

Report of a meeting of the Mataura Community Board, held in the Mataura Community Centre, McQueen Avenue, Mataura, on Monday 28 August 2017, at 5.33pm.

**Present** Alan Taylor (Chairman), Cr Neville Phillips, Sue Taylor, Linda Sinclair and Geoff Colvin.

**In attendance** The Transport Manager (Mr Peter Standring), Administration Manager (Susan Jones), Laurel Turnbull and Sheree Chapman, (Labour candidate for Clutha-Southland).

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L Sinclair advised Sgt Greg Ballantyne had been scheduled to update the Board on policing coverage in Mataura, but was unable to attend the meeting.

1. CONFIRMATION OF REPORT

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of Geoff Colvin, seconded by Linda Sinclair, THAT the report of the ordinary meeting of the Mataura Community Board, held on Monday 12 June 2017 as circulated, be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and complete record.**

2. TULLOCH PARK REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT (SC1229)

A memo had been received from the Parks and Recreation Manager providing an update on the Tulloch Park redevelopment project. A new professional architect had been engaged and was working on concepts for the project. A meeting of the working party was scheduled for 11 September to consider the latest designs.

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of Sue Taylor, seconded by Geoff Colvin, THAT the information be received.**

3. CLEAN AIR LOANS (SC1633)

A memo had been received from the Administration Manager explaining the clean air loans scheme. The high number of burners per square kilometre in Gore and Invercargill posed a risk to human health and Environment Southland had imposed stricter air quality regulations as a result. Residents in the Gore and Invercargill air sheds were required to remove burners and boilers that did not comply with the tighter clean air regulations. Mataura had better air quality than Gore and Invercargill. A clean air loan scheme to offer finance to affected residents had been put in place by Environment Southland and the Gore District Council.

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of Linda Sinclair, seconded by Geoff Colvin, THAT the information be received and noted.**

**4. FUTURE DEVELOPMENT – GLENDHU ROAD RECREATION RESERVE – POSSIBLE DOG PARK, MATAURA (SC1547)**

A memo had been received from the Parks and Recreation Manager updating the Board on progress in relation to the provision of a dog park in Mataura.

Council officers shared the concerns expressed by some Board members and Cr Phillips in relation to the physical restrictions present at the Glendhu Road site. There were also access issues when hockey had occupied the site that would most probably return when people, children and dogs had to cross a busy Glendhu Road to access the reserve from the carpark. These were all issues that needed to be fleshed out further.

Council officers had discussed the overall issues surrounding dogs – district wide. The General Manager Regulatory and Planning had recommended a strategic and consistent district-wide approach to dogs and a proposal had been considered by the Regulatory and Planning Committee at its meeting held on 22 August. A copy of the report had been circulated with the agenda, for the Board's information.

Cr Phillips said he supported the Board's wish to have a dog park in the town, however, he did not support it being located at the Glendhu Road reserve.

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of Linda Sinclair, seconded by Sue Taylor, THAT the information be received.**

**5. REQUEST FROM MATAURA COMMUNITY GARDEN (SC1619)**

The Board considered a request from the Mataura Community Garden Committee seeking financial assistance towards a connection to the town sewerage scheme. The garden currently had a chemical toilet and a connection to the town system would be more convenient. The project would cost \$3,000 with the Committee having \$1,000 available.

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of Linda Sinclair, seconded by Sue Taylor, THAT the Board allocate \$2,000 from its discretionary fund to the community garden project.**

**6. ALLIANCE CARPARK – UPDATE ON PLANTING PROJECT (SC1547)**

A memo had been received from the Transport Manager providing an update on progress on the beautification of the Alliance Group carpark on State Highway 1.

An on-site meeting with Board representatives and staff had been held. Discussions about the spacing of plants, style of planting, the walkway across the railway line and the need to consult with KiwiRail and the New Zealand Transport Agency had been considered.

A plan showing the layout of the garden plots outlining a plot every ninth carpark along the track side of the parking space had been circulated with the agenda. The road side of the park would

have the same sequence of plots but would be out of step with the track side. The total number of plots would be 31. An indicative cost for each plot was \$5,000 inclusive of planting.

Geoff Colvin advised Alliance had met with KiwiRail who asked for a plan to be submitted for its consideration. Once that had been approved, it would be forwarded to the New Zealand Transport Agency for its approval.

The Chairman noted that Alliance management was supportive of the project.

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of Alan Taylor, seconded by Linda Sinclair, THAT the planting plan be adopted in principle,**

**AND THAT it be referred to KiwiRail and the New Zealand Transport Agency for approval.**

**7. COMMUNITY BOARD ZONE MEETING**

The Administration Manager had advised that a meeting of the Zone 6 Community Boards would be hosted by the Gore District Council on Saturday 9 September.

Board members who were able to attend were Alan Taylor, Linda Sinclair, Sue Taylor and Cr Phillips.

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Phillips, seconded by Linda Sinclair, THAT the information be received.**

**8. DISCRETIONARY ACCOUNT**

A memo had been received from the Administration Manager advising that the Council grant of \$5,300 for discretionary use by the Board had become available from 1 July 2017.

Expenditure in the 2016-17 year related to assistance to the Mataura community garden for land acquisition adjacent to the garden (\$3,000) and costs associated with the defibrillator installed outside the fire station (\$578). The current balance was \$15,965.

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of Geoff Colvin, seconded by Sue Taylor, THAT the information be received.**

**9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 9 October 2017, at 5.30pm**

The meeting concluded at 5.53pm