

REPORT OF A MEETING OF THE MATAURA COMMUNITY BOARD, HELD IN THE MATAURA COMMUNITY CENTRE, MCQUEEN AVENUE, MATAURA, ON MONDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2013, AT 5.30PM.

PRESENT A Taylor (Chairman), L Sinclair, B Cunningham, Cr Dixon, C Duffy and B Lee.

IN ATTENDANCE General Manager District Assets (Mr Paul Withers), Administration/HR Manager (Susan Jones), and Corporate Support Officers (Mrs Tracey Millan and Mrs Kylie Weir) and four members of the public in the gallery.

APOLOGY Cr Dixon apologised for absence.

1. CONFIRMATION OF REPORT

It was noted that B Cunningham had seconded item 3 in the report, not B Sinclair.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of L Sinclair, seconded by B Cunningham, THAT the report of the ordinary meeting of the Mataura Community Board, held on Monday 1 July 2013 as circulated, be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and complete record.

2. PRESENTATION BY VANESSA EDWARDS

Vanessa Edwards was in attendance and provided a brief overview about her new role as a Mataura Marae Whanau worker.

Ms Edwards said her one year contract held by the Te Runanga o Nga Maata Waka with the support of Te Puni Kōkiri was to help its executive committee to make decisions around the Mataura Marae. She was looking forward to helping make the Marae a community based place where all cultures could be involved. The Marae was not affiliated to Ngai Tahu. It was for everybody.

His Worship endorsed the role which would be pivotal in terms of bringing the Marae to life within the community. Ms Edwards was the right person for that and he hoped she would work closely with the Board and the Council and wished her all the best for a good result.

3. MATAURA POOL KEY-HOLDER OPTION (SC0871)

A memo had been received from the Parks and Recreation Manager in response to a question from the Board relating to the potential to operate the Mataura pool under a key-holder system in conjunction with the current operating model.

B Lee said he was against a key-holder system. The potential risks around health and safety were significant and a key-holder system would be too difficult to monitor.

A Taylor said the idea had been raised initially as a potential way to increase the pool patronage. It was clear now however that idea was more involved than that.

He asked the pool staff present if they had any ideas about how to increase the pool patronage and said the community were appreciative of the pool staff's efforts.

L Sinclair suggested the Board consult with pool staff.

The Administration Manager said the patronage of the pool was a different issue. It may be more appropriate for that to be considered at a workshop in the future.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of C Duffy, seconded by B Cunningham, THAT the report be received,

AND THAT the status quo be retained in relation to the operation of the Mataura Pool.

4. MATAURA RAILWAY STATION LEASE ()

A memo had been received from the Parks and Recreation Manager together with a draft report that would be considered by the Council at its next meeting.

A Taylor said he had received several suggestions around the possible longer term use of the building, including the idea of utilising it as a heritage centre.

B Lee said he and Cr Dixon had discussed the issue and thought it would be a good idea if the Council purchased the building.

A Taylor said the long term future of the building was important for the town and the Board wanted to protect the interests of the business currently occupying it.

His Worship agreed and said a decision mattered on both strategic and historical level and deserved careful consideration. The building was an asset that had not been utilised and there was now an opportunity for a fresh approach.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of B Lee, seconded by L Sinclair, THAT the report be received,

AND THAT the Board hold a workshop to explore the options around the ownership and use of the Mataura railway building.

5. DISCRETIONARY ACCOUNT UPDATE (SC0279)

A memo had been received by the Administration Manager providing an update on the discretionary account available for Mataura initiatives.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of C Duffy, seconded by B Cunningham, THAT the information be received.

6. MATAURA – CHRISTMAS TREE (SC0382)

A memo had been received from the Parks and Recreation Manager requesting support from the Board to install and fund a 4.5m tall Christmas tree to be located on the roof of the Mataura Service Centre, over the festive season.

A Taylor said a group of local people had been working on a project of decorating some businesses and trees in the Bridge Street area and the railway station, subject to the availability of power.

C Duffy said he thought a Christmas tree was a waste of money and that the Board could do a lot more for the town with \$5,000.

Following comments about the tree lights not always being operational at Queen's Park, A Taylor said he would investigate. He had received lots of positive comments about the lights.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of C Duffy, seconded by L Sinclair, THAT the information be received,

AND THAT the Board investigate some cheaper options for Christmas decorations for the town.

7. REQUEST FOR FUNDING (SC0283)

A memo had been received from the Administration Manager together with a copy of a request from year 6 pupils of Mataura School seeking a donation from the Board towards the end of year camp in November.

A Taylor said the request was for a good cause, although it could set a precedent for future requests.

C Duffy said he would like to have seen more information before making a decision.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of C Duffy, seconded by B Lee, THAT the request be declined.

8. MATAURA CLEAN FILL SITE AND SURROUNDS (SC0702)

A memo had been received from the General Manager, District Assets regarding the walkway end of the clean fill site at Mataura and the need for a clear plan to enhance the area.

The General Manager said it had been an aspiration of the Council to see the hole eventually closed in. The walkway was definitely in need of an overhaul and was potentially a good community project that people could get behind. The willow trees could be removed and chipped. The flax could be removed and replanted. Although labour intensive it would be a good opportunity for the community to take pride in it.

Kevin Marshall from Environment Southland was in attendance at the meeting and said after inspecting the willow trees, his advice would be to remove the willow trees and have them chipped, which would take about three days.

The General Manager said the removal of the willow trees would be the easy part of the process. Once established the flax would be relatively easy to maintain. The wildlife in the pond would then be visible.

C Duffy said he would like to see the area looking like Pioneer Park.

In response to A Taylor asking if the era of the Mataura dump was finished, the General Manager said there were two other clean fill sites in the Mataura area that the Council would investigate to see if they were available to use and report back to the Board. There were specific rules that had to be followed when operating a clean fill from a resource consent perspective. A user pays system applied. The Council had to know how much material was going into the site and an annual report was required to be prepared around that.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of A Taylor, seconded by L Sinclair, THAT the report be received,

THAT the Council explore the possibility of closing the Mataura dump site,

AND THAT the Council investigate the following options to clean up the site:

- 1. Removal of all willows**
- 2. Planting of flax and natives**
- 3. Adequate fencing of the site**
- 4. A clean-up project that the Mataura community can be involved with**
- 5. And investigate a green waste recycling site for the town**

In response to the General Manager, A Taylor said there was good representation of several community groups present at the meeting who concurred those groups could help to organise a clean-up of the site.

B Lee did not think that the clean fill site at Mataura should be closed because it would cause more fly tipping on roadsides and along the riverbank. He asked if the big dumping bins would be removed too.

The General Manager said the Council could investigate the usage of the bins at the clean-fill site so that the Board could make an informed decision about closing it.

9. GENERAL

A Taylor thanked B Lee for serving two terms on the Board and invited him to attend the statutory meeting to be held on 11 November.

His Worship also acknowledged and thanked B Lee for the commitment he had put in over the last six years. He appreciated his trait of standing up for the community.

A Taylor advised the grandstand was getting closer to be shifted. The engineer's report was near to being finalised. Two parties had funding available.

The General Manager advised Mr Robinson from the New Zealand Transport Agency had provided a cost for the cleaning the Mataura Bridge which was very expensive due to any debris from the bridge and water used to clean it having to be prevented from going into the river. Hence, it was still a work in progress to come up with a way to do that.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Statutory meeting on Monday 11 November 2013 at 5.30pm.

The meeting concluded at 6.21pm.