

Central Hawke's Bay District Council – Report

TO: Council

FROM: Trish Giddens, Mayor

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1.0 SUMMARY

Again during this period duties have been varied and included meetings with constituents with concerns e.g. Old hospital, revisiting the Takapau Drain, Kiwi sport etc.

21 October

I attended the SPARC Road Show at the Pettigrew Green Arena. The strategic plan 2009 as presented highlighted the funding pressures and the change of focus from healthy gains to promoting team/club sports, getting more children playing sports particularly after school and to have parents more involved.

27 October

On a heavily wet day I attended a Powhiri at the Waipatu Marae to welcome Dr Kevin Snee and his family from the UK to his new role as Chief Executive Officer for the Hawke's Bay District Health Board.

With Mayors Arnott, Yule, Probert and Chair of the Regional Council Allan Dick we met with representatives from the Chamber of Commerce to discuss the matter of amalgamation. Generally the chamber were anxious to progress an amalgamation sooner rather than later expressing the feeling that business opportunities were being lost as a result of the divided region.

29 October

Following the Audit and Council meeting it was pleasing to perform the Citizenship ceremony and welcome 11 local residents as New Zealander citizen. As usual this evening was a pleasant event and well received and a letter of appreciation confirmed this.

30 October

Following the Youth Forum where it was determined that CHB required the services of a Youth Transition Officer I met with Ani Aranui, Acting Commissioner of the MSD. Whilst Epic Ministries hold a contract with Ministry of Social Development, it is not sufficient to cover the duties required of a Transition Officer. Investigations are underway to access funding to engage someone in this role.

2 and 3 November

With the CEO we travelled to Hawera for the Zone 3 Meeting. Presentations were topical and informative and covered infrastructure, energy, insurance and education.

The district tour was appreciated and included visiting their partially built 23 million sports stadium and the Tawhiti Museum.

4 November

I attended an assembly at Takapau School to present Safe T Shell's to students that cycle to school.

7 November

I attended the Ngati Kahungunu Sports Awards at the Community Pool. These were well attended and organised and are being considered to be held here in CHB on an annual basis. Karl Te Nana and Rueben Wiki were the guest speakers.

9 November

With the CEO and Richard Schumacher we interviewed five candidates for the Eric Tate Scholarship. All students were worthy and deciding was difficult.

11 November

I attended the Italian film Festival in Napier. Previously those involved in these productions (often local) were recipients of an overseas scholarship to further their careers however once again the recession has impacted and a scholarship was unable to be awarded.

12 November

With the Corporate Services Manager I attended an Infracon Shareholder meeting. This business is much as it has been due to the limited work available. Infracon is holding their own at present but competition is strong.

13 November

During this day I was partially involved with the Civil Defence exercise which was well handled by those involved. I also judged the best dressed window for Market Day. This was won by Townsend and Brown and Colleen Lee was awarded best dressed shop staff member. Again I felt the numbers in town were few and I am informed that business was little.

14 November

I attended the Senior Prize giving at Te Aute College, before attending the opening of the Rose Garden at Nelly Jull Park and the unveiling of the plaque dedicating the garden to Mr Ron Orr. I also visited the A & P show and again noted the effects of the recession.

16 November

At the Leaders Forum we received a presentation from Venture Hawke's Bay of a proposal to have this service partially paid for through the Regional Council rating system. We also continued discussions regarding Amalgamation and 'where to next'. The idea of having Sports HB funded via a HB Regional Council rate was revisited. It was decided this be held off for further consideration next year. It was timely this evening that Mayor Lawrence Yule addressed Rotary regarding his amalgamation proposal. The upcoming settlement of Maori claims was also discussed.

17 November

With Councillor Kingston and Jenni Giblin we made a presentation to the Regional Council of our application to their Community Facility Funds for the Municipal Theatre refurbishment. In Hastings I met with two officers from CFYs regarding the changes to their service delivery to CHB. We will continue to be provided with services locally from a local office. A pilot plan will provide Social Work assistance to children in

targeted age groups of 0-5, 5-12 and 12+. Belatedly I attended a meeting at the heated Pool where Councillors Waite, Tennent and Kingston were in attendance. General discussion evolved that consideration will be given to perhaps reviewing the contract conditions and follow up on assisting with reducing management costs where possible.

20 November

I opened the CHB Sports Awards with a blessing/karakia. With Steve Gurney as the Guest Speaker it was again an entertaining evening and highlighted the local talent especially of our young ones competing and succeeding on the international scene.

22 November

With the assistance of a local Kamatua blessing the gardens I planted the first plant in the community garden at the Waipawa Primary School. I was impressed with the many hands tending the grounds and plant donations.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

THAT

The report be received.

Trish Giddens
Mayor