

Monday, 10 June 2024

Te Hui o Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga

Hastings District Council

Hastings District Rural Community Board Meeting

Kaupapataka

Attachments Vol 2

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Meeting date: **Monday, 10 June 2024**

Te Wā:
Time: **9.00am**

Te Wāhi:
Venue: **Council Chamber
Ground Floor
Civic Administration Building
Lyndon Road East
Hastings**

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*** Please indicate whether or not you wish to speak to your submission at a Council Meeting set down for hearing submissions on Tuesday 11 June.**

Yes

*** If your submission is a rural matter, it will also be discussed at the Rural Community Board Meeting before this on Tuesday 4 June. Please indicate if you also want to speak to the Rural Community Board.**

Yes

Share your thoughts here . . .

I havn't ticked any of the boxes above as they are biased/ trying to avoid the issues/ prop up Council agenda.

Cyclone targeted rate needs to be larger as we have 800 years of humans mucking the environment about. Yes we are faced with tough choices mainly because hdc and hbrc has not done the required maintenance of waterways over many, many years, While I understand that National Government policies have made things difficult this is not an excuse for dropping the ball when the key function of councils is infrastructure and sustainability based.

In the light of that we/you need to focuss funding on sorting our waterways out. humans have spent the last 800 or so years mucking up the environment - early polynesian/ Maori burnt down half our forests to grow kumera, bracken fern and to provide habitat for Moa. Settlers in the last 180 years have completley changed the way that waterways run so that almost all creeks, streams and rivers are in artificial channels designed to speed the flow of water thus making peak flows larger and erosion much much greater to say nothing of the loss of soil from slopes denuded of their forest cover. with 89% approx of our forest cover gone and about the same amount of flood mitigating swamps gone the Cyclone damage was totally foreseeable. We have also centralised our services so they are reliant on " just in time " delivery via large road destroying trucks.

Growth is a oszi scheme and sooner or later we will have to pay for it. Lets focuss on sustainabiity and a good lifestyle for all Hawkes Bay citizens. More people means more infrastructure, etc, etc which has to be paid for out of the same area of land, so more intensificaton, more erosion, more housing etc until the whole thing falls over. Yes GDP looks good, like after the Christchurch earthquake but most people end up with less each and the whole standard of living drops for most people. We are dropping battery hens to put in infill housing so creating battery people !

Debt plan must be to find more savings - stop paying ever increasing amounts to Council and Council staff and consultants. Make sports and cycle ways pay their way. We now have professional sports woth million/billions and we still subsidise them. Cycles should be registered and chipped and pay a fee for thev use of cycleways. Buses are a waste of money. For the few people who cannot drive/afford a car we can set up a volunteer survice or the can work or cycle ?? Isn't that why we have spent megabucks on cycle and walkways.

Nice to have is just that but only if you have surplus money after paying the above bills

Attach a document to your submission

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Yes

Pay less, recover slower, accept increased risks to the roading network

It's about right

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It's about right

Share your thoughts here . . .

HDC has been severely effected by woody biomass brought down the catchment and will continue to be so. This woody debris has significant value when converted to certified biochar. The same system which produces the certified biochar + carbon removal credits, can also achieve similar outcomes from green slash, waste treatment plant biosolids and other feedstocks. This proposal is currently in various stages of acceptance with three other District Councils, and is deployed in more than 70 projects globally. The case for the system is commercially astute, providing a direct economic lift of approximately \$150/Tonne of woody debris, plus earnings. The secondary benefits include energy generation providing resilience and reduced cost. Our suggestion is that such a system would remove the operational expense of woody biomass disposal, provide significant new revenues to the local economy and/or Council, and provide local energy generation for industry or homes.

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The Council and Ratepayers regrettably have experienced significant issues with woody debris in the catchment and in condemned buildings.

Epic Char proposes to systematically remove the remainder of this woody biomass for Council with a solution that will deliver environmentally sustainable social and economic outcomes for the region, retaining the system for alternative feedstocks and/or future woody debris events.

The Epic Char solution is based on the mass production of Biochar using the woody biomass as feedstock:

- Produces high value commodities: certified biochar and carbon credits – benefits the environment
- Each manufacturing unit also delivers 2.7 GWH of Electricity (385 average households) and 17.7 GWH of Heat Energy (6 hectares of glasshouse) – benefits community housing and industry.
- 25-year asset can then provide ongoing solution for LWD and other feedstock to enable local and industrial waste management solutions over the long term – benefits the Council and ratepayers over the longer term.

What is Biochar?

Biochar is defined by the International Biochar Initiative as "the solid material obtained from the thermochemical conversion of biomass in an oxygen-limited environment".

Making biochar has been an ancient, low-tech practice. The biochar produced, when added to soil, made plants grow better and require less fertilizer and watering. The traditional methods were limited in modern terms, posing problems with environmental impacts, particularly emissions, the qualities of the biochar itself and in their limited potential and scalability.



The large woody biomass problem is here now and for years to come.

Is modern **Biochar** capable of being a large part of the solution?



