

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MATAURA COMMUNITY BOARD,
HELD IN THE ELDERLY CITIZENS CENTRE, McQUEEN AVENUE,
MATAURA, ON MONDAY 20 MARCH 2006, AT 5.30 pm**

PRESENT S Dixon (Chairman), N Phillips, D Edwards, R McGowan and D Lee.

IN ATTENDANCE His Worship the Mayor (Mr Tracy Hicks JP), Crs McLennan and Turnbull, General Manager, District Assets (Mr Neil Jorgensen), General Manager, Community Services (Sukanya Mohan Das), Roading Manager (Mr Murray Hasler), Parks and Recreation Manager (Mr Ian Soper), Utilities Asset Manager (Mr Ross Haslemore), Mataura Service Centre Co-ordinator (Miss Pam Courtney), Office Manager (Mrs Margaret Evans) and two representatives from Environment Southland.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of D Edwards, seconded by D Lee, THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Mataura Community Board, held on Monday 23 January 2006, as circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true and complete record.

Clause 2 - Kana/Forth Street Intersection (3.1.11)

R McGowan advised that the recommendation should have read “*a two month trial period of option one*” not “a two month trial period of both options.”

Matters Arising from the Minutes

The Board *noted* the suggestion of R McGowan was to approach the Probation Service for special project work and not cleaning spouting.

N Phillips enquired if the Disability Park outside the Doctors surgery in Bridge Street had been completed.

The Roading Manager replied the sign was in place with the road marking due to be completed that week.

R McGowan suggested the shrubs on the north side of the Selbourne Street intersection be trimmed to allow better visibility of approaching trains for traffic turning from the South into Selbourne Street.

The Parks and Recreation Manager advised he would investigate in conjunction with the Roading Manager and report back.

R McGowan expressed his concerns at the lack of space for traffic to pull over to the left at the south-west side of the Selbourne Street

intersection. He claimed it was only a matter of time before a serious accident would occur especially as it was a busy intersection for truck and trailer units crossing a state highway.

The Roading Manager disagreed and considered there was sufficient room for traffic to pass however he would mention the concerns to Transit New Zealand at a liaison meeting to be held the following day.

R McGowan also suggested that consideration be given to moving the 70k sign further north so that traffic approaching the intersection was not travelling at such a high speed.

2. PRESENTATION FROM ENVIRONMENT SOUTHLAND (46.24.3)

The Chairman welcomed Richard Bowman and Councillor David Falconer from Environment Southland to the meeting. A presentation was made on the Regional Pest Management Strategy Review for Southland.

3. URGENT LATE BUSINESS

A memo from the Chief Executive about the need to endorse the remuneration rates as determined by the Remuneration Authority was tabled at the meeting. The information had not been available when the agenda had been compiled.

RESOLVED on the motion of N Phillips, seconded by D Lee, THAT pursuant to Section 46 (a)(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, the Maitua Community Board address urgent late business pertaining to the endorsement of remuneration rates.

4. SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO MATAURA (46.36.1)

His Worship advised that he had received a letter from a local resident Piet Muntz with suggestions for improvements to Maitua. He felt the Board may wish to consider some of his ideas in the future.

In response to N Phillips, His Worship advised a letter had been sent thanking Mr Muntz for his suggestions and that it would be forwarded to the Maitua Community Board for consideration.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of N Phillips, seconded by D Lee, THAT direct contact be made with Mr Muntz to discuss his ideas further.

5. MATAURA SKIP BIN SERVICE WINTER HOURS (10.19)

A memo had been received from the Asset Manager, Utilities proposing changes to the hours that the skip bin was open to the public during the winter.

D Lee supported the change to the opening hours and stated there were generally no customers after 4 pm.

N Phillips asked if the Council could advertise the weekly roadside pick up service for the orange rubbish bags.

The General Manager, District Assets advised the service would be advertised in the Council's noticeboard page in the Newslink. The landfill staff had also been asked to advise customers who brought the orange bags to the landfill of the alternative service available.

D Lee advised that there had been rubbish left outside the gates of the skip bin which had been placed into the bins by Bowling Club members. She added the Council was missing out on revenue for that type of offending.

The General Manager replied that type of littering was an offence but the culprit needed to be identified for an infringement notice to be issued.

The Chairman suggested that any rubbish be left for the Council's Essential Services staff to search through for any information that may lead to the culprit.

The General Manager suggested a sign could be placed on the gate to advise that the area is under camera surveillance which may discourage future offending.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of N Phillips, seconded by D Lee THAT winter hours for the Mataura Skip Bin Service be from 11.00 am until 4.00 pm, commencing from Sunday 2 April 2006,

AND THAT an appropriate sign be erected at the Mataura skip bin service to deter people depositing litter at the gate.

6. REPORT FROM PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER (18.1.2)

The Board perused a report from the Parks and Recreation Manager that had been circulated with the agenda.

N Phillips asked if the ragwort in the pony paddocks had been removed.

The Manager advised the lessees had been sent a letter to remind them of their obligations under the lease agreement but he had yet to check that the necessary work had been done.

D Lee asked if blackberry trees were a noxious plant.

The Manager confirmed they were and complaints relating to them matters were referred Environment Southland.

N Phillips asked if reparation had been received for the damage done to the Mataura Service Centre/Library.

The Parks and Recreation Manager advised that Council had received a letter offering \$25 weekly which had been declined as full reparation was being sought.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of D Lee, seconded by D_Edwards THAT the report be received.

7. REPORT OF THE ROADING MANAGER (2.1.6)

The Board perused a report from the Roading Manager that had been circulated with the agenda.

The Chairman asked if the Glendhu Road extension work would be completed to budget.

The Manager advised he expected the total cost would come in under budget due to work completed by community service workers.

The Chairman asked if a subsidy was available from Transit for the work.

The Manager replied there was not.

R McGowan suggested that a letter of appreciation be sent to the Corrections Department to thank them and commend the community service workers on a job well done.

N Phillips thought it would be more appropriate to send a letter when the work had been completed.

N Phillips noted there was no pram crossing being constructed in the kerb at the Tulloch Park rest area to access the public toilets and suggested that appropriate signage be erected to notify visitors to the area that access is also available from State Highway One.

The Manager agreed to erect the relevant signage.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of N Phillips, seconded by R McGowan THAT the report be received.

8. CUSTOMER SERVICE REPORT (46.36.1)

The Board perused a summary of customer service requests received for the period 17 January until 13 March that had been circulated with the agenda.

D Edwards referred to a complaint regarding the high speed that trucks travelled along Kana Street on SH 93 and questioned if the police were responsible for monitoring the situation.

The Roading Manager advised he had contacted the Road Transport Association and it had placed an article in its monthly newsletter advising members to slow down through Mataura especially on Kana Street. As well, both Transit New Zealand and the Police had been

contacted and it was hoped the problem would be resolved with education and enforcement.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of N Phillips, seconded by D Edwards THAT the information be received.

9. ENDORSEMENT OF REMUNERATION RATES (46.18.1)

A memo from the Chief Executive advising the Remuneration Authority had recently announced its determination of the gross members' pool for the calculation of elected members' salaries for 2006/07. The following comparison with current remuneration levels for Community Board members had been detailed:

	Current	Proposed
Community Board Chair	\$2,673	\$2,905
Community Board Member	\$763	\$829

RECOMMENDED on the motion of N Phillips, seconded by D Edwards, THAT the Board endorse the following new remuneration pool on the basis of an 8.69% increase to members with effect from 1 July 2006:

Community Board Chair	\$2,905
Community Board Member	\$ 829

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 15 May 2006

The meeting concluded at 7.20 pm