

Central Hawke's Bay District Council – Report

TO: Services Committee
FROM: Utilities Manager
DATE: 26 August 2010
FILE REF: SER 1 - 300
SUBJECT: ONGAONGA RECYCLING DROP-OFF CENTRE

1.0 SUMMARY

On Tuesday 27 July 2010 the OngaOnga community held a meeting at the OngaOnga Hall to discuss the relocation of the recycling drop-off centre from rest area on Bridge St at State Highway 50 entrance to the town.

The attendees at the meeting proposed and voted on a resolution to permanently remove the recycling drop-off centre from OngaOnga.

Since this meeting Council has received more than 20 emails and letters from the community opposing the resolution to permanently remove the recycling drop-off centre from OngaOnga.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

THAT

That a recycling drop-off centre remains in OngaOnga and that Council works with the community to move the recycling drop-off centre to a more suitable location.

REASON

The objective of the decision will contribute to the following community outcomes:

- *A life time of good health and wellbeing*
- *An environment that is appreciated, protected and sustained for future generations.*

3.0 BACKGROUND

As part of Council's community development programme, the community of OngaOnga is working with Council to enhance the Bridge Street entrance to the township from State Highway 50, tidy up the rest area at the Bridge Street entrance to encourage picnickers and expanding the museum site to exhibit the NZ Deer Stalkers display. It was proposed that the recycling drop-off area should be relocated to another site within the township to help tidy up the rest area.

The OngaOnga recycling drop-off centre has been located in the rest area since 2003 when seven recycling drop-off centres were installed throughout Central Hawke's Bay as part of Council's zero waste policy.

Within the renewal budgets Council and GreenSky Waste Solutions are tidying up the recycling drop-off centre sites, by enlarging concrete pads, painting the containers, installing dedicated bottle containers and screening the sites with plants. Work on the OngaOnga facility has been put off until a permanent location decision has been made by Council and the community.

After investigating possible relocation sites for the recycling drop-off centre, five options within the township were proposed.

1. Mill Street – Eastern end
2. Taylor Road – on paper road by Taylor's slab.
3. Bridge Street - next to the war memorial
4. Bridge Street - just before the OngaOnga township from State Highway 50
5. On the DOC site next to the museum.

The five options were advertised and a community meeting was held at the OngaOnga town hall on Tuesday 27 July 2010. Thirty-eight (38) people attended this meeting which was chaired by Council's Roding Manager Shawn McKinley and attended by Councillor Sally Butler to decide on the most appropriate site to relocate the recycling drop-off centre.

After much discussion at the meeting the community was not able to agree a new site from the five options. A resolution was proposed from the floor to permanently remove the recycling drop-off centre from OngaOnga. This resolution was voted on by a show of hands and passed 27 to 4 votes.

Since the meeting Council has received dozens of phone calls and more than 20 emails and letters (included at the end of this paper) from OngaOnga residents opposing the resolution that was agreed at the community meeting. Many of the people that made contact with Council were residents of the wider rural OngaOnga community that did not live within the township but regularly used the recycling drop-off centre.

People gave four main reasons why they did not attend the community meeting or vote to oppose the resolution from the community meeting.

1. The option to fully remove the recycling drop-off centre was not a proposed option, so they did not feel it necessary to attend the meeting.
Many rural people in particular were comfortable with any of the five proposed locations.
2. While the wider community used the recycling drop-off centre, many felt that choosing the location was a decision for people living in the township as the five proposed locations were within the township boundary.
3. There was a school Board of Trustees meeting on at the same time so they were unable to attend the community meeting.
4. Some people had concerns about openly expressing a counter opinion at the community meeting, as they did not want to upset friends and neighbours.

Council's preferred location is for the recycling drop-off centre to remain at the rest area site on Bridge Street, but to reposition the recycling bins on the overgrown land

approximately 30m west of the current location. This site has all of the key factors that make a successful recycling drop-off centre.

- It is on a main road and in view so will be less susceptible to illegal dumping.
- The site is still within town so it is convenient to access and use.
- There is good access for both users and contractors, including off road parking.
- No rent or lease agreements are required
- The site is easily developed and beautified with planting.
- There are few surrounding houses, recycling facilities are available 24/7 so vehicles come and go at all hours. Recycling, particularly glass can be noisy.

As part of keeping the recycling drop-off centre by the rest area, Council would clear the overgrown area, install an easy to clean concrete pad, bund and screen plant around the facility, replace the smaller bottle bins with a bottle container, paint both containers and tidy the asphalt area.

This option will be discussed with the community.

4.0 OPTIONS

Option 1

That a recycling drop-off centre remains in OngaOnga and that Council works with the community to move the recycling drop-off centre to a more suitable location..

5.0 FINANCIAL

Annual Plan 2010/11

6.0 CONSULTATION

Internal

Chief Executive
Roading Manager

7.0 STRATEGIC LINKS

- 2009/19 LTCCP

Brett Way
Utilities Manager


27 July 2010.

Dear Chairperson.

Please accept my apologies
- I am unable to attend
tonight's meeting re
recycle bins in Ongarua.

① My vote is that they be
removed from Ongarua
& people should use
the depots in Waipawa or
Waipukurua.

② If the above is not an option
my vote is for the site
on the paper road on
Mill St.

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64 Taylor Rd

Brett Way

From: R & H Ellis [papawai.farm@xtra.co.nz]
Sent: Thursday, 5 August 2010 3:44 p.m.
To: Brett Way
Subject: Recycling OngaOnga

Good Afternoon Brett

We wish to have the OngaOnga Recycling bins moved to the Council preferred site behind the Memorial at the far end of the Village.

Kind Regards
Richard and Helen Ellis

Brett Way

From: Cassandra Buchanan [r.cbuchanan@xtra.co.nz]
Sent: Thursday, 5 August 2010 2:14 p.m.
To: Brett Way
Subject: OngasOnga recycling

We would like the OngaOnga recycling bins moved from the present site to the councils preferred site behind the OngaOnga Memorial.

Robert and Cassandra Buchanan

I would like to see the recycling
pot at the end of mill street -

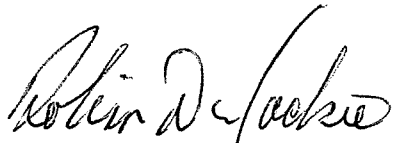
M. A. REIDY

The Chairperson

Community Meeting being held in the Hall on Tuesday 27th July at 6.30 pm.

My apologies for not being able to attend this meeting.

I wish to record my preference of the Mill Street site on the eastern end for relocating the recycling containers.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robin D Mackie".

Robin D Mackie.

Brett Way

From: Perry Davies [perrydavies@xtra.co.nz]
Sent: Saturday, 7 August 2010 1:28 p.m.
To: Brett Way
Subject: Fw: recycling at Ongaonga

----- Original Message -----

From: Perry Davies
To: brett@chbdc.govt.nz
Sent: Saturday, August 07, 2010 11:54 AM
Subject: recycling at Ongaonga

Hi Brett,

We had a telephone conversation recently on the various destinations for items that are recycled in Central Hawkes Bay .. thanks for that information.

A subsequent 'Town Hall' meeting indicated that while the residents wanted to recycle, nobody wanted the depot near to their property. Opposition to having the depot within the village was so apparent in the hall, that a show of hands voted to incorporate it with those at Waipukurau or Waipawa - '*by a margin of 38 to 4*' (if memory serves). In any event a large majority.

The current site runs counter to the beautification scheme that is in the planning stage - a joint villagers/district council initiative; I am an active participant in this scheme.

From my observations, it appears that as many users of the Onga depot are from the surrounding district as those from within the village and the majority of all of them *drive to the depot with their recycling*. You may think it a bit of a left field suggestion Brett .. what about the corner of Whakarara Road and Highway 50? - where the road re-alignment has provided a large, flat area.

Best wishes,
Perry Davies

06:08:2010

Brett C.H.P.D.C.



an answer to Onga Onga recycling containers. I live at 881 Onga Waipukui Road. The Onga Creek runs through my property and before recycling a lot of plastics, ice cream janda bottles, fizzy bottles tin can of all sizes were dropped over bridge and behind houses coming down the creek. We were always having to remove them as animals chew and swallow plastic tins rotting cut animals feet (Hoofs) many bags collected at a time. Since recycling just a little come down the creek even the roadsides are cleaner. I have lived in Onga 50yrs. People can become very lazy so I say please keep the recycling container up at the site it is all ready at and just fancy the area up. I am shore the fire-brigade on practice Nights just when the leaves get messy could give it a wash over. If it is removed away it will never come back. Regards

I am not on Internet. Mrs Margaret Fletcher 8566870

Brett Way

From: Julia Cook [ragtime@slingshot.co.nz]
Sent: Wednesday, 28 July 2010 11:55 a.m.
To: Brett Way
Subject: onga onga recycling

hullo brett

i would like the council to keep onga onga's recycling bins - i live at makaretu but use these bins to dispose of my recycling waste.

regards
julia cook
855 6864

Brett Way

From: Rochelle Alder [rochelle@devol.co.nz]
Sent: Wednesday, 28 July 2010 10:00 a.m.
To: Brett Way
Subject: Recycling facility at Ongaonga

Hi Brett,

I am aware that a decision was made at the meeting in Ongaonga last night to remove the recycling facility. Unfortunately due to a board of trustees meeting at school I was unable to attend.

I feel that this is a strong step backwards for the community as this facility is well used. The decision to remove it entirely is a poor one in my opinion. By all means, shift it if it is a problem where it is but don't take it away.

In recent years most farmers in the area have changed their ways to use the recycling at Onga as a way to reduce household waste on the farm. I think we will see a regression to holes dug down the back of the farm to bury rubbish. This is what the recycling facility has steered us away from and I feel has done so successfully.

I think the community makes a big effort to use the facility and won't be bothered to take recycling to town. What happened to promoting the clean green community?

Kind Regards,

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Brett Way

From: aislinn28 [aislinn28@xtra.co.nz]
Sent: Wednesday, 28 July 2010 1:58 p.m.
To: Brett Way
Subject: Onga Onga Recycling Bins

Dear Sir.

I was not able to attend last night's meeting at the Ongaonga Hall due to ill health, but prior to the meeting I did go to the time and trouble of finding out where the new proposed relocation sites for the recycling bins were. I personally had no objection to any of them and therefore I was not troubled at being unable to attend.

I firmly believe that the recycling bins should be moved out of the picnic area and relocated away from the residential homes of the village.

I am totally in favour of keeping Ongaonga clean and rubbish free, especially as it is an historic village that visitors frequently come to see for its New Zealand Heritage value.

I for one currently use the bins fortnightly but used to use them every week. It was my belief that the recycling bins in question have been greatly used by the locals in the Ongaonga area.

Like most, I don't want them relocated next to my home either!

This morning I heard that none of the proposed sites was chosen at the meeting.

I was also astonished and somewhat dismayed to learn that it was decided by those who were able to attend, to remove the recycling bins from the village all together!

I believe that the most likely outcome if the bins are removed, is that the recyclable items will just be added to the plastic rubbish sacks for refuse collection, destined for the landfill.

As removal was NOT one of the options put forward in the original proposal to the village and so was not able to be considered by us all, I would strongly urge the council to consider the possibility that the wishes of the greater community may not be met if this decision is implemented.

In very small communities such as Ongaonga, a few loud and forceful opinions can result in other residents choosing between neighbourly disapproval or keeping a neighbourly peace.

As such, **abstaining** in a 'visual public voting procedure' is often the only real alternative for private folk at public meetings such as these!!

From my experience of living here a show of hands (of those who managed to attend the meeting) was possibly not the best way to have ascertained a proportional representation of the opinions of the population of the greater Ongaonga area.

With government elections, the privacy of your vote allows you make your personal wishes plain without fear of public disapproval.

Surely some form of compromise can be found to the current situation, based on voting for proposed choices, using secret and **not public** voting procedures????

If you do hear from other local people, who also object to the possible implementation of a **non proposed** outcome, I simply request that the CHBDC reconsider this issue (and maybe also reconsider the methodology by which it gathers information, especially from the greater Ongaonga community).

Yours sincerely,
 Angela Johnston

Brett Way

From: Paula Bennett [Paula.Bennett@hawkesbaydhb.govt.nz]
Sent: Wednesday, 28 July 2010 10:55 a.m.
To: Brett Way
Subject: Recycling facility in Ongaonga

Hi Brett,

I have heard this morning that there are plans to remove the recycling facility in Ongaonga. I use the site frequently, and feel strongly that it needs to remain to assist our community to live green, clean lives as much as possible. I am aware there are other sites further afield, but given the state of these, broken glass at the sites etc, they are not facilities I relish the thought of visiting.

Thank you.
Paula

Paula Bennett
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Brett Way

From: mike lewis [mlewis@ongaonga.schoolzone.net.nz]
Sent: Wednesday, 28 July 2010 2:59 p.m.
To: Brett Way
Subject: Ongaonga School Recycling Centre

Greetings Brett

I was disappointed to hear that a decision was made to remove the recycling centre from Ongaonga. I was unable to attend the meeting due to our Board meeting clashing with this meeting.

Personally I feel that the recycling centre should remain where it is unless an agreeable site can be found. The area could be made to look more attractive with the laying of a concrete pad to place the recycling unit on.

Another thing that seemed to work in the past was a person who was able to go down and check on the area. I believe Alan Logie was responsible for this previously. Also fadges were placed inside the unit which assisted in keeping it tidy. I have noticed since these have been removed the area has become more untidy. Maybe the organisation demanded more respect from the people using it knowing that sorting was required.

From a school's perspective we will have to take our recycling to town adding another cost to our budget. We are trying to educate our children about the importance of recycling and removal of our village's recycling centre will be puzzling to the children.

Please feel free to contact me to discuss these issues.

Regards

Mike Lewis
Principal

From: Guy & Theresa Beamish <gnt53@xtra.co.nz>
Date: 28 July 2010 2:31:40 PM
To: brett.way.chbdc.govt.nz
Subject: Onga Onga Re-cycling

As I was not able to attend the meeting last night (attending Onga Onga School Board of Trustees Meeting), I am shocked to hear the recycling bins are being removed altogether!

As I understood it, this meeting was to discuss alternative sites!

Personally, the site as is with some beautification is perfect. However, if necessary there are lots of options. What is important is that we do not lose this facility for the environments sake & the long term beautification of CHB.

The consequences of removing re-cycling facilities will impact on the landfill which I'm sure the Council would like to see reduced rather than enlarged.

Please reconsider this decision made by those who mostly have the luxury of rubbish collection at their gate, what about those of us who are always forced to travel & deal with our own rubbish. Surely, our effort & rates way just as much.

Thank you for your time & consideration.
Theresa Beamish
Onga Onga

Brett Way

From: Chris Taylor [ct_beez@xtra.co.nz]
Sent: Thursday, 29 July 2010 11:44 a.m.
To: Brett Way
Subject: OngaOnga recycling centre

Good morning Brett,

I wish to voice my concern about the decision made at the community meeting in Onga the other night to remove the recycling centre permanently. I was unable to attend the meeting due to a BOT meeting at the Onga school but did look at the options as published. I was happy to have the recycling moved so was not concerned with missing the meeting. At no time was it ever mentioned as an option for the centre to be removed rather than relocated. I feel as this was not a published option then it should not have been voted on at that meeting. Had it been one of the published options then there would have had a very different attendance at the meeting.

I DO NOT want to see the recycling centre removed from Onga as it is well used and a good service for the community. It would be a backwards step.

I don't object to it being moved from its current site to another within the local area.

Yours sincerely
Chris Taylor
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Brett Way

From: vdburg@slingshot.co.nz
Sent: Friday, 30 July 2010 12:03 a.m.
To: Brett Way
Subject: Onga Recycling Facility

Dear Brett,

As my husband and I consider ourselves part of the Onga Onga community and we wish to make it known that we most strongly object to the removal of the above facility. It would seem to be yet another set back that for our small rural community.

By all means, shift it if it is a problem of location but don't penalise us!
Regards,

Jenny & Mike van der Burg

Brett Way

From: Allister Hunter [allister.hunter@merco.co.nz]
Sent: Friday, 30 July 2010 9:34 a.m.
To: Brett Way
Subject: Re: Ongaonga re-cycling

Hello Brett

We unfortunately arrived late at the meeting on Tuesday as we'd been travelling and didn't hear the discussion.

Our view is as follows:

- the existing bins must be removed - the site in the main Street is unsuitable especially given its prominence and the enhancement programmes the Village has in mind for that general area;
- the bins should be located close to the Village - we personally wouldn't have a problem taking our rubbish to Waipuk but we don't see why the local service should be curtailed; and
- we appreciate the difficulty residents have with the bins being placed close to their respective houses, land etc., no-one would want the bins next door, so I guess if the Council must take some leadership here unless an alternative acceptable site can be found. It looks like a democratic, consultative approach won't work here and Council needs to act for the greater good.

Regards

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Brett Way

From: Lachlan & Megan [lachmegs@xtra.co.nz]
Sent: Sunday, 1 August 2010 7:53 p.m.
To: Brett Way
Subject: Re- cycling Bin removal

Hi Brett

Re- cycling Bin removal

As a resident of Onga Onga I was quite surprised to learn that at the recent community meeting it was decided that the recycling bin will be removed from onga onga. Due to other commitments I was unable to attend this meeting and I know there were many other residents in the same situation..

My understanding from the information given is that we were given 4 options, which were options to move to different locations within the village, not to completely remove it from the community. Our family uses the recycling bin quite regularly, and have a concern what effect this will have on our local rubbish dumps and landfills if the bin is to be removed.

I am sure many people will now just put their "recycling" in with there rubbish, therefore filling up the landfills more quickly, which i am sure the council does not want to see.

Shouldn't the council be promoting "recycling"?,as there are many rural families around Onga and Tikokino the Recycling station is a central point for people to recycle without having to travel into town.

We would be most concerned if the Onga recycling station was removed completely from the village and would like to see it stay somewhere in the village.

Regards
Megan & Lachlan McKay

Brett Way

From: Mr & Mrs Bibby's [bibbys@ruralinzone.net]
Sent: Sunday, 1 August 2010 8:04 p.m.
To: Brett Way
Subject: Recycling Bin in Onga Onga

Hi

I am a member of the Onga Onga Community and could not make the community meeting because of the school Board of Trustee meeting.

I was very shocked to hear that the outcome of the meeting was to take the recycling bins away from Bridge St Onga Onga. I am happy that they are moved to another location in Onga Onga, but certainly do not want them to be removed all together. I think where they are now is a perfect position, but if they need to move then I am sure that another position can be found. I personally use the recycling bin alot and am reluctant to take it all the way to town. I think it is great to encourage people to recycle.

Thanks
Kelly and Hamish Bibby
713 Blackburn Rd
Onga Onga

Brett Way

From: Diane Taylor [bj.taylor@xnet.co.nz]
Sent: Friday, 30 July 2010 5:30 p.m.
To: Brett Way
Subject: Onga Recycling bins

Hi Brett,

I am writing to say that I was quite surprised to hear the outcome of Tuesday's meeting at the Onga Hall concerning the relocation of the recycling bins.

I am a local village resident, but was unable to be at that meeting as I had a BOT meeting at the Ongaonga Primary School on the same night. I was also under the impression that this meeting was about relocating the recycling bins within the Onga area, never to take this service away so feel that this was a misrepresentation of information.

I use this service at least once every 10 days and find it good to be able to just pop down the road for it.

I was also disgusted from the feed back at how the meeting went and sounds like it did not have the correct people from Council to chair the meeting especially that a vote was called for this service to be taken out of the area. I do not want this service to be taken away and feel this is a backward step this in this day and age of "enviromental issues" and hope that the Council will be able to come up with a better solution.

Regards,
Diane Taylor

Brett Way

From: raynom@xtra.co.nz
Sent: Monday, 2 August 2010 10:06 a.m.
To: Brett Way
Subject: Onga Onga recycle bins

Hello Brett

My partner and I are distressed at the outcome of the recent meeting held at the Onga Onga town hall which was meant to find another site for the recycle bins which are currently just off the main road and clearly visible for people wishing to use the service. I have some points for your consideration.

1. We were told that the meeting was carried along by a vocal few who did not allow our proxy votes to be registered.
2. There was no option E for removal of the recycle bins completely, as voted by 27 people.
3. These bins are used by the village and surrounding area, but the outlying areas were not represented at the meeting hardly at all. The CHBDC must make sure that rate payers are aware of what is happening with more public notification instead of little notice drops in mail boxes and a sign in the shop window. There should have been an article in the CHB Mail for ample unbiased discussion.
4. The village cannot lose this facility. It is becoming an 'us and them' situation and the village is in turmoil. We have been ratepayers here for nearly 16 years and the village is a wonderful place to live, but there is always the feeling that one's family must have been here for several generations etc etc to have any say in planning or representation. Truly us and them.
5. The fact that the bins are placed in/by a resting layby which is in memory of the late senior Mr Buchanan seems to have started this debacle. The layby has no name sign and we are sure that most people do not know or care about where the land came from, it is just a place to stop for a cuppa and of course for locals, recycling.
6. The bins were very adequately looked after by a gentleman from the village, until he moved. Could his job be given to some one else? Advertised?

Thank you for your time.

Norma King
Ray Lefort
25 Bridge Street Onga Onga.
06 8566557

Brett Way

From: Laurie Gordon [ongagordons@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, 2 August 2010 3:25 p.m.
To: Brett Way
Subject: Recycling centre in Ongaonga

Hello.

Just adding my voice to the debate, (and I'm guessing to the flood of email headed your way?)

There is concern amongst some in the community that the meeting held in Ongaonga last week didn't have a mandate to choose to remove the recycling bins from Ongaonga. As I'm sure you are aware, the meeting was advertised as a chance to have a say in the re-siting of the bins. I gather there are numerous people in the district who didn't feel strongly about where the bins were relocated and didn't feel the need to attend the meeting. If there had been any idea that the meeting would vote about the removal of the bins, I'm sure many more would have attended the meeting to have their voices heard & vote counted.

I'm strongly in favour of keeping a recycling facility in Ongaonga. Inevitably there is a certain amount of mess and noise that goes with the bins so I can see why folk are reluctant to have them as immediate neighbours. I think Council did really well with the original site in terms of avoiding near neighbours.

At the meeting it was suggested that there could be landscaping/planting to accompany a new site. If this offer of landscaping were to be applied to the existing site maybe there's scope for a compromise? People's main objection to the existing site seems to be that it is ugly. If some thought were put into precisely where the bins were placed so as to increase access to the picnic area, together with some considered planting, perhaps the 'ugly' element could be considerably reduced.

Thanks for considering all views.
Sincerely,
Penelope Gordon

Brett Way

From: Office (Onga Onga School) [office@ongaonga.schoolzone.net.nz]
Sent: Tuesday, 3 August 2010 9:19 a.m.
To: Brett Way
Subject: Ongaonga recycling.

Dear Brett, I would like to express my concern at the possibility of losing the OngaOnga recycling centre.

As a farming family living 8 km from the village, we do frequently use the centre.

We do not have the service of the rubbish collection where we live and feel very strongly for the environment and do not want to bury any rubbish underground.

We do try and burn paper etc. recycle bottles, and when we have too, we then make a trip into town to the CHB dump. This is 30 kilometres away.

I therefore do not wish for the recycling centre on Ongaonga to close.

Yours faithfully

Jo & Geoff Beachen

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3rd August, 2010

Dear Brett,

I am writing to you in support of retaining the recycling centre in Ongaonga.

Recycling is an important part of our daily household routine and I value the chance to take my recycling to a local depot.

As the teacher of Year 8 students at Ongaonga School, I particularly value the local centre and it is part of our long term plan to increase student involvement in recycling. We have Environmental Captains whose job this is.

I can understand that some locals are disappointed with the tidiness of the Recycling Centre, and indeed I am one of those, but removing it altogether is not a solution that I am happy with. Surely, this aspect can be addressed, and we can get to a win/win situation in which we retain the Recycling depot and have systems in place to keep it tidy.

Thank you for the work in Central Hawke's Bay, that is done by the council to support a sustainable future and hopefully you will continue to do this in Ongaonga.

Yours sincerely,
Anne Frater.

Brett Way

From: Owen Exton [ongieox@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, 3 August 2010 9:18 p.m.
To: Brett Way
Subject: Recycling in Ongaonga

I see that you want feedback on whether locals want to retain a recycling centre in the village. I want to tell you that my wife and I certainly do.

Unfortunately I didn't attend the last community meeting where supposedly 24 locals voted to have it removed.

I would like to have some information for others in the village if you can supply it to me.

1. Is it well patronised?
2. How does its patronage compare to other similar sites...like Tikokino, Takapau, Otane etc.?
3. What area does this one service? Right to the Ruahine foothills? How far down H/way 50?
4. Are there any 'official' site alternatives in the village, where the receptacles could be out of site of tourists?(which is what the anti locals are on about.)

I would appreciate some input from you so I can press to keep a recycle site nearby.

Thanks,

Owen Exton.

Brett Way

From: Laurie Gordon [ongagordons@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, 3 August 2010 4:52 p.m.
To: Brett Way
Subject: Ongaonga re-cycling

Hello Brett

I wanted to add my voice to your correspondence - even though my vote was recorded at the meeting last week.

I feel strongly about the importance of re-cycling and the need for a centre in the village.

I am a teacher at Ongaonga School. It is important to instill the re-cycling habit into the next generation - for the future of the planet.

A local re-cycling centre is in my opinion, a key part of that.

thanks

Laurence Gordon

Brett Way

From: Alexander Gordon [al.gordon@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, 4 August 2010 5:32 p.m.
To: Brett Way
Subject: Recycling Ongaonga

Dear Sir

I am deeply saddened by the news that you are proposing to move the Ongaonga recycling facilities away from the village and into Waipukurau or Waipawa. I live in the village myself and feel that if they were moved thus people would simply refuse to expend the extra effort needed to deliver their recycling the extra distance and simply neglect to recycle completely. I appreciate the recycling facilities alot and use them regularly weekly, depositing all recyclable goods our household produces. Having such a depot is a most valuable facility for the care of our environment and to postpone or even prevent the effects of global warming. I believe they should certainly remain in the village or at least within a short walk of the village.

Thank you for your time,
Alexander Gordon

Brett Way

From: Sandra Lilley [SandraL@daclegal.co.nz]
Sent: Thursday, 5 August 2010 4:38 p.m.
To: Brett Way
Subject: Onga recycling facility

Dear Mr Way

We understand that the Council is considering removing the recycling facility based in the Onga village and enquire as to the reasons for this, as we have a number of clients who have contacted us to express their dissatisfaction with of the Council's decision.

We look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible.

Kind regards

Sandy (for Bridget Chrystall)

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