

	NOTES FROM PUBLIC MEETING – SELWYN HUTS		
Date	Monday 25 January 2016	Time	Commencing at 7.30pm
Location	Springston South Hall		
Council Attendees	Kelvin Coe, David Ward, Lisa Larkin & Graeme Wilson		

KEY POINTS RAISED / DISCUSSED		
Welcome	 The meeting was opened by Mayor Kelvin Coe who welcomed all attendees. Graeme Wilson then referred to the Agenda that had been prepared and circulated prior to this evening's meeting, and proceeding to work through the listed items. 	
Wastewater Treatment	 Graeme advised the meeting that a Consultant had been engaged and subsequently a draft report received had been received from that party and was now being considered by staff. Indicative prices are close to those originally identified by staff. 	
	 At the public meeting on 2 May 2016, this topic will be the key discussion item. An options report will be issued to licence holders prior to this meeting in order that the options can be understood and any additional information required can be requested of Council staff or the consultants. Ecan staff will also be present at the next meeting 	
Reserve Management Plan	 Graeme circulated a draft overview of the Selwyn Huts area and spoke to some of the key contents of that draft including a proposal for a designated car parking area. He advised that this was a conceptual idea to solve parking issues that had been identified at previous meetings. He suggested that the area be surrounded by a chain link fence and spoke of engineering requirements to establish this facility, the cost of which indicatively would be \$20,000. 	
	 It was suggested that a fee could be charged to store cars within the designated area and that some thought to the management of this facility would be appreciated. Questions were raised about the size of the proposed area and the types of vehicles that may be able to use the parking area. 	
	 Graeme referred to other aspects of the draft plan including reference to a proposed area for garden waste collection and future designation of the reserves area. 	
	 It was noted that Reserve Management Plans are a living document and subject to regular reviews. Attendees agreed that there may be some benefit in the community getting together to fine tune the draft plan and giving comments directly back to Graeme. 	
Car Parking restrictions	At a previous meeting concern was raised with respect to numbers of cars being parked adjacent to the river bank. It had been suggested an option	

	to alleviate this problem could be the painting of yellow dotted lines. Graeme advised that this had been referred to Council's roading staff who were not supportive of this suggestion.
	 Discussion followed concerning safety aspects, noting numbers of children within the Upper Selwyn Huts area, failure to observe speed limits from time to time, the noticeable lack of impact that speed humps have previously had whilst on the other hand, it was acknowledged that the creation of a parking area on the reserve may create more available parking space.
Fire-fighting equipment	 The meeting was advised that in response to a question raised late last year, Council will be providing a pump to asset with fire-fighting capacity within the Upper Selwyn Huts community.
Building consents	 The matter of outstanding building consents had been raised with Council's regulatory department who advised that there are currently a number of live consents.
	 It was noted there may have been some works undertaken in the past. Council staff will consider how to respond to this.
	Concern was raised about the risk of people undertaking work illegally.
Vehicles on the Reserve	During discussion on this matter, reference was made to the earlier discussion on vehicle parking / storage proposals on the reserve.
	 Graeme acknowledged that responding to concerns about vehicles parked within the area are time consuming, procedural and expensive.
	 Specific reference was made to a Hiab truck, the presence of which was causing quite a degree of concern.
	 Questions were raised about the powers of both the Police and Council to act on this matter.
Garden Waste Burn Pile	Discussions on this item commenced with reference to the proposed collection area on Graeme's draft Reserve Management Plan.
	 The meeting was asked if the facility is still required, who is using it, and should the users pay for the privilege of having access to this facility?
	 As with comments on the proposed vehicle storage, Graeme reiterated the importance of receiving community comments on the proposal. Within a reasonable timeframe to enable him to then take the place to the next step – which will also be subject to further community consultation.
General Business	a) Speeding bikes in the area
	 In response to comments on this matter, Graeme Wilson advised that there is a bylaw which prevents motorbike riding within the area. He said if this happens, call the Council's after hours number and to
	 take photos and gather evidence so that Council can follow through with the bylaw
	An observation was made that there is signage that states motorbikes cannot be ridden in the area
	b) Any progress on the ability of residents to be able to buy their land
	Noted it is a long and complex project
	c) Dogs on the reserve
	 Comments from attendees suggested that there have been a numbers of dogs observed in the area in recent weeks. Again, advice was given

	 by Council staff that should this occur in the future, to ring the Council Animal Control Officer who will be able to respond. Warden d) Community funds and assets In response to a question on ownership and control of both cash and assets, reference was made to discussions at the most recent meeting where it was agreed to review the governance arrangements for the community within three months of the 2016 local authority elections. One of the responsibilities for the newly designated governance group will be to consider how this request will be responded to.
Conclusion of Meeting	 The meeting concluded at 9.00pm. The next scheduled meeting is on the xx May commencing at 7.30pm.