

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A MEETING OF THE MATAURA COMMUNITY BOARD WILL BE HELD IN THE ELDERLY CITIZENS CENTRE, McQUEEN AVENUE, MATAURA, ON MONDAY 20 MARCH 2006, AT 5:30 pm

**Steve Parry
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

14 March 2006

AGENDA

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Confirmation of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Mataura Community Board, held on Monday 23 January 2006.
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MATAURA COMMUNITY BOARD AGENDA

MARCH 2006

2. PRESENTATION FROM ENVIRONMENT SOUTHLAND

A representative from Environment Southland will address the Board.

3. SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO MATAURA

(Memo from Chief Executive – 13.03.06)

The attached letter offering suggestions for improvements to Mataura has been received from Piet Muntz.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Board consider the suggestions made.

4. MATAURA SKIP BIN SERVICE WINTER HOURS

(Memo from Asset Manager, Utilities – 10.03.06)

The Mataura skip bin service has now completed the first summer of operation with the Mataura Bowling Club manning the site on Sundays from 12.00 noon to 5.00 pm.

The amount of refuse can vary from 300 kg to approx 2.8 tonnes for a weekend. General refuse, ashes, metal, batteries, tyres and chippable material is accepted. Glass is accepted at no charge. The metal, batteries and tyres are then transported to Gore.

Mataura is a skip bin service and with that all large loads are directed to Gore.

The reasons for directing large loads to Gore is to stop the skip bins being filled quickly and the overflow then having to be put on the ground.

When this happens the essential services team then has to clean up the site, taking them away from their normal duties.

With winter approaching there is a lesser number of people that will use the transfer station after 4.00 pm. At present the majority of users come in between 12.00 noon until 4.00 pm on Sundays. The service needs to be open for 5 hours to allow the Mataura residents time to dispose of their refuse as this is the only day of the week that the service is available.

Therefore it is recommended that the winter hours for the Mataura skip bin service be from 11.00 am till 4.00 pm on Sundays.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT winter hours for the Mataura Skip Bin Service be from 11.00 am until 4.00 pm, commencing from Sunday 2 April 2006.

5. REPORT FROM PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER

During the last month we have experienced a period of summer weather which had a positive impact on the local reserves, a lessening in the requirements for mowing as the grass growth slowed significantly, the annual plants in the town responded well to the warmer weather and were spurred into a good burst of growth with the resulting floral display coming on favourably. The parks and reserves are looking good.

However we have had a reasonable amount of wind with some resulting damage to reserve and street trees. The shrubberies and gardens are still in good shape. All playground checks have been carried out.

On the subject of noxious weeds, Cr Sutherland and I attended a road show presentation from Environment Southland on 2 March relating to the updating of their "Pest Management Strategy".

It was enlightening to find out that it is beefing up its resources (human) to police this area of its business. You may be aware of a prosecuted case in Southland last month; there is the feeling that this type of event is going to become more prevalent in the near future. Pest Plants and Pest Animals are the focus of this Strategy, and it is my intention to submit on issues relevant to the Gore District Council.

From the property perspective:

The Mataura Library act of vandalism has seen one offender go through the Family conference process with the confirmed outcome pending the appropriate approvals. The other co-offender involved is going through the Courts process where the Council is seeking reparation to the tune of \$4,840 in full.

A letter has been sent to all Pony Paddock lessees informing them of their obligations under their lease agreements in respect of the control of noxious weeds - namely Ragwort.

In reply to questions raised at the last Mataura Community Board meeting:

1. Mataura pool grass in spoutings - *This has been attended to.*
2. Timely signing off of CSR's - *This is now a priority upon job completion and is checked twice a month.*

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received.

6. REPORT OF THE ROADING MANAGER

1. Kana Forth Street Intersection

The trial modification to the intersection will be carried out over the next month.

2. Glendhu Road Parking/Safety Issues

Community service workers from the Corrections Department have completed the removal of the timber fence which separated the existing gravel car park from the rugby ground. Works will undertake construction of the extended car park over the next few weeks.

Once the car park has been constructed the community services workers will re-erect the timber fence at its new location.

3. Tulloch Park Rest Area Toilet Footpath

Corrections Department Community Service workers are programmed to begin construction of the new timber edged gravel footpath on 18 March 2006.

The only cost to Council will be for materials. At this stage a pram crossing will not be constructed in the kerb at the rest area as disabled toilet users are easily able to drive right to the toilet.

4. McQueen Avenue Community Centre Parking

OnTrack (NZ Railways Corporation) have advised that permission to construct the proposed car park onto railway land is likely to be given. However I have since been advised that provision of additional car parking is not a requirement for consent for the Community Centre project. Therefore the additional car parking proposal has been shelved.

5. Road Maintenance Programme

Works are currently constructing a major Area Wide Pavement Treatment on Glendhu Road to address the long standing rough road problem.

Stabilisation works have been carried out on a faulty section of Nuffield Street in advance of the reseal of this street which is about to take place.

Repair of a badly scoured section of Culling Terrace is also about to be undertaken.

Works are also programming a number of footpath repairs in Mataura. These will be carried out over the next couple of months.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received.

7. CUSTOMER SERVICE REPORT

(Memo from Chief Executive – 13.03.06)

Attached is a summary of customer service requests received for the period 17 January until 13 March 2006.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.