

Request for Staff Report

To: Assets/Infrastructure Committee
From: Cr. Gill Duncan
Date: 13 February 2020
Subject: Request for Staff Report with Pause on Taihape Memorial Park Amenities Build

As a Northern Ward Elected Member I am requesting a pause to Council process with regards to the Taihape (TPE), Memorial Park Amenities Build and am calling for this Committee to request a report from Staff.

This would allow for Staff to collate all the new developments on the Park, such as the Weka Street (old bowling club) rooms that are newly available on the park as a Community space, (including whether or not they are up to specifications), the proposed TAS new build, using the TPE Pool ablution facilities, the need to replace the toilet block that services the playground area, etc.

There is a groundswell of negative feedback regarding the present Taihape Memorial Park Amenities build proposal.

Main concerns are:

1. The fate of the Grandstand. – Demolition by neglect.
2. The top story of the Amenities build is not required.
3. The money required to be fundraised by the TPE Community for the top story is \$300K
4. The planned build does not reflect any vision for the Park as a whole.

A pause would allow for greater clarity to be brought around the proposal and enable any further consultation to be more inclusive, as requested by the residents of Cr Hiroa and myself.

There is a suggestion that the present Council agreement, in regard to this build, be revoked: Justification for revoking this Council decision can be seen in the new developments on the Park. A pause in the proceedings would give us a chance to see the validity of this move.

Yours truly,

Cr. Gill Duncan

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Tabled at Assets/Infrastructure
on 13 February 2020

Taihape Community Board Agenda Item Submission Form

Meeting date 12th February 2020

Submitted by Ann Abernethy

Agenda item.

Community Representation – Amenities Block

Description of issue to be tabled

In December I was present at a well attended public meeting, the objective of which was to provide information and answer questions about the proposed facility for Taihape Memorial Park.

From the many responses, questions and comments I was made aware of the following :

1. the Taihape community welcomes a new, up-dated amenities block
2. the planned location of the amenities block would be accepted but with a proviso that upgraded amenities be made available in or near the present location
3. the Taihape community does not support the planned upper storey of this facility.

Resolution sought

As Chair of the Taihape Community Board I believe it is my role to act as an advocate for the community and hence I am asking the Rangitikei District Council to re-visit the current plans for the above mentioned facility, with the possibility of returning to the option of two separate builds. A change of location for the proposed “pavilion” would be required. The above issue was discussed at the recent Workshop of TCB.

Outcome

1. The build of the new amenities block proceeds
2. The location of the block takes into consideration the needs of all Park users ie. visitors, family groups, youngsters
3. The build of the upper storey (pavilion) does not proceed as planned but other options be considered.

In order to have the item included in the Agenda, please ensure that this form is with Sheryl Srhoj (sheryl.srhoj@rangitikei.govt.nz) no later than