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REPORTS BACK FROM COMMITTEES/PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Purpose of Report

To provide the Community Board members with a reporting back facility regarding their portfolio responsibilities and other activities they have been involved with as a member of the Tawa Community Board. A copy of activities covered by the Chair of the Board is attached as appendix 1.

2. Recommendation

It is recommended that the Tawa Community Board:

- 1. Receive the information.*

CHAIR'S REPORT – 3 May 2012

TAWA COMMUNITY CIVIC AWARDS

Most of my focus at this early stage has been on organising the publicity.

A revamped flyer publicising the awards as well as acting as the nomination form has now been delivered to every household in Tawa (with perhaps a few deliveries yet to be completed). Copies of the flyer are also available at the library, the community centre and at the temporary supermarket.

A press release has been supplied to the various local newspapers, and one or two of those papers have already run the information.

Emails have been sent to local schools and churches providing brief details of the awards for inclusion in their newsletters.

Posters are currently being organised for placement in shop windows, and billboards will be in place at both ends of the Main Road and at the start of Takapu Road early next week.

Letters to around 80 stakeholders publicising the awards (with the flyer enclosed) and inviting nominations will be sent out early next week.

Margaret has been organising prizes and refreshments for the awards ceremony, with assistance from Ngaire in regard to the latter.

COMMUNITY BOARD NEWSLETTER

I compiled this mid-April and it has been subsequently printed by P & D and delivered (by a team of Tawa College students) at the same time as the Civic Awards flyer.

The newsletter is produced twice a year for delivery to all 4600 households in urban Tawa and Grenada North.

Topics this time were:

- Tawa Community Civic Awards
- Neighbours' Weekend in Tawa
- The new bench in Redwood Bush
- Submission on the Long Term Plan
- Tawa Pool
- Upgrade to Grasslees Reserve
- Tawa Shared Walkway
- Supermarkets in Tawa
- The Future of Tawa Station
- Tawa Community Grants 2012

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TAWA RAILWAY STATION

A one-hour public meeting has been called for 4.30pm on Sunday 6th May at the Tawa Community Centre for the community to have the opportunity to air its views on the future of Tawa Station. GWRC has been invited to present the options – as it sees them – for the station. This will be followed by Bruce Murray from the Tawa Historical Society presenting his case for restoration. Allan Dodson from the Plimmerton Residents' Association which was instrumental in the restoration of Plimmerton Station has also been asked to speak.

The meeting will be chaired by Murray Lucas, Tawa College principal.

Promotion of the meeting has been made in the community board's printed newsletter (delivered to all Tawa residences), through billboards on the Main Road and Takapu Road, articles in local newspapers, and via the community eNewsletter.

Those not able to come to the meeting have been invited to send an email to me expressing their opinions or to phone Ngaire. At this stage I have received 27 emails. 5 (including one from a former Tawa resident) are in favour of restoration, 4 would ideally like to see it restored but see the likely cost and time to do so being too much of an obstacle, and 18 are of the view that it should be bowled and replaced by a modern shelter. Why it should cost as much as \$600,000 to remove the old station and erect a shelter has been queried by some of the respondents.

LONG TERM PLANS

In addition to the get-together of board members (mentioned below) to work on our submissions to the LTPs of both GWRC and WCC, I have met briefly with Robert to go over these. He has been the driving force behind our submissions and has very capably collated the various contributions sent through by Board members in preparation for approval at our formal meeting.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

I attended the following meetings/events in April (other than the TCB meeting on Thursday 12th April):

Friday 13th: Debrief of Neighbours' Weekend in Tawa with Ngaire, Jim Higgins (Neighbourhood Support Tawa) and Alastair Campbell (Lions Club of Tawa).

Saturday 14th: Meeting of Zone 4 community board representatives at Petone Library. About 12 attendees, plus the Mayor of Lower Hutt. All bar two were from Lower Hutt.

Monday 16th: Tawa Progressive & Ratepayers' Association monthly meeting. Ngaire was also at this.

Wednesday 18th: Photo shoot at Tawa Railway Station for *Northern Courier*. Ngaire also participated.

Thursday 19th: Meeting with John Price, new Area Commander for Kapiti-Mana Police to discuss issues relevant to Tawa community including current

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Thursday 19th: Get-together with fellow community board members (Graeme, Chris, Alistair and Robert) to work on board submissions to Long Term Plans of both GWRC and WCC.

Friday 20th: Twice-yearly meeting with the Mayor of Wellington, Celia Wade-Brown, to discuss Tawa issues.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

The overgrown brambles on the side of the stream between Take Note Tawa and On the Spot drycleaners (mentioned in my March report) are not the concern of the WCC as they're on private land. The Tawa Progressive & Ratepayers' Association is liaising with the local Lions Club to arrange a working bee to tidy up this area.

Both Graeme and I have responded to an email expressing concern about the lack of parking available at Takapu Road Station. Cars are being parked on yellow lines, parked "long term" in the 120 mins spaces set aside for Willowbank Park users, and many are having to park up Sunrise Boulevard to the annoyance of some residents. The matter has been discussed verbally with GWRC who have advised there isn't funding available to provide more parking spaces. However we do need to pursue this further.