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Koitiata residents committee

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Ref: Closure Teone Street.

Dear Sir,

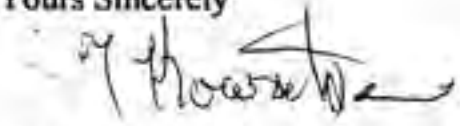
It is with regret that we approach this subject, as normally we have such good communications with council that the need for an explanation of an incident like this would not occur. In the above case however we are left wondering what is happening?

Teone Street has been a topic of discussion on numerous occasions with R.D.C. and ourselves and in recent times has been identified as a non-existent street hence a council decision to spend no more funds maintain that stretch of roadway. This committee had recently met and debated various options pertaining to this area and sent committee member to council with a couple of these leaving the final call in his hands. This resulted in a barrier being installed.

Somewhere along the way, after 10 days approximately, a meeting takes place on a weekend; amongst several residents and including a committee member (against any closure) with a representative of council (still unknown), which reversed the decision effective immediately.

As Chairperson, I feel we now have no options left but to persue this to a point where all costs are fully visible, to include both initial and subsequent tasks, being fully aware that culverts and truckloads of that metal do not come cheap. I would specifically like these costings to the above committee before the Annual General Meeting of the above committee set for March 2001. These in written form please. The matter is of serious concern to us as a committee as we are rendered useless by such actions, and end up doing damage control for both parties. It also sends bad vibes to perspective new committee reps /stalwarts, as elections loom. Some explanation would not go amiss, as to the lack of communication with committee. We look forward to your reply.

Yours Sincerely



G.T. Howatson
Chairperson.

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Mr G T Howatson
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Dear Mr Howatson

Closure Teone Street

Thank you for your letter on the closure of Teone Street.

The section of reserve known locally as Teone Street is actually part of reserve and is not road.

We are indeed concerned that the right things are being done in Kaitiata and in trying to help the committee we have found that we in fact did the wrong thing in allowing a barrier to be placed in the reserve. As a result, it was later discovered that the barrier was not legal, and had been installed in a position on the reserve and not at the end of the legal road as specified by the Assets Manager. The removal of the barrier was undertaken for legal reasons and not simply on the demand of a few residents.

We believe that it is no longer satisfactory to respond to verbal requests from residents indicating that they represent the resident's committee and we are disappointed that the residents in Kaitiata do not speak with one voice. We are also concerned that we do not get the complete picture when residents ask Council to either undertake work on their behalf or allow work on a reserve.

All works undertaken on roads and within reserves are the responsibility of Council, in this particular case the work was undertaken in conjunction with another project and the costs for the work were quoted to be \$300.00. There is no additional breakdown on grader time or metal costs as these lump sum quotations are fixed, and we do not seek additional information from the contractor.

In due course and with your concurrence, we intend to change the name of Teone Street to Teone Reserve. The area is maintained under the Reserves budget rather than a road budget. In making this subtle change we are conscious of the safety of users of the reserve and play ground and the legal responsibilities of those using vehicles on the reserve. For a number of reasons it will assist the residents fronting onto the reserve for vehicle accessing the reserve to use the "such and such" street entry rather than traveling between the playground and the houses.

Peter Duncan
Asset Manager