

REPORT OF A MEETING OF THE MATAURA COMMUNITY BOARD, HELD IN THE ELDERLY CITIZENS CENTRE, McQUEEN AVENUE, MATAURA, ON MONDAY 16 JULY 2007, AT 5:33 pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE Cr McLennan, the General Manager, District Assets (Mr Neil Jorgensen), Roading Manager (Mr Murray Hasler), Parks and Recreation Manager (Mr Ian Soper), Asset Manager, Utilities (Mr Ross Haslemore), HR Manager (Susan Jones), Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Jo Waddell) and Mataura Service Centre Co-ordinator (Miss Pam Courtney).

APOLOGIES His Worship the Mayor and Cr Turnbull apologised for absence.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of N Phillips, seconded by D Lee, **THAT** the report of the Ordinary Meeting of the Mataura Community Board, held on Monday 21 May 2007, as circulated, be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and complete record.

2. PRESENTATION FROM SOLID ENERGY (60.10)

The General Manager, District Assets advised that due to a misunderstanding over dates, the Solid Energy Representative was unable to attend the meeting. He would arrange another meeting in due course.

R McGowan thought the Mataura community was entitled to answers on what Solid Energy had planned. He asked about the types of industry expected and the rehabilitation of the valley. He had concerns about noise levels, dust and water issues.

3. RESIGNATION OF BOARD MEMBER (46.36.2)

A memo had been received from the Electoral Officer advising a letter of resignation had been received from Mr Dave Edwards. Mr Edwards' resignation had caused an extraordinary vacancy, however, with the triennial elections to be held in less than 12 months, it was recommended that the vacancy remain until the 2007 elections pursuant to Section 117 of the Local Electoral Act 2001.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of N Phillips, seconded by S Dixon, **THAT** a letter of thanks and certificate of appreciation be sent to Mr Dave Edwards.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of N Phillips, seconded by R McGowan, THAT the Board resolve that the extraordinary vacancy remain vacant until the 2007 triennial elections.

4. PROPOSED MATAURA COMMUNITY CENTRE PROJECT (37.19.3)

A memo had been received from the Administration Manager, together with a copy of a letter sent by His Worship concerning comments made about the proposed Community Centre project after the April Board meeting.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of N Phillips, seconded by D Lee, THAT the letter be received.

5. BRIDGE STREET DEVELOPMENT (18.73)

The meeting perused a letter received from Sandra Reynolds expressing concern at the redevelopment work being undertaken in Bridge Street.

The Roading Manager advised the work had been instigated by Opus and Transit.

N Phillips noted in response to Mrs Reynolds that Mr Jack Phillips had not been involved.

R McGowan thought the letter should acknowledge Mrs Reynolds' attendance at meetings about the project and the plans had been designed by Venture Southland and subsequently deferred so a loan was not required. He added that Mr Phillips had been approached to ensure the project was complimentary to his vision.

In response to D Lee, the Roading Manager confirmed that deciduous trees had been planted for safety reasons.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of N Phillips, seconded by S Dixon, THAT the letter be received,

AND THAT a response be forwarded to Mrs Reynolds.

6. MATAURA COMMUNITY CENTRE COSTS (37.19.3)

A memo from the General Manager, District Assets had been received outlining a breakdown of the costs of the proposed Mataura Community Centre project to date. The total cost was \$105,400 which was made up of two stages, concept plan and estimate and detailed design and estimate.

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

7. NEW ZEALAND COMMUNITY BOARDS CONFERENCE REPORT (46.36.2)

The meeting perused a report from Cr Turnbull following her attendance at the New Zealand Community Board's conference held in Auckland from 7-10 June.

S Dixon failed to see why Cr Turnbull had attended as the Board had decided not to send a representative to the Conference.

N Phillips added the Board felt it would have been inappropriate to go with elections in October. He was a little disappointed Cr Turnbull had attended and the Board had not informed of her attendance.

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

8. MATAURA POOL MAINTENANCE (24.2.3)

A memo had been circulated from the Asset Manager, Utilities about the planned maintenance at the Mataura pool. The pool level was also being monitored to assess the rate at which the water was leaking to ascertain what action would be required.

In response to N Phillips, the General Manager, District Assets advised there were no plans for major maintenance on the exterior of the pool.

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

9. RIVER STREET WATER LINE UPGRADE (8.18)

A memo from the Asset Manager, Utilities had been received advising that first two stages of the River Street upgrade had been completed and the final stage would be completed once weather conditions were more predictable.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of R McGowan, seconded by D Lee, THAT the information be received.

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

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

Cr McLennan was concerned about the noxious weeds on the land owned by Mr Paterson. He thought the issue was supposed to have been rectified by Environment Southland.

The General Manager advised he would contact Environment Southland.

In response to D Lee, the General Manager advised that only if the property on the corner of Bristol and Main Streets was considered a health hazard, could the Council step in.

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

11. REPORT FROM THE ROADING MANAGER (2.1.6)

The meeting perused a report from the Roading Manager.

In response to S Dixon, the Roading Manager advised the budget for the footpath maintenance programme was \$153,000 for both Gore and Mataura.

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

12. CUSTOMER SERVICE REPORT (46.36.1)

The Board perused a summary of customer service requests received for the period 14 May until 9 July 2007.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 17 September 2007

The meeting concluded at 6:25 pm.