

REPORT OF A MEETING OF THE MATAURA COMMUNITY BOARD, HELD IN THE ELDERLY CITIZENS CENTRE, McQUEEN AVENUE, MATAURA, ON MONDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2007, AT 5:32 pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE Crs McLennan and Turnbull, 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), Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Jo Waddell), Matura Service Centre Co-ordinator (Miss Pam Courtney) and three people in the Gallery.

APOLOGY His Worship the Mayor 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 Matura Community Board, held on Monday 16 July 2007, as circulated, be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and complete record.

Clause 2 – Presentation from Solid Energy (60.10)

R McGowan asked if Solid Energy had given any indication as to when anything may happen.

The General Manager, District Assets replied Solid Energy had not released any information at this stage but advised it intended sending out a flyer.

R McGowan reiterated that the people of Matura needed to know what was happening. He said Solid Energy could spend years drawing up plans and the public would only have a small window of opportunity to make submissions.

Cr Turnbull felt it was prudent to wait for the presentation from Solid Energy before making any comments that could put fear in people's minds.

Clause 5 – Bridge Street Development (18.73)

R McGowan clarified that he had been referring to Dr Jack Phillips in paragraph four.

Clause 7 – New Zealand Community Boards Conference Report (46.36.2)

Cr Turnbull was disappointed she had been attacked for attending the conference as she had been asked to do so by the Chief Executive. She added Mr Parry had been contacted by the President of the New Zealand Community Boards Association who was concerned with the numbers

attending. She did not know that the Board had an issue with sending someone to it and noted that it had been at no cost to the Board.

S Dixon said she had not been attacked, but the Board had been disappointed by her attendance. He said it was a cost to the ratepayers.

N Phillips felt it had been inappropriate for her to attend the conference given the upcoming election and there had been no communication between the Council and the Board about lack of attendees. He said the Board could have obtained the information off the internet.

Cr Turnbull disagreed saying it was a great place to network with other Board members.

Clause 8 – Mataura Pool Maintenance (24.2.3)

In response to D Lee, the Asset Manager, Utilities advised the leak had been found in the return pipe from the high area of the pool. It was not major and would not affect the pool's operation.

2. URGENT LATE BUSINESS (18.11.8)

N Phillips raised urgent late business about the high amount of broken glass at Queen's Park in Mataura. The Board accepted that the urgent late business be considered.

N Phillips said a resident had contacted both him and the Parks and Recreation Manager about dangerous littering in Queens Park due to groups assembling at night. He felt it was necessary to invite organisations from around the town to get together and ascertain how to deal with the problem.

The Roding Manager added the Customer Service Report had highlighted the problem as well with several reports of broken glass that were not just confined to the Park.

N Phillips wondered if the liquor ban had driven the culprits further afield. He had taken photos of the park on Friday night and added the resident who owned the vacant neighbouring rental property had spent \$3,000 on repairing windows and was now in the process of boarding them up.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of N Phillips, seconded by D Lee, THAT the Board and the Parks and Recreation Manager meet with interested parties to deal with the issue of broken glass around the town, especially in Queens Park.

3. UPDATED PRICE FOR PROPOSED MATAURA COMMUNITY CENTRE (37.19.3)

A memo had been received from the Parks and Recreation Manager, together with an inflation adjusted calculation for the proposed Mataura Community Centre. The estimated cost was now \$1,298,360.

N Phillips thanked the Parks and Recreation Manager for the report and advised he had just received the results from the survey prepared by

Venture Southland for the location of the proposed Mataura Community Centre. He had yet to read the results in-depth but stated that 30% of the people surveyed preferred McQueen Avenue, followed by 21.32% for Tulloch Park Rugby Clubrooms – street side. He believed the Board should meet to discuss the results of the survey. He thanked the public who had participated in it.

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

AND THAT the Board meet with Venture Southland following the election to discuss the results of the survey for the proposed Mataura Community Centre.

N Phillips suggested inviting Rex Capil from Venture Southland to the meeting.

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

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

N Phillips was pleased with the Bridge Street upgrade but he believed the no parking zone outside the butchers shop should be reinstated as a car park.

The Roding Manager said there was a legal requirement that may impede the restoration of the park, however, he could not see any problem with it being reinstated if it was permitted.

In response to D Lee, the Parks and Recreation Manager said the public needed to be educated about not walking their dogs on reserves, rather installing larger signs.

D Lee asked for information to be provided to dog owners about where dogs could be exercised.

The Roding Manager said a sign could be erected outlining the areas where dogs were allowed.

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

4. REPORT FROM THE ROADING MANAGER (2.1.6)

The meeting perused a report from the Roding Manager.

D Lee had concerns about the rubbish bin on Henderson Park which did not appear to be emptied regularly.

N Phillips thought the new Board could approach the Council's Managers and get copies of what the contractors were expected to do in Mataura.

The General Manager, District Assets said the Board needed to give some indication of what it wanted but the Council could supply a fact sheet of what work was undertaken.

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

5. CUSTOMER SERVICE REPORT (46.36.1)

The Board perused a summary of customer service requests received for the period 10 July until 12 September 2007.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Statutory Meeting, tentatively set for 5 November 2007

R McGowan extended thanks to his fellow members, Councillors and staff during his time on the Board and wished the new Board well.

The meeting concluded at 6:11 pm