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DIRECTOR POLICY REPORT BACK

1. Purpose of Report

This report provides the Board with information about matters of interest to the Tawa Community and the Council's planned roading and footpath projects and programmes for Tawa, Grenada North and Takapu Valley in 2006/07.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Board:

1. *Receive the information.*

3. Summary

The monthly report on general matters is attached as Appendix 1. Appendix 2 identifies roading and footpath projects in the Tawa area for 2006-07.

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Tawa Community Board Monthly Report – April 2007

Kereru Sculpture

The Public Art Panel met on 15 March 2007 to discuss their forward work programme and hear Cllr. Robert Armstrong present his proposal to complete the Kereru sculpture by Kingsley Baird on the main Street of Tawa. The Chair of the Board, Ngaire Best, accompanied Cllr. Armstrong and spoke briefly about the Tawa Community Board enthusiastically supporting this proposal. The Panel were encouraged by her presence, citing support from the people of Tawa.

The Panel also acknowledged that Kingsley Baird is an internationally renowned artist, and completion of the sculpture would add strength to the existing work, positioning the work as a landmark public artwork that Wellingtonians and visitors to the region would appreciate.

The Panel agreed in principle to fund completion of the Kereru Sculpture on the basis that the artist - Kingsley Baird will present a detailed budget and implementation plan.

Kingsley Baird has been informed about the outcome of the meeting and is happy to undertake work on the budget and develop a time frame for the design, construction and installation of the completion of Kereru.

Elsdon Best Memorial

Council Officers have visited the memorial and looked into the possibility of turning it around on site.

It would not be an easy task to turn the memorial. It would involve digging around and under the memorial and then cutting off the existing concrete base. It is unknown how deep the memorial is in the ground, how it is held together structurally and it has been suggested that the ashes of Elsdon Best may be buried under the Cairn which would make it moving it even more difficult.

The most practical and cost effective solution is to look to re-landscape the area around the memorial and make it so that people have direct



access to the front where the plaques are.

We are proposing to reshape the shrub bed by removing the existing Camellia plantings (leaving the conifers) and returning the majority of this area to lawn. We will then replant with conifer type plants in front of the remaining vegetation. We will also look to undertake a general tidy-up of the surrounding trees. The existing signage which is currently in front of the garden will be relocated, if, once the area is returned to grass it looks out of place.

We have also spoken with the Tawa Historical Society and are meeting in April to discuss the design and installation of an information panel telling the story of Grasslees Reserve and Elsdon Best.

Plaques – Grasslees Reserve

Officers have met with representatives from the Tawa Community Board and have agreed to the installation of a plaque in Grasslees Reserve for Ray Harris. It will be installed on the pergola in the rose garden. Feedback is now required from the Board on the specific wording required for the plaque. Once this has been agreed, it will take six weeks to eight weeks to make & install the plaque.

Bollards at shopping centre

Officers would like feedback from the Board on their preference for development, prior to any decisions on progress being made.

Tawa Flower sign

The current proposal is to examine whether to put a bollard post in each corner and a small chain round the garden. This would be less visible and more aesthetically pleasing as an entrance to Tawa. It is anticipated that this work can be achieved within the next fortnight.

Welcome to Tawa sign

Council is currently undergoing a signage audit of all our signs throughout the city.

Council signage is one of the most visible manifestations of our brand, but currently is not applied consistently. Issues include:

- at least five types of logos being used on Wellington City Council signage in our city
- many types and styles of signs being used
- there has not been a consistent brand usage applied across the Council business units.

As the Welcome to Tawa sign does not fit with the new council approach it is likely that the recommendation will be that it be removed and a suitable suburb/welcome sign be put in as funds permit. The intention is that following recommendations all the necessary signage changes be completed within three years. If the Board wished at some future point to allocate its own resources towards the project, it

could be prioritised in a work programme and officers would work with the Board to ensure a suitable sign was produced to meet community expectation.

BMX Park

Officers have met with Earthworks contractors on site to review the project proposal. They are providing us with some costs for shaping up the track and additional fill. Once we have this and can allocate sufficient funds, we will start the earthworks consent process.

Post Box – Main Street

Officers have enquired about the removal of the post box from Main Street (right hand side of the road as one drives north). Post Shops Council Liaison Staff have advised that there had been sufficient advertising and notice for residents and the post box had a removal sticker attached on it for 3 months prior to its actual removal. No feedback was received on the proposed removal which was undertaken because of the low volume of mail (there is another post box on the other side of the street approximately 100m away). As part of tidying up the street following its removal, the supporting plinth is to be removed this week.

Tawa EHO Residential Clean Up

This residential clean-up in Tawa recently was a joint initiative by the Environmental Health and City Communities units of Council as part of an agreed citywide approach last year on supportive community interventions for people who are at risk of being removed from their place of residence due to health risk.

City Communities is well-placed to provide such intervention through our networks citywide within communities.

In this particular instance, Anne Copeland, Environmental Health Officer for the Northern Ward, contacted City Communities to request assistance to tidy a section in Tawa. Council paid expenses included bins, safety equipment & lunch at community centre. Ongoing support will also be provided through the Council Advisor for Seniors Community (Helen Young) who is liaising with government agencies and NGOs to provide ongoing assistance.

The work was undertaken in partnership with the Rotary and Lions organisations and nearly 30 people assisted. While there was some financial cost to Council, the real benefit is the social capital that was created, with local business people, residents, and organisations coming together to undertake the work.

City Communities will continue working with EHU to assist where possible in situations like this, anywhere across Wellington City.

New Playground for Bing Lucas Drive

The Board requested information on any proposal for a new playground on Bing Lucas Drive. Council has recently agreed a new Playgrounds Policy and

associated investment, divestment and upgrade programme and a new playground for Bing Lucas Drive is not scheduled for priority as part of this programme over the next few years.

Duncan Street Playground

Notices have gone out and a sign erected inviting the communities feed back on the suitable location of the proposed playground. Two possible sites are Duncan Park or Kowhai Park. Our preferred park is the Duncan Park. Once we have decided on location, concept plans can be created to get some idea of what can be achieved on the site.

Inorganic Collection

The Board has previously raised the question of an inorganic waste collection along the lines of the Porirua City Council service. Wellington City Council currently does not offer such a service. PCC provides a service (through the Trash Palace) whereby residents and businesses can arrange to have items collected for eventual re-sale at Trash Palace. These items are usually bulky household items like furniture, clothing, kitchen ware and appliances.

WCC does not provide a similar service because of the cost involved with collection. Instead, WCC relies on residents and businesses to bring their second-hand goods to the recycling centre at the Southern Landfill. WCC also sees problems with running such a service in that residents or businesses might arrange for the Council to collect goods that are not suitable for re-sale. It should be noted that organisations like the Salvation Army provide a service for collecting re-usable household items.

However, WCC does offer 'Community Cleanup' assistance where the Council provides trucks, labour and disposal fees in assisting residents groups to dispose of their unwanted household materials. Some of this is then recycled through the Council's Recycle Centre. This has worked well for many years and some groups use this service as a fundraiser.

If the Tawa Community Board is interested in learning more about the Community Cleanup programme please contact Pita King on 3816850.

Duncan Street Cycle Plan

There was a public presentation to the last Board meeting on the hazards of cycling at Tawa College. While this did not come up as an issue during the SaferRoads consultation, a cycle lane could be added in both directions; however this would require the removal of some parking spaces, particularly around the railway station. Rather than a dedicated cycle lane, more effort could be put in to making Duncan Street a slower street at school times to allow motorists and cyclist to better share the road.

Council is planning to develop a Cycle Plan during 2007/08 , but it is unlikely that the cycle plan will get to the level of detail needed to address this specific issue. However a school travel plan for both Tawa Intermediate and Tawa

College would identify cycle needs, and officer support and expertise would be available to those institutions should they wish to pursue such an approach.

Oxford Street Parking

The painting of yellow lines to give effect to the Traffic Resolutions agreed by Council for Oxford Street will be undertaken by the time of the April meeting.

Access for taxis – Railway Station

The land at the railway stations is owned by NZ Rail Corporation, leased to GWRC and administered by WCC. Stephen Harte will investigate the taxi rank access and report back verbally at next week's board meeting on access at the three railway stations in Tawa – Redwood, Tawa and Linden.

Community Centre – Policy on Acceptable Use

Guidelines for Acceptable Use of the Tawa Community Centre will be developed in conjunction with the Community Centre Co-ordinator. The Tawa Community Board will be consulted on all Centre operational standards as they are developed.

City Communities has initiated an update of Tawa local community groups on the Council's Community Directory.

Aikido Club of Wellington

The March report contained an update on the future use of Linden Scout Hall. Parks and Gardens have since clarified that they have received and welcomed an application from the Aikido Club of Wellington to acquire the ground lease for the site at Kowhai Park.

Under the terms of the 'Lease Policy for Recreation and Community Groups', the Council is required to advertise for expressions of interest from other groups from the community. If such expressions are received, they will be evaluated, against the policy to the 'best fit' solution.

An initial inspection has been made of the building. Apart from the exterior paintwork, the building meets the conditions necessary to qualify for a ground lease. The Aikido Club have been sent all necessary information to support their official proposal.

APPENDIX 2

2006-07 Council Planned Roading Projects in the Tawa Community

- Sections of kerb and channel and footpath and road repairs between The Drive roundabout and Rembrandt Ave (after Easter)
- Resurfacing from Linden Ave to Wall Place scheduled for the fourth week in April 1996