

KRC Meeting

16/7/2003

General Business: (visitors invited to speak)

1. There was a general discussion about the closure of the road (Teone Street) at the south-west exit from the village.

Bob Major clarified the situation that the Rangitikei District Council had received only one individual submission about this matter and there had been no mention of it in the submissions to the Annual Draft Plan from the Koitiata Residents Committee.

Bob also clarified the situation – that Council had the authority to close the road but not the responsibility to maintain it. At present Council would be unlikely to respond favourably to any request for funds to maintain the road.

Several residents spoke against the closure of the road. Reasons given were access to rear entrances of property, access for fire vehicles and recreational access.

Two residents stated that traffic moved through the area with too much noise and speed. There was a discussion about signage to deter this.

There was general agreement that in the short term there should be an ad hoc working party to carry out emergency maintenance on the road, and in the long term a source of income or materials for maintenance should be looked into.

Bob Major reminded us that a resolution speaking against the road closure was necessary to stop council action.

Motion – that a letter should be sent to the RDC stating that the community were opposed to the road closure

Moved – Joyce Smith Seconded Pam Rhodes - passed unanimously

2. There was a discussion on recreational facilities for older children. Neville Cosgrove tabled a plan for a concrete wall for squash-type ball games, and Tom Dooney suggested a BMX track. It was decided to discuss these ventures further before taking any further action.

3. Peter Hawes asked about the status of the area known as the domain. Bob Major clarified that this land is not specifically designated as recreational and in theory it could be sold. He advised that the best way to preserve it for recreational purposes was to use it as such. Joyce Smith pointed out that the Committee were still waiting for a reply from Council to the submission requesting permission to level the area for sporting activities.

4. Pam Rhodes expressed concern that the lawn had not been mowed outside her house and Tom Dooney agreed to tell the new contractor that he should include that area.

5. There was some concern about an apparently abandoned vehicle on a property in Rapaki Street, but as it is not in the street itself, there is little the Committee or Council can do at present.