

Submission Hearing on:

The Consultation Document “Framing our Future”, for the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan (LTP).

Wednesday 12 May 2021 in Taihape

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(10) Mark McCoard	Taihape Squash Club	12 May 21, 9.40am	<p><u>Taihape Squash Club Developments</u></p> <p>The primary focus over the last few months has been to consult with other social groups.</p> <p>The next step is to follow up on funding applications.</p> <p>We want the new facility to cater to the wider town to accommodate AGM’s, conference meetings, etc.</p>	<p>The Mayor: What are you requesting of Council? Answer: Consenting advice and support.</p> <p>Cr Wilson: How is the funding process going? Answer: We’ve communicated with other community groups in town to ensure that we don’t duplicate spending, as we want money in the town to be well spent.</p> <p>Cr Gordon: Are you confident that other clubs are evolving in their own manner? Answer: Yes. Netball is working closely with us. Other groups want to follow their own pathway.</p> <p>Cr Belsham: Are the Kokako user group still onboard with your concept? Answer: Yes, but their needs will not be fully met by our facility.</p> <p>Cr Dalgety: Will a commercial kitchen be in the Kokako building or Squash Club building? Answer: Squash Club building.</p> <p>Cr Belsham: Who are the users of the Kokako St Hall? Answer: Garden club, Art society, Bridge club, Yoga.</p>

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(2, 46, 51) Charity Davis and Charlotte Oswald	The Taihape Playground Group	12 May 21, 9.50am	<p><u>New Taihape Playground and Skate Park</u></p> <p>We are asking Council to support a brand new playground and skate park facility in Taihape and for this to be part of the LTP.</p> <p>The proposed site is where the current park and skate park are, and the north side of the grandstand.</p>	<p>Cr Belsham: Do you have any plans for the current playground? Answer: We may or may not use some of those existing parts/structures. The site would possibly be used for the new skate park.</p> <p>The Mayor: You also have submissions under your own names – are you speaking to those as well today? Answer: Yes.</p> <p>The Mayor: There was a comment in one submission stating a belief that Taihape rate payers pay more than other rate payers – where did you get this information from? Answer: A document I read had stated higher average rates.</p> <p>Cr Gordon: Will you employ a professional fundraiser? Answer: We will do our own fundraising.</p> <p>The Mayor: What are you requesting of Council? Answer: Consideration of funding from the Parks Upgrades Partnership Fund of \$50,000.</p>
(12) Alison Dorrian	Rangitikei Heritage Committee	12 May 21, 10.00am	<p><u>Mangaweka Cemetery</u></p> <p>We would like people to be able to locate ancestors in the cemeteries more easily. There is no on-site numbering system at the Mangaweka cemetery.</p> <p>There is unsightly rubbish at the gates of the Mangaweka cemetery.</p>	<p>Cr Wilson: What sort of rubbish? Answer: Empty bottles. There are no water facilities at the cemeteries, and so people bring bottles to wash their hands.</p> <p>Cr Gordon: Would it be appropriate for the Rangitikei and Mangaweka heritage groups to come up with a district-wide concept about how you would like to present? Answer: Yes, but this has not been discussed yet.</p>

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			<p>Our group believes this problem may be district wide.</p> <p>A water catcher and tank at the gate could solve the littering problem.</p>	<p>Cr Duncan: To confirm, are you requesting 1) an on-site numbering system at Mangaweka cemetery, 2) water facilities for hand washing, and 3) advice on whether other cemeteries also require these? Answer: Yes.</p> <p>Cr Gordon: Have you seen other cemeteries with a plan like this, that Council may be able to look to as an example? Answer: No, I was thinking of a picture board.</p>
(118) Peter Kipling-Arthur		12 May 21, 10.10am	<p><u>Taihape Grandstand</u></p> <p>Acknowledgement of the work Council has done over the past 12 months.</p> <p>It is an icon worth preserving.</p> <p>It is used for rugby, touch, the AMP show, etc. It is a used building.</p> <p>Heritage NZ have been supportive of the project.</p>	<p>The Mayor: Are you aware that the money in the LTP for this project is provisional and subject to a decision by Council? Answer: Yes, but last year no money was put forward, so it is progress.</p> <p>Cr Wilson: What is your expectation of Council moving forwards? Answer: There is wide support for maintaining the grandstand from ex-Taihape residents. Heritage NZ will work with us and guide us, and we will have multiple changes to seek further funding.</p> <p>Cr Dalgety: Do you know what the timeframe may be for getting heritage status from Heritage NZ? Answer: Not for certain, Heritage NZ will not give us an indication yet. We could look to list more public buildings, as this may encourage Heritage NZ to focus on our district more.</p>
(151) Geoffrey Wilson		12 May 21, 10.20am	<u>Footpath and Drain Cleaning in Taihape</u>	<p>Cr Belsham: To clarify, are you referring to urban gutters in general or the main street? Answer: The main street.</p>

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			<p>Past cleaning of these have not been satisfactory. The footpaths and drains are in a poor state of cleanliness.</p> <p>Suggested we use the LTP to create a position for a local resident to clean the footpaths and drains.</p>	<p>Cr Belsham: Have you contacted Council about this previously? Answer: Yes, in the past I spoke to Cr Duncan and she suggested that I submit an RFS (Request for Service).</p> <p>Cr Gordon: You referenced other towns in your submission; how do they compare to Taihape? Answer: In Whanganui and New Plymouth the streets are cleaned regularly. I have noticed that Marton is also extremely clean.</p> <p>Cr Dalgety: How often are the Taihape footpaths and drains cleaned? Answer: Maybe once a year. I have only seen it done once. I do it sometimes, but it is not my job.</p>
(159) Sarah Bell		12 May 21, 10.30am	<p><u>Chip Seal Request at Rangiwaea Junction</u></p> <p>Requesting that Council chip seal 400m of road at the Rangiwaea Junction.</p> <p>The road has a lot of heavy vehicle traffic (stock trucks, logging trucks, camper vans, etc).</p> <p>The dust caused by this traffic covers their houses, and is a health concern (asthma) for three individuals, including</p>	<p>The Mayor: Do you believe that heavy traffic will increase in the future, due to more forestry blocks? Answer: Yes, although I am not aware of the tonnage, I know that heavy traffic is increasing.</p> <p>Cr Wilson: How long have you been on the property? Answer: Five years.</p> <p>Cr Wilson: What has caused the increase in traffic? Answer: There has been an increase since my parents built the place – we would have a car going past at least once per hour.</p> <p>Cr Gordon: How many people live up this road?</p>

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			<p>one child, within the Bell and Donald families.</p> <p>Chip seal is a cheaper option than tar seal, with an indicative budget of \$105,000 (provided by Higgins, Palmerston North).</p>	<p>Answer: There are other households further up. There is a little cluster at the junction where we live.</p> <p>Cr Gordon: Are other roads close to your junction sealed? Answer: Yes, there is a road nearby with five houses on it that is sealed.</p> <p>The Mayor: Does this impact on groups who want to use the school hall as a facility? Answer: Probably not, that part is sealed.</p> <p>Cr Belsham: Have you spoken to other farm owners about these traffic movements, if so, what are their thoughts? Answer: No, I have not. This is a submission on behalf of the Bell and Donald family. We are a shortcut to Ohakune, so stock trucks use it.</p> <p>The Mayor: Would you be willing to consider contributing towards the costs? Answer: Yes, we would be willing to have a conversation around this.</p> <p>Cr Gordon: How far is your property from the district boundary with Ruapehu District Council? Answer: 2 or 3kms.</p>
(160) Sarah Bell	Taihape Tennis Club	12 May 21, 10.40am	<p><u>Tennis Court Upgrades</u></p> <p>There are currently five usable tennis courts.</p>	<p>The Mayor: What sum of money would you expect from Council? Answer: Unsure at this stage. Total costs should be no more than \$650,000, but we would not expect this amount from Council.</p>

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			<p>A sixth tennis court has been decommissioned for the new amenities block.</p> <p>We are proposing that Taihape Tennis become the primary user of an upgraded hall at Kokako Street, with two new tennis courts built alongside the hall.</p> <p>We propose that the refurbished hall is co-managed and co-funded by Council and the Taihape Tennis Club.</p>	<p>The Mayor: We will need to include a figure in the decision-making process. Are you able to provide any indication? Answer: Around \$100,000 - \$150,000.</p> <p>Cr Belsham: To clarify, this submission does not include any upgrades to the five existing tennis courts? Answer: Correct. Upgrades to the existing courts are covered by a separate conversation that we have been having with Council since last year.</p> <p>Cr Dalgety: Overall, what is your priority out of 1) re-surfacing the existing courts, 2) refurbishing the Kokako Street hall, and 3) building two new courts? Answer: Re-surfacing the existing courts, followed by the hall as a second priority.</p> <p>Cr Wilson: Is the current hall used as your club rooms and are you the sole user? Answer: We use it, although we are not the sole user.</p> <p>Cr Dalgety: What are the pros and cons of one new court versus two new courts? Answer: Our preferred position is two new courts, although we would settle for one if other stakeholders wanted a greenspace with no courts.</p>
(215) Elizabeth Mortland	Taihape Neighbourhood Support	12 May 21, 10.54am	<p><u>Request for Financial Support</u></p> <p>The groups current workplan focuses on awareness and distribution of</p>	<p>The Mayor: Regarding the petition included within the submission, we only have twelve signatures. Do you have email evidence for the remainder?</p>

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			<p>information, including a promotion of neighbourly behaviour.</p> <p>39% of councils in New Zealand financially support their local neighbourhood support groups, including several in our region.</p> <p>Funding support would be used for wages for the part-time coordinator (10hrs), mileage, conference fees, photocopying and phone.</p>	<p>Answer: Yes, although some of them advised me verbally to add their name.</p> <p>Cr Belsham: How long has your group operated for, and what level of prior funding have you had? Answer: Since 2014. We have applied to other funders in the past.</p> <p>Cr Dalgety: Do you get any financial support from Council currently? Answer: No, although we received funding from the Community Initiatives Fund during COVID-19 (\$4,220), for the food bank and volunteer expenses.</p> <p>Cr Wilson: Do you have a record of verified accounts that can show your costings and income? Answer: Yes.</p> <p>Cr Hiroa: Does Council currently provide any of the functions that your group performs? Answer: Unsure.</p> <p>Cr Gordon: What amount of financial support are you seeking? Answer: \$5,000 a year would be a good start, \$10,000 would be even better.</p> <p>Cr Belsham: Do you know of any other neighbourhood support groups in our district?</p>

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				Answer: There aren't any, but the Whanganui group have received funding from the Rangitikei Council to run activities within our district.