

TCB November Meeting

Chairs Report.

I am so pleased to be able to begin this report on a positive note as we are now able to report that two major projects have been completed.

The Dog Park is now finished, fully fenced and safe for local and visiting canines. Completing the park has been a rather drawn out task as the land is leasehold and, as many of you will remember, was the site of a number of houses for railway staff hence we had to have various approvals and clearances before fencing could commence. Even during the fencing new requirements kept 'popping up'! However the project is now complete and officially opened. I do not usually mention names in my report but I must acknowledge our contractor, Mr Bill Nelson for, not only his skill but his ideas and tolerance—a great job, thanks Bill. The Board also acknowledges the generosity of Mr Don Tweeddale for the donation of the gate for vehicle access and our Board member Gail Larsen for the pedestrian gate. Incidentally Gail and the well-mannered Nelson (a fine Rottweiler) had the privilege of cutting the ribbon.

The second major project completed is placement of two defibrillators (AED's) to provide further twenty-four hour coverage for the public. One AED is now placed outside the front entrance of New World supermarket with the other on an outer wall of the Swimming Baths. The latter will provide coverage for the public and the sporting codes.

However we still have many projects to complete but we have moved ahead with several --Board members have decided on the location of an extra seat in the Cemetery – we just need the approval of Council staff and the seat in Kaka Road is a replacement for the one that “disappeared”!

Work continues on the Events Boards, Information Boards and signage within the town while Disability Parking, the future of the Tui Street building and the condition and location of security cameras will continue to be put before Council.

I have been involved with numerous community activities – Taihape Museum, Neighbourhood Support and the upcoming A&P Show and Gumboot Day. This gives me an opportunity to listen to the ideas and concerns of our community. Often mentioned is vandalism, litter, speed at both the northern and southern end of town, signage within the town empty shops and the perennial one – housing. The concept of the Talking Table provides an excellent opportunity for communication and I welcome the input from the speakers at our Public Forum

Finally, a big thankyou to the many groups who are working so hard for the betterment of our community and I must add that the old Cascade Brewery Building looks really smart.

Ann Abernethy (Chair)