

REPORT OF A MEETING OF THE MATAURA COMMUNITY BOARD, HELD IN THE ELDERLY CITIZENS CENTRE, McQUEEN AVENUE, MATAURA, ON MONDAY 2 APRIL 2007, AT 5.30 pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE His Worship the Mayor (Mr Tracy Hicks JP), Crs McLennan and Turnbull, the General Manager, District Assets (Mr Neil Jorgensen), Roading Manager (Mr Murray Hasler), Parks and Recreation Manager (Mr Ian Soper), HR Manager (Susan Jones) and Matura Service Centre Co-ordinator (Miss Pam Courtney).

1. URGENT LATE BUSINESS

The Chairman advised the following items would be considered at the meeting:

- Community Centre project update
- Rates and budgets
- Town maintenance

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of N Phillips, seconded by R McGowan, THAT the Report of the Ordinary Meeting of the Matura Community Board, held on Monday 22 January 2007, as circulated, be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and complete record.

D Lee advised the rubbish bins around the town were still overflowing. She had reported the car registration number of one vehicle who had been caught at the swimming pool to the Asset Manager, Utilities.

3. PRESENTATION FROM BUDDY PROGRAMME (46.36.2)

Glenda Pritchard was in attendance and said she had been employed by Family Works to establish, administer and co-ordinate the buddy programme in Gore. It had been run in Invercargill for about 9 years and about 7 years in Queenstown. She was accompanied by Pam Smith from the Invercargill Family Works programme who provided a presentation.

N Phillips thanked Mrs Pritchard and Mrs Smith for taking the time to inform the meeting about the programme.

His Worship encouraged them to contact the Council if they required any assistance.

4. UPDATE ON COMMUNITY CENTRE PROJECT (37.19.3)

N Phillips reported on the project and following Venture Southland being asked to look at the survey commissioned by the Community Trust of Southland consideration of the options were done. Option 1 was the site at McQueen Avenue, option 2 was a stand-alone facility at Tulloch Park beside the swimming pool and option 3 was a combined facility with the Matura Rugby Club. Venture came back with preferred sites and ballpark costings. No decision had been made and the Board would first meet with Venture Southland about the preferred site and how it would be funded before going back to the community with the three options. The estimated figures were as follows

- McQueen Avenue - \$1.25 million
- Option 2 - \$1.7 million
- Option 3 - \$1.64 million

The cost for options 2 and 3 allowed for the same size building as was proposed for McQueen Avenue.

The Chairman said the cost of upgrading the pavilion at Tulloch Park had been included with the overall estimate for that option. Venture was looking at producing an information brochure.

His Worship said the integral part of moving on was to consult with the funders about possibly obtaining more funding as well as with the community about the desired siting of the facility.

N Phillips said the people of Matura had to make a decision. The project was almost signed off six months ago. He had not lost heart in it. Another meeting was scheduled with Venture Southland soon followed by distribution of a newsletter to the community. That would be followed with a further meeting with the Community Trust of Southland.

5. RATES AND BUDGETS (1.5.42)

The Chairman said in the past the Community Board had met with Council staff about the forthcoming rates and budgets so that members could answer any queries they received about them. He asked if a meeting could be arranged.

6. TOWN MAINTENANCE (46.36.2)

The Chairman advised he had undertaken a town inspection on a monthly basis over the past few months and was of the view that the town was going backwards. He thought Gore was going backwards as well, but there were issues in Matura like long grass, rubbish being left in the business area – there was a squashed can in a shop doorway that had been there for three months - glass on the bridge etc. He said the town was looking pretty shoddy.

His Worship was concerned that the issues had been raised but thought it may be prudent if the Chairman was doing inspections of the town on a monthly basis to have included the people who made decisions on the maintenance that was undertaken. The subjects raised at the meeting were very general and they needed to be specific for any action to be taken.

The Chairman suggested having a meeting with the appropriate staff but he had waited to see if anything was done about the areas first.

D Lee felt there was a perception in the town that Maitua was the poor cousin to Gore.

Cr Turnbull suggested Community Board members needed to attend Council meetings.

The General Manager, District Assets said from a staff point of view there was no differentiation between Gore and Maitua. If anyone had a problem then it needed to be raised and staff would action it with the best solution.

7. RIVER STREET PIPE REPLACEMENT (8.18)

The General Manager, District Assets had advised that over 430m of pipe had been replaced in River Street to date, and approximately 200m remaining. It was intended to replace the remaining pipe before the end of the financial year.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of N Phillips, seconded by D Lee, THAT the information be noted.

8. ORANGE RUBBISH BAG KERBSIDE COLLECTION (10.20)

A memo had been received from the General Manager, District Assets advising he had discussed changing the kerbside collection time from Thursday afternoon to Thursday morning. Whilst there was no contractual obligation to collect the bags at a specific time, Paddy's Bins had offered to undertake the collection on Thursday mornings from 8.15 am sharp, with effect from 3 May.

D Lee advised there had been 15 orange rubbish bags deposited at the skip bin the previous Sunday. When asked why the bags were not left for the kerbside collection, most residents advised they left for work early in the morning and did not want to leave the bags out until 4 pm in the afternoon with the prospect of cats and dogs ripping them open.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of D Lee, seconded by N Phillips, THAT Paddy's Bins be requested to change to a morning collection.

9. REPORT FROM THE PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER (18.1.2)

The meeting perused a report from the Parks and Recreation Manager.

In response to R McGowan, the Manager advised the delay in getting hanging baskets to Mataura was due to workload and initial shortage of baskets. Staff currently prepared 220 hanging baskets per annum.

N Phillips could not see the sense in spending money on additional rubbish bins when there were existing ones that could be relocated. He asked if there was a list of bins and their location.

The Manager replied there was and it formed part of the contract with Paddy's Bins. Some disappeared through continued vandalism. It would be worth having a meeting on site at the swimming pool.

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

10. REPORT FROM THE ROADING MANAGER (2.1.6)

The meeting perused a report from the Roading Manager.

N Phillips was disappointed that the no diving sign had disappeared but thought it should have been concreted in. The current signs were also not concreted in and he thought they should be.

The Manager advised the specifications had not provided for them to be concreted in but they could be.

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

11. CUSTOMER SERVICE REPORT (46.36.1)

The Board perused a summary of customer service requests received for the period 15 January until 26 March 2007.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 21 May 2007

R McGowan thought it was time for a presentation from Solid Energy and the Council's Planning Consultant about the intentions of the company.

The Chairman advised he had spoken with Mr Hovell about two weeks earlier and there was little point having a presentation until the company had decided what it would be doing.

His Worship suggested an invitation be issued to Solid Energy to meet the Board.

The meeting concluded at 6:38 pm