

Finance - Ruawai and Dargaville CCTV split rate

Recommendation | Ngā tūtohunga

That the Kaipara District Council:

- a) Approves the separation of the CCTV targeted rate between the Ruawai and greater Dargaville areas to be administered by the relevant Development Board outlined below:
 - Dargaville and surrounds \$7.70 incl GST targeted rate (Dargaville Community Development Board)
 - Ruawai \$10.35 incl GST targeted rate (Ruawai Promotions and Development Group)
- b) Notes that the residents to be rated are those currently paying the annual targeted rate.

This recommendation does change what was proposed in the Long Term Plan 2024-2027 Consultation Document.

Introduction:

Council introduced a CCTV rate for Dargaville and Ruawai in the LTP 2021/31. Ruawai /Dargaville rate payers currently pay a targeted rate for the ongoing costs, expansion and maintenance of CCTV cameras in those respective areas. This is being administered by the Dargaville Community Development Board (DCDB).

The Ruawai Promotions & Development Group (RPDG) presented to Council, that the targeted rate for the Ruawai / Tokatoka area be separated and Ruawai receive their share directly to the Ruawai Promotions & Development Group. The residents paying the rate are the same residents that are paying the Ruawai Hall rate. The RPDG is a separate group from the Ruawai hall group.

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Submission below:

Ruawai Promotions and Development Group

- Ruawai /Dargaville rate payers currently pay a targeted rate for the ongoing costs, expansion and maintenance of CCTV cameras in our respective areas. This is being administered by the DCDB. My submission. That the targeted Rate for the Ruawai / Tokatoka area be separated and paid directly to the Ruawai Promotions and Development Group through the Ruawai Hall targeted rate facility already being administered by the KDC. Submission The current CCTV system has received a minimal outlay from the DCDB for the capital outlay of the cameras in place, maintenance or operating costs. This has all been funded by the community in addition to paying the targeted rate.
- Current Building restrictions are having a detrimental effect on economic growth in the Ruawai area. My submission. That the KDC review current building restrictions in the Ruawai area with the intention of attracting new investment.
- Staff comment-This relates to the District Plan not LTP and so can't be answered here.

Constable Willie Paniora

- The local constable believes Ruawai Promotions and Development Group can manage their own contributions and wants the current targeted rate separated out.
- He advised Ruawai raised \$37k from their community for the CCTV and that Ruawai monitors its own CCTV system.

Options and Assessments

DCDB advise;

- Stage 1 of the targeted rate was the initial installation of the cameras which are located in Dargaville.
- Stage 2 was the second round of funding which was to be used for the Ruawai CCTV until the letter from the Ruawai Promotions Development Group advised that they would fund the new cameras themselves. DCDB did apply for Stage 2 funding for expansion of the Ruawai CCTV to other agencies but funding of the application was declined.

The original 2021 budget put up by the DCDB was to cover.

Administrator 10 hrs per week	15,800	Dargaville
Administrator 2 hrs per week	3,200	Ruawai
Workspace, computer expenses	5,000	Dargaville
Expansion/ mtce/power etc Stage 1	12,000	Dargaville
Expansion mtce/power etc Stage 2	<u>12,000</u>	<u>Ruawai</u>
Total base targeted rate excl GST	\$ 48,000	(GST incl = \$55,200)

The current rate is \$10.35 per property inclusive of GST which raised \$58,829 incl GST.

	Dargaville	Ruawai	
Current costs rated for	40,199	18,630	\$58,829
Ratepayers contributions	53,935	4,844	\$58,829

DCDB advise that a large amount of time has gone into setting up, applying for grants, and liaising with payments for electricity in the last three years on behalf of Ruawai residents. They have provided documentation showing their involvement in the initial years. Elected Members have also previously received a copy of DCDB involvement.

Ruawai Development & Promotions Group raised funds itself for their CCTV and has received approximately \$3,000 reimbursed for electricity over the 3 years from the DCDB. The RDPG Group do not wish for this rate to be managed by the Dargaville Community Development Board (DCDB) any longer on behalf of Ruawai.

The current CCTV system has received a minimal outlay from the DCDB for the capital outlay of the cameras in place, maintenance or operating costs. This has all been funded by the community in addition to paying the targeted rate.

RDPG have stated the annual costs for CCTV are likely to be \$13,130 pa which would be \$28 for the Ruawai ratepayers. This is a large increase for this community and has not been consulted on.

Proposal is to provide the following and look to increase if justified at the next LTP process;

- Dargaville \$40,199
- Ruawai \$4,844

Total cost to Council inclusive of GST \$45,043

Options

- a) Targeted rate levied is separated and paid to both Community organisations.

Currently the rate generates \$58,829 incl GST from the Dargaville and Ruawai areas Dargaville's costs are \$40,199 incl GST based on the initial business case they provided Council. This would result in the rate being \$7.70 instead of the \$10.35 rated.

RDPG has provided future cost estimates of \$13,130 pa but this would increase the rate to \$28.05 to Ruawai properties and has not been consulted on so the proposal is to keep the rate at \$10.35 for Ruawai which will generate \$4,844 incl GST.

Council received one submission against collecting for CCTV in Dargaville.

This is the recommended option.

- b) Status Quo - continue to pay \$58,829 to DCDB total amount and allow administration to continue from DCDB offices. This is not the preference of the Ruawai Promotions and Development Group.

Impact of recommendation on the LTP (financial and non-financial)

There would be impact on the rating system for the LTP 2024-27, in that we would have an additional targeted rate for Ruawai. The total amount would decrease for Dargaville.

Policy Implications

The Revenue and Financing Policy needs to be updated to reflect this.

Conclusion drawn:

This is a fair way to ensure the community being rated receives its funds. The community organisation Ruawai Promotions Development Group is aware Council will need to receive annual accounts so financial oversight can be provided by Council.