

- The redevelopment of the Wharemauku Stream will occur as part of the adopted Wharemauku Stream Community Freshwater Plan. The speed of implementing this plan will depend on available funding, the impact of the redevelopment of the adjacent Town Centre land, the Airport development, construction works as a result of the Expressway and stormwater management requirements of the stream. Council through its partnership arrangements with the Friends of the Wharemauku Stream and Transpower's Greenline scheme is continuing the development of the stream environs.
- This work will not include access east of Rimu Road under or through Coastlands. It is not safe. This area is a flood way and should not be developed to allow for either seating or public walkways.

## **Submitter: 73: Christopher Glover**

### **Topic: Parks and Open Space/Facilities/Other**

#### **Summary**

Requests that the path alongside the Wharemauku Stream on the west side of Coastlands overbridge be fully reinstated.

Considers that the path is part of the mountains to sea ecological corridor. "Flax planted on top of the stream bank should be removed so that this path leading to the path under Coastlands can be fully reinstated and maintained"

Photos of path attached to submission.

#### **Response**

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- This work will not include access east of Rimu Road under or through Coastlands. It is not safe. This area is a flood way and should not be developed to allow for either seating or public walkways.

### **Topic: Parks and Open Space/Facilities/Other (Continued)**

#### **Summary**

Requests that the separate bicycle and pedestrian entry to Otaihanga Domain be reinstated to keep pedestrians and cyclists safely away from motor vehicles. Photo of access attached to submission.

#### **Response**

The reinstatement of the Otaihanga reserve path should be unnecessary given the works that will be carried out in this area, namely making the roading pattern clearer in the reserve with a one way system with one entrance designated as the entry and the other as the exit. Coupled with this an all weather metal path has been constructed from under the Otaihanga footbridge to Makora Road next to the Otaihanga Boating Clubrooms. This new metal path will increase the usage of the informal path particularly by cyclists.

## **Submitter: 74: Lowell Manning**

### **Topic: Water Management/Water Supply/Water Storage**

#### **Summary**

Considers that current rules relating to the restricted water supply to watertanks are counterproductive. States "They increase peak use instead of decreasing it".

Suggests that water tanks are used for garden and outdoor use, and that there should be no outside taps on council supply. Suggests if Council specified water efficient fittings (eg 6/3 toilet cisterns, pressure reducing shower heads, and reduced pipe size for in-house water pipes) demand can easily be reduced below 200 litres per person per day.

When an outside tank runs dry residents will have to buy in non-mains supply for watering gardens or other outdoor water uses. This would save households capital costs, and Council future water infrastructure costs. The installation of a rainwater tank can then become voluntary.

#### **Response**

Council advises that in Plan Change 75, adopted in 2009, dual restrictor manifolds with restricted supply for outdoor and non-essential water use are combined with on-demand water supply to the house. Council has no plans to amend the Plan Change 75 requirement.

### **Topic: Stormwater Management/Flooding/Other**

#### **Summary**

Considers that current policies relating to stormwater attenuation are counterproductive.

States "The problem with the system is that it typically contrives to discharge its maximum flow at exactly the same time as the peak flow occurs in the streams and rivers at that discharge point."

"Because the peak flow is 'delayed' by the time of concentration, by far the best solution for the Kapiti urban area is to get rid of the surface water as quickly as possible, before the peak flow arrives from upstream. This situation applies to all the Waikanae and all the Otaki areas and nearly all of the Paraparaumu area. The current policy was extremely poorly thought out and the present district plan review provides a great opportunity to repeal it". Considers this will save household development costs as well as potentially in Council infrastructure costs.

#### **Response**

The Council have noted your comments on stormwater attenuation.

## **Submitter: 75: Dale Evans**

### **Topic: Water Management/Water Supply/Water Meters**

#### **Summary**

Considers that water meters should be used for leak detection and as a method of measuring water supply use and not used for a charging regime. States this should be supported with an education programme about water use that "would involve proper information and not the media propaganda the Council has used so far".

#### **Response**

Council has had a water education programme as part of its water conservation plan since before 2009. For more information see Council's website [www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/Your-Council/A---Z-Council-Services-and-Facilities/Water/Water-Use/](http://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/Your-Council/A---Z-Council-Services-and-Facilities/Water/Water-Use/) or contact Council's Water Use Advisor.

Council resolved to proceed with the installation of water meters in June 2012 and is progressing with the installation on time and on budget.

The results of a comprehensive consultative process undertaken prior to the Council's decision in June 2012 reported a small majority (53%) of those surveyed did not support water meters.

When understanding water demand, water loss through leakage is only one part of the picture and to look at it in isolation shows a lack of understanding of water supply management.

Changes in behaviour and reduction in peak demand are areas where water meters offer significant benefits. Once volumetric charging is introduced in July 2014, these benefits will allow for a significant reduction in Council's ongoing capital expenditure.

### **Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Financial Strategy/Managing Debt**

#### **Summary**

Considers that "KCDC's debt is out of control with levels now reaching unaffordable and unsustainable levels." Suggests that Council "is taking a punt that the debt will not have to be repaid if amalgamation takes place".

#### **Response**

- The Council advises that local authority costs are driven by the Local Government inflation index averaging 2.8% rather than the household Cost Price Index (CPI).
- The Local Government Inflation Index is produced by BERL (Business & Economic Research Ltd) for all local authorities. This index is driven by the construction price index which is generally higher than the household CPI as the household CPI is impacted by a range of goods and services, such as the food index etc.
- The Council is conscious of those on fixed income and has endeavoured to keep the rates down and has reduced the rate increase down from the 6.9% as per the Long Term Plan to 4.7% in the Draft Annual Plan.
- This Council is the only council to carry out an affordability study every three years as part of its Long Term Plan.

## **Submitter: 75: Dale Evans (Continued)**

### **Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Rates and Charges/Affordability**

#### **Summary**

Considers rates to be excessive and states that anecdotal evidence shows "many people are being forced out of their homes in Kapiti because the rates burden has become too much for them".

Asks Council to cap rate increases to no higher than the rate of inflation.

#### **Response**

- The Council would like you to provide evidence that people are leaving the District due to the level of rates.
  
- The average residential rates in Kapiti are still lower than those in Porirua and the average residential rate in Otaki is similar to residential rates in Levin.
  
- If Council capped its rate increase at no higher than the rate of inflation, the community would need to decide and advise the Council what levels of services it was prepared to forego.
  
- Also the Council would not be able to improve facilities such as the Coastlands Aquatic Centre and would have to continue to maintain a pool of lower quality with a lower standard of service. The Raumati Pool has now reached the end of its useful economic life and to continue to operate the pool long term is not cost effective.
  
- This Council is the only Council that carries out an affordability study as part of its Long Term Plan process.

### **Topic: Water Management/Health Issues/Other**

#### **Summary**

Asks Council to "have a proper plan" for replacing of asbestos pipes including costs, timelines and "clear identification of where the asbestos pipes are in the system as well as the age and standard of the existing asbestos pipes". Considers that Council should be conducting independent testing for asbestos fibres in water supply.

#### **Response**

Council does have an AC pipe renewal strategy for Water and Wastewater pipes. Renewal work has started, most recently Wellington Road in Paekakariki. Testing and monitoring of pipe condition is part of the renewal planning strategy.

**Submitter: 75: Dale Evans (Continued)****Topic: Water Management/Water Supply/Fluoridation****Summary**

Opposes any water fluoridation in the district. States "if the argument for fluoride was a compelling one then KCDC would put it in the water for Otaki and Paekakariki"

**Response****Option A**

Council intends to maintain its current level of service. Council currently adds Fluoride to the Waikanae, Paraparaumu and Raumati water supply. No fluoride is added to Otaki, Hautere or Paekakariki. The level of Fluoride added to Waikanae, Paraparaumu and Raumati water supply was reduced from 1ppm to 0.7ppm in 2009 after the issue was debated by the previous Council. The addition of Fluoride to the public water supply is not mandatory but is recommended by the Ministry of Health.

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or

**Option B**

Council will initiate a special consultative process to determine whether it will continue to add fluoride to the Waikanae, Paraparaumu and Raumati water supply.

**Topic: Community Facilities/Council Owned Properties/Other****Summary**

Suggests that hall hire fees be waived for all community organisations/not for profits. Considers community groups seeking grants from community boards to pay for hall hire to be a "money go round" and a waste of time.

Suggests a roster system be developed where groups apply for the use of public utilities such as halls.

**Response**

- Council is currently undertaking a community facilities review that includes hall hire. The Council will consider your comments as part of that review.
- Hall hire fees are currently subsidised from rates for 75% of the operating costs. Waiving hire fees would increase rates.

## **Submitter: 75: Dale Evans (Continued)**

### **Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Democratic Processes/Other**

#### **Summary**

Supports the two-tier system of local government for the Wellington region. Suggests Council push for the establishment of a super city and retain community boards. States "This way local democracy and local decision making would be protected". Considers a single tier system would see local democracy threatened.

#### **Response**

The Council notes your support for the two-tier system of local government but notes that the two-tier system does not offer Community Boards as such. Instead it guarantees a voice at the District level. A single tier option provides the opportunity for community boards but does not guarantee their use by the governing body.

### **Topic: Water Management/Water Supply/Water Storage**

#### **Summary**

Considers the solution to Kapiti's water storage problem is to build a dam. States "This has been the public's preferred option for the last two decades. We have seen many millions of ratepayers money wasted on the bore system which has been a rank failure."

Suggests "Do what is sensible and either hand over the Water supply needs for Kapiti to the Greater Wellington Regional Council or get on and build a dam."

#### **Response**

- The Council was able to avoid significant water restrictions in the recent drought period through the use of its bore field and does not consider this to be a failure.
- The most recent draught and associated water supply issues faced by the region, specifically the reported immanent lack of available treated water supply (minimum of 2 weeks) within the Greater Wellington Regional Councils supply catchments, does not suggest the "hand over" of a further 46,000 Kapiti users would be a sensible option.
- Council has purchased land for a proposed Dam in the Maungakotukutuku valley and its construction is currently planned for 2060.

### **Topic: Water Management/Water Supply/Water Storage (Continued)**

#### **Summary**

Considers that the recharge scheme will waste "many millions" on untested science, is poorly researched, and there is "ample evidence to show that it would do significant damage to the river while there is no real evidence that the scheme would even work".

Risk that ratepayer money will be wasted "on another KCDC white elephant scheme"

#### **Response**

Council advises that the research for the River Recharge with Groundwater project was extensively tested and is currently awaiting the outcome of a consenting process for the scheme. There is no evidence to suggest the scheme would do significant damage to the Waikanae River.

## **Submitter: 75: Dale Evans (Continued)**

### **Topic: Access and Transport/Footpaths/Other**

#### **Summary**

Considers that basic issues such as footpath repairs and street lighting are being affected in favour of major projects such as the Aquatic Centre. Asks that Council stick to its core business.

#### **Response**

The Council has not cut budgets for footpath repairs and streetlight in favour of major projects.

### **Topic: Community Facilities/Swimming Pools/Aquatic Centre**

#### **Summary**

Considers that Council has failed the disability community in the lack of suitable disability access at the aquatic centre. Suggests that Council have a policy to address disability issues up front when any project is planned and "not treated as an afterthought".

#### **Response**

The Council has provided disability access to the pool building, a ramp into the programmes pool, and a self operated hoist and custom built stairs in the main pool. In addition Council has had a ramp designed for the main pool and is currently working through the process of having it approved by Variopool for use with the moveable floor.

### **Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Consultation, Projects and**

#### **Summary**

Asks Council to reconsider its methods for consulting with the public. States nearly every major project has been "widely criticised for the lack of proper consultation with all affected parties".

#### **Response**

- Council has undertaken extensive consultation processes on a whole range of significant projects in the District. It uses many different methods and consultation and is interested to elicit community views not to avoid what are often complex and difficult issues.
  
- Inevitably decisions on complex matters will not satisfy all who have participated in consultation; this of itself does not mean the process has been inadequate.

**Submitter: 75: Dale Evans (Continued)****Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Financial Strategy/Managing Debt****Summary**

Concerned about the amount of interest being paid on debt from rate payments. States "If we take the number of Rate Payers in Kapiti of approximately 16,000 - this makes the debt per Rate Payer of \$7210 if the figure supplied by KCDC is correct \$115,369,069.00 as stated in the Corporate Business Agenda 14th Feb 2013 under Recommendations. As stated in the Draft Plan, the debt is set to rise to \$196,000,000 - the breakdown then makes the debt per Rate Payer \$12,250."

**Response**

The number of rateable properties is incorrect and should be 24,444. The debt per rateable property is therefore \$4,720. The debt reaches a peak of \$196 million in 2023/24 when the number of rateable properties is projected to be higher but over on today's number of rateable properties the debt is \$8,018 per rateable property.

**Topic: Water Management/Water Supply/Water Quality****Summary**

States "The bore water continues to be a potential health hazard to the people of Kapiti and to the Waikanae River if it was used for the proposed river recharge scheme. The issue of saline intrusion in the bores needs to be fully researched and the public need to be made aware of the quality and standards of water coming from the bores.

**Response**

The Council advises research for the River Recharge with Ground Water proposal was extensively tested and will not result in a health hazard to the people of Kapiti or the Waikanae River.

**Submitter: 76: Jane Coombs****Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Rates and Charges/Other****Summary**

Seeks a reduction in rates while dealing with the "uncertainty hanging over our house" by the Coastal Hazards Provisions of the Proposed District Plan.

**Response**

The Council thanks the submitter for their submission and advises that the Council rejects the request for a reduction in rates relating to the proposed coastal hazards provision in the proposed District Plan. A recently commissioned report by independent valuation advisors makes clear that since the release of coastal erosion information, sales prices relative to rateable value has increased in the coastal area.

## **Submitter: 77: Whakarongotai Marae - Te Atiawa**

**Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Tangata Whenua/Other**

### **Summary**

States "As a member of Otaraua hapu I want to support brilliant District Plan Wahi Tapu work and Pataka Moore etc. I wish the funding support for this work to continue after 2014"

### **Response**

Wahi Tapu work is budgeted through to 2015/16. Further level of support will be reviewed in the development of the 2015 Long Term Plan process.

## **Submitter: 78: Ngati Koroki**

**Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Tangata Whenua/Other**

### **Summary**

States "I wish to speak in support of KCDC continuing its work on Wahi Tapu sites in the District after 2014".

### **Response**

Wahi Tapu work is budgeted through to 2015/16. Further level of support will be reviewed in the development of the 2015 Long Term Plan process.

## **Submitter: 79: Paraparaumu/Raumati Community Board**

**Topic: Building Control and Resource Consents/General/Other**

### **Summary**

States "has concerns regarding central government proposals that continue to impact on local authorities and therefore increase financial pressure on ratepayers - e.g. requirement for Councils to carry out seismic capacity assessments."

Supports Council's submission on the requirement for seismic capacity assessments "in relation to ensuring that the Government provide adequate funding to Local Government to enable this added responsibility to be undertaken without a further financial burden on the ratepayers and awaits the Government's response in this regard".

### **Response**

The Council thanks the Community Board for their support for Council's submission to Government on the requirement for seismic capacity assessments.

## **Submitter: 79: Paraparaumu/Raumati Community Board (Continued)**

### **Topic: Community Facilities/Swimming Pools/Aquatic Centre**

#### **Summary**

Concerned about the proposed addition of a second hydro-slide "considering that access for disability users remains an issue". Suggests that Council engage with disability groups regarding disabled access before approval is given for a second hydro-slide.

#### **Response**

Council is actively working towards the provision of a moveable ramp in the new Coastlands Aquatic Centre. On 30 May 2013 a ramp design was sent to VarioPool for their comment and subsequent approval. It is possible that design changes will be necessary in order to meet VarioPool requirements.

### **Topic: Parks and Open Space/Funding Request/Other**

#### **Summary**

States "Whilst wishing to keep rate increases at prudent levels wishes to have funding available for some projects: For tree projects - the Board would like to be considered first for this funding for the Norfolk Pine at Paraparaumu Beach and Christmas lighting."

#### **Response**

- Council notes that depending on the availability of a power source, lighting of the Norfolk Pine tree would cost approximately \$5,000.
- There is currently \$10,000 in the 2013/14 Annual Plan for decorative lighting to be installed throughout the district over a number of years. Your request will be forwarded on to this process.

### **Topic: Libraries, Arts and Museums/Arts/Other**

#### **Summary**

States "Whilst wishing to keep rate increases at prudent levels wishes to have funding available for some projects: with the removal of the tui sculpture at Paraparaumu Beach the Board seeks that any funding under the public arts policy is prioritised for a replacement."

The Board understands Council continues to work on developing a public arts policy.

#### **Response**

The draft Public Art Policy outlines a number of recommendations that the Public Art Panel may implement as a result of an item of public art being relocated or removed. Once the Public Art Policy has been approved by the Council and a Public Art Panel appointed, a decision will be made in accordance with the policy as to where any future public art would be best placed within the District.

## Submitter: 80: Lupin Developments Ltd

### Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Financial Strategy/Managing Rates

#### Summary

Challenges the change to the definition of 'separately used and inhabited parts of a rating unit'. Considers that this is a significant change in rating policy that "appears to be directed at preventing parties from holding multiple lots under one title and having them treated as an individual rating unit".

States that change is:

1. Unlawful: Attaches a legal opinion that "concludes that extending the meaning of the clause 'separately used and inhabited parts of a rating unit' to include vacant lots is likely to be ultra vires.
2. Inequitable: targets a very small group of people - developers holding large numbers of vacant lots.
3. Not justified at a policy level: Why is this being introduced? Submission suggests the possible rationale and provides reasons why these are not justifiable.
4. Will have adverse impacts on council revenue, growth and housing affordability: developers will leave market reducing availability of houses and pushing up costs, loss of higher rates from developed properties.
5. Was not properly notified: Not included in Policy Changes section of Annual Plan, and no discussions with developers representative group.

Submission includes detailed discussion of concerns, and supporting information including a graph illustrating the impact of 'Unjustified Rating Burden' on the Lake Karuwhat Estate, and a depreciation analysis.

Submission is supported by a list of '15 Supporting Developers and Consultants'.

#### Response

- The Council advises that the definition of separately used or inhabited parts of a rating unit as drafted by Council is not unlawful. There is a requirement under the Local Government Act that where Council sets any rates on the basis of separately used or inhabited parts of a rating unit, it is required to prepare and include such a definition in its Funding Impact Statement in its Long Term Plans and Annual Plans. The definition is certainly not ultra vires.
- The proposed change was not inequitable but was intended to restore equity so that vacant lots whether owned by individual ratepayers or by Developers were levied rates on the same basis. The proposed change was based on fairness and equity issues in relation to rating of vacant sections.
- The Council, given its limited rating tools, endeavours to set the rates policy on a fair and equitable basis across all groups of ratepayers.
- The Council recognises that rates are a holding cost for Developers especially if sections are not selling at an appropriate level and acknowledges the level of rates your three developments would be paying in rates until the properties are sold.
- The Council notes your comments on the financial aspects and the rating impact if the Council was to proceed with the definition of separately used or inhabited parts of a rating unit as per the Draft Annual Plan.

## **Submitter: 80: Lupin Developments Ltd (Continued)**

### **Topic: Governance and Tangata Whenua/Financial Strategy/Managing Rates**

- The Council advises the change to the definition was appropriately notified in terms of its inclusion in the Draft Annual Plan. The Council had included that change to the definition of separately used or inhabited parts of a rating unit in its Funding Impact Statement in the Draft Annual Plan.
- The Council, although not required, notified the two Developers who had taken advantage of the definition in the 2012 Long Term Plan to amalgamate the titles to avoid the rating impact of targeted fixed rates on each separate lot. The notification was made to enable those Developers to make a submission to the Draft Annual Plan.
- The Council will be amending the definition of separately used or inhabited parts of a rating unit in the final 2013/14 Annual Plan back to the definition that was included previously in the 2012 Long Term Plan but will be keeping a watching brief on the impact of this on the Council's growth in its rating base.

## **Submitter: 81: Otaki Community Board**

### **Topic: Access and Transport/Local Roading Network/Design**

#### **Summary**

Requests that Council "prioritise the 'Waitohu clip-on' for safety reasons including the approach

#### **Response**

- The proposed clip on structure for the Waitohu bridge is an idea that has not yet received approval or dedicated funding for construction by the Council. A decision to proceed with a pedestrian facility over the Waitohu Stream will be prioritised and ranked alongside other proposed safety improvements across the District. Any proposed bridge structure on the Waitohu requires resource consent and a specific design assuming a bridge is considered the most appropriate design solution. The issue will be address diring 2013/14. There are other interim solutions that Council can progress in this location before a commitment to a bridge design is reached.
- The Council will keep the Board updated with developments in this area.

### **Topic: Access and Transport/Cycleways, Walkways and Bridleways/Network**

#### **Summary**

States "The Board would like to indicate its continuing support for the work on implementing the Cycleway, Walkway and Bridleway (CWB) Network programme, with a specific focus on connecting pathways between Haruatai Park with the hospital land in Otaki".

#### **Response**

The Council advises that permission has been given by the Office of Treaty Settlements to establish paths on the old hospital grounds adjacent to Haruatai Park on the provision that they may need to be removed as a consequence of Treaty settlements.

## **Submitter: 81: Otaki Community Board (Continued)**

### **Topic: Supporting Social Wellbeing/Partnership, Advocacy, Funding, Strategies/Other**

#### **Summary**

Requests \$10,000 funding for a graffiti eradication programme (graffiti on private property), "as central government funding in this area has ceased".

#### **Response**

Council approves \$10,000 for a graffiti eradication programme, for the next two years, and monitors effectiveness leading into review, for district, of issues for the next Long Term Plan.

### **Topic: Access and Transport/Local Roading Network/Other**

#### **Summary**

Asks Council to include in its 2013/14 roading work programme "the monitoring of heavy vehicle movements focussing on Mill Road and Waerenga Roads as well as north/south movements".

#### **Response**

Monitoring of freight movement by heavy vehicles through the District is ongoing. Council will identify preferred routes for the purpose of safety and asset management which may include load restrictions on bridges. Major and local connector roads including Mill Road and Waerenga Road will be evaluated against these criteria.

### **Topic: Access and Transport/Cycleways, Walkways and Bridleways/Network**

#### **Summary**

Asks Council to review and implement new signage on the main road to direct public to the Otaki estuary viewing platform and Otaki River Walkway (western end).

#### **Response**

This will be funded from the current Access and Transport budget.

### **Topic: Access and Transport/Local Roading Network/Design**

#### **Summary**

Asks Council to "complete its review of traffic calming measures (including signage) at the entry of Te Horo Beach, noting that previous designs were not satisfactory".

#### **Response**

A scheme was prepared in October 2012 consisting of signs and road markings. The "Friends of Te Horo Beach" were consulted and there were mixed responses but the general consensus was the "traffic calming" elements were insufficient. Council is committed to installing traffic calming measures and will continue to consult the community with the object of agreeing on a new or amended design during the remainder of the 2013 calendar year.

## **Submitter: 82: Whetu van den Oever**

**Topic: Supporting Social Wellbeing/Partnership, Advocacy, Funding, Strategies/Other**

### **Summary**

Seeking funding of \$300 for Kapa Haka Colleges Group to provide for the tutor that is preparing children for Regionals in July 2013. Request is based on 10 four hour practices at \$30 each.

States "This Kapa Haka group represents the Kapiti Coast. This group reaches out further than only school kids learning the haka. This is about culture, about youth, about future for the children and future generations."

Also asks that Council consider longer term funding of \$1,200 per year "to pay an extra teacher which will be for all 4 terms: \$30 (minimum) x 10 weeks x 4 terms".

Further information is included on background to the group, descriptions of the 'amazing' teacher, benefits to the children, and the growing parent support including the development of a vegetable garden to feed the children during the practice.

### **Response**

The Council will forward the submission to the Creative Communities Grants Scheme and the Community Boards Grant Scheme as these are more relevant for the submitter's request.

## **Submitter: 83: Fluoride Action Network NZ**

### **Topic: Water Management/Water Supply/Fluoridation**

#### **Summary**

Opposes Fluoride in water.

Considers that "if KCDC was to stop fluoridation without any further consultation, citing reasons similar to the Ruapehu-Taumarunui Council, or perhaps concerns over bottle fed babies, there would be very few people who would argue."

States that New Plymouth, Tauamauniu and Waipukurau have stopped fluoridating since 2010. States "Hamilton are now undergoing a Tribunal Style hearing like the New Plymouth council did in 2011 and Hastings and Whakatane are holding referenda in conjunction with this year's local body election.

Gives further information on the South Taranaki District Council's Judicial Review regarding fluoridation in Patea and Waverly and the reasons for Ruapehu-Taumarunui Council decision to stop fluoridation.

#### **Response**

##### **Option A**

Council intends to maintain its current level of service. Council currently adds Fluoride to the Waikanae, Paraparaumu and Raumati water supply. No fluoride is added to Otaki, Hautere or Paekakariki. The level of Fluoride added to Waikanae, Paraparaumu and Raumati water supply was reduced from 1ppm to 0.7ppm in 2009 after the issue was debated by the previous Council. The addition of Fluoride to the public water supply is not mandatory but is recommended by the Ministry of Health.

Non-fluoridated water is available at the following public supply points located within Otaki and Paekakariki:

- Otaki Visitor Centre Main Highway, Otaki
- Otaki Library Mill Road, Otaki
- Paekakariki Town Centre, Beach Road, Paekakariki

The location of these non-fluoridated water filling points are identified on the Council website and by signage at each location.

or

##### **Option B**

Council will initiate a special consultative process to determine whether it will continue to add fluoride to the Waikanae, Paraparaumu and Raumati water supply.