

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS RAISED AT THE  
TAYLORVILLE, DOBSON & KAIATA COMMUNITY MEETING ON 10 MAY 2012**

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
Why is Kaiata not going to get water at the same time as the sewer?	Due to the proposed high cost of providing a reticulated sewerage scheme, water was not included in the draft Long Term Plan. Residents in the Kaiata area who would like reticulated water to be installed at the same time as the proposed sewerage scheme should make submission to Council's draft <b>Long Term Plan around this issue by Monday 28 May 2012.</b>
Why isn't the sewer going to Kaiata Park?	At this time there is a cost saving by transferring all Taylorville, Dobson and Kaiata sewerage to the proposed Greymouth Wastewater Treatment Plant. If the decision is made to proceed with the proposed Taylorville, Dobson and Kaiata sewerage scheme, Council will undertake a final review of the treatment option costs and will determine the best location with overall cost benefit in mind.
Are grinder pumps included in the scheme costs?	Yes. Properties that may be required to pump into the system will be provided with a small package pump station with grinder pump. This is included in the overall scheme costs.
Pump costs?	Electricity costs for grinder pumps are currently estimated between <b>\$15 and \$30 per year</b> , however this will very much depend on the occupancy per property.
Who pays for the electrics and pipe work to be installed if an on-site pump is required?	Property owners who are required to pump into the system will be required to pay all power costs into the future. Pipework within private property will also be the responsibility of the property owner and fall at their cost.
Is the rate rise costing going to be forever in a day?	The capital cost of the scheme will be loan funded over 30 years with a large part of the targeted rate repaying the loan (part of the targeted rate will be funding operational costs and maintenance). After 30 years when the loan is paid back the Council and community will need to choose whether to consider to start funding for the replacement of the system. This will be a choice for the future community.
Why weren't costs regarding septic tanks vs Council's proposed system in the original document?	We did have limited space to provide information as we were concerned if we provided too much detail none of it would be read. There are also a huge range of varying costs on what an on-site system may cost that the individual property owner would be best to determine.
Why was the Dobson meeting at 7.00 pm and the Kaiata meeting at 3.30 pm?	Council's aim was to try to achieve coverage of the community for working and non-working residents.
Has inflation been worked into the rates prediction?	Yes - it has been projected out along with predicted rates.

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Can people pay a lump sum to connect to the scheme?	Council's current policy does not allow for this approach, however resident should feel free to make a submission to Council's draft <b>Long Term Plan around this issue by Monday 28 May 2012.</b>
If voted not to proceed, what timeframe would there be to upgrade the existing septic tanks?	If the existing septic tank systems are continued with and they are not working properly then both the regional council and this council may be involved, both from a contamination of the environment and public health perspective. No time frame can be given, however it is likely that one or both agencies would act on a complaint.
If you put a sewer system in place would it cover some existing drains, ie storm water drainage?	<b>No.</b> The proposed sewerage scheme will only deal with the collection of sewer discharge from residents properties and its treatment. Resident should feel free to make submission to Council's draft <b>Long Term Plan around this issue by Monday 28 May 2012.</b>
How will the community centre connect to the scheme? And how would they fund the \$954.70?	The Community Centre will be required to connect to the new scheme along with all properties that are serviced. This will be at full cost to the Community Centre. The Community Centre should feel free to make submission to Council's draft <b>Long Term Plan around this issue by Monday 28 May 2012.</b>
Is the cost (\$7.1m) fixed or a prediction?	The cost is based on the best estimates to date. These costs are determined based on a robust process and current construction costs within the Industry. Allowances have been made for inflation and contingencies (unforeseen costs).
Is there an issue with limited flows?	<b>Yes.</b> Once the scheme is in place, serviced properties will have a <b>two year</b> timeframe to complete their connection.
Can we choose not to connect to the system?	<b>No.</b> Once the scheme is in place all serviced properties will have a <b>two year</b> timeframe to complete their connection.
Building consent fee requirement?	<b>Yes-</b> a building consent is required the same as for all other building and drainage work carried out on private property throughout the district.
What areas are going to be covered for the proposed sewerage?	<b>If you received a letter from Council asking you to vote on the sewerage options, you can assume you are covered by the scheme.</b>
Does the consent fee include the decommissioning of the old tank?	The consent fee outlined at the Community meeting of <b>\$557</b> includes fees to cover for the inspection of a decommissioned septic tank.
Do we have to connect and pay the rate if we have unbuildable land, ie within the flood zone?	The rate is <b>only being charged to those properties that will be connecting (i.e. not charged to vacant land).</b>
If you live on a hill area, can you gravity discharge into the system?	This will depend on the particular location of the property. Please contact the Asset and Engineering Department of Council.
Will the vote be 50/50 or what will be binding? It is over all communities, not one or the other?	<b>Sewerage Scheme</b> – the final decision to proceed rests with Council and they will take into account both the number of votes received and the percentage voting yes or no. They will also take into account other factors such as but not limited to public health and environmental matters as per the Outcomes Council wishes to achieve for its Long Term Plan.  <b>Water supply</b> – as for the sewerage scheme except that the

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	<p>decision can be seen as more straight forward as it comes down to two options: one to connect to the Greymouth water supply, the other to retain the existing Dobson-Taylorville intake and upgrade this to the new drinking water standard.</p>
<p>How do you pay if you can't afford to pay it? Rates rebate?</p>	<p>The Government provides a rates rebate scheme that currently pays up to \$580 towards your rates depending on income. Affordability will be a key consideration when you are choosing whether to vote for or against the scheme.</p>
<p>Would Council provide a scheme to rate payers so that their private drainage capital costs be paid off through rates over time?</p>	<p>No.</p>
<p>When will township construction be started?</p>	<p>Construction will commence as soon as possible once Council makes a decision to proceed has been confirmed, detailed design is completed and contractors are appointed.</p>
<p>Can we determine where the service is provided to on our property boundary?</p>	<p>Council will work with property owners where practical to place the service laterals in the best location.</p>
<p>Can we get more funding from Development West Coast?</p>	<p>No. Development West Coast's funding rules do not allow funding of Local Government Infrastructure projects.</p>
<p>When will Council make a decision?</p>	<p>Council will make a decision on whether the scheme will proceed before the end of June 2012.</p>
<p>Can the community hall be connected and have zero rates?</p>	<p>Council's current policy does not allow for this however resident should feel free to make submission to Council's draft <b>Long Term Plan around this issue by Monday 28 May 2012.</b></p>