

Maungaraki meeting about community representation	<p>Proposed replacement of community committee by a panel will lower community representation. The replacement would be officer led.</p> <p>The money being offered looks like a substantial amount, but once split over 3 years, and across the communities involved, will not be much for each.</p> <p>Community representation and money offered to the communities should not be linked together.</p> <p>Emphasis seems to be on other communities that may need the money more.</p> <p>We have all looked for the on-line survey that is supposed to be available, but no-one has found it. Apparently on the Hutt City Facebook page, not their web site.</p>
	<p>Action: Paul / Robyn will do submission relating to proposed changes, copied to Chris, Margaret and the Mayor. Needs to be sent by 31 March.</p> <p>Points of concern:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of local representation, expertise required Power imbalance between community and officers Relying on people working for free, rather than paying a committee Once money 'split' not much really for each community
Civil Defence	<p>The civil defence sirens are to be removed. These were for the river flooding only, not tsunamis. The current message is: If the earthquake is strong, move out of the tsunami risk area.</p>
Recycling and rubbish	<p>Paul noted that Maungaraki Community Association is suggesting they have centralised large recycling bins in their suburb rather than the small bins collected on Wednesdays because of the wind blowing the bins and contents around.</p> <p>Normandale's suggestion would be to cover the bins with a net or put a brick on top. If the wind is really bad, don't put the bins out. Residents unlikely to want to carry their recycling to a central position and the wind will still blow the recycling around if the bins become full or are not loaded tidily.</p>
Annual plan	<p>This will be out for consultation soon. Submissions will be required at the council by 28th April. Let community know.</p> <p>Action: Daniel: Notice put into NDT in April.</p> <p>Paul: Invite HCC speaker to next meeting.</p>
AGM	<p>This will be in June</p> <p>Ashleigh Brown has may be interested in being a guest speaker.</p> <p>Action: Paul: Invite Ashleigh to be speaker at the AGM</p>
Neighbourhood day	<p>Kelson holds a neighbourhood day at their community centre. Should we think about doing something at the top entrance of Jubilee Park, by the exercise equipment? Possibly hold a sausage sizzle.</p>
Emergency Response team	<p>James reported that they have now formed a charitable trust. They are badly underfunded, in need of equipment upgrade; bring up to new Health and Safety standards.</p> <p>Also need new base to store equipment, can't use Seaview due to tsunami risk. Possibly on Western Hills, or behind new river stopbanks once completed.</p>

Meeting closed 9:00

Next meeting 20th April