

REPORT OF A MEETING OF THE MATAURA COMMUNITY BOARD, HELD IN THE MATAURA BOWLING CLUB, OAKLAND STREET, MATAURA, ON MONDAY 19 MAY 2008, AT 5:33 pm

PRESENT His Worship the Mayor (Mr Tracy Hicks JP), B Lee (Chairman), M Appleby, P Crake, N Phillips and L Turnbull.

IN ATTENDANCE Cr McLennan, Roading Manager (Mr Murray Hasler), Asset Manager, Utilities (Mr Ross Haslemore), HR/Administration Manager (Susan Jones), Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Jo Waddell), Matura Service Centre Co-ordinator (Miss Pam Courtney) and Senior Sergeant (Mr Craig Sinclair).

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of P Crake, seconded by Cr McLennan, THAT the report of the Extraordinary Monthly Meeting of the Matura Community Board, held on Wednesday 19 December 2007, as circulated, be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and complete record.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by M Appleby, THAT the report of the Ordinary Monthly Meeting of the Matura Community Board, held on Monday 17 March 2008, as circulated, be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and complete record.

2. URGENT LATE BUSINESS

N Phillips asked that the following items be raised as urgent late business:

- Community Board workshop
- Date of next meeting

B Lee raised the following as items of urgent late business:

- Items omitted from the agenda
- Letter and account from Matura Bowling Club

RECOMMENDED on the motion of M Appleby, seconded by P Crake, THAT the above items be accepted as late business.

3. RESULT OF BY-ELECTION (33.17)

A memo had been received from the Electoral Officer providing results of the by-election held on 2 April to fill the extraordinary vacancy caused by the election of Steven Dixon to the Gore District Council at

the 2007 local authority elections. Laurel Turnbull received the most votes and was duly elected as a member of the Board.

His Worship welcomed L Turnbull to the Board. He believed she would add balance to it and could call on valuable experience from her time as a District Councillor.

B Lee was concerned about the number of electors who had not received voting papers and asked if there was an explanation for this.

His Worship said it had been taken up with New Zealand Post but there had been no satisfactory answer forthcoming.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of P Crake, seconded by L Turnbull, THAT the information be received.

4. DECLARATION OF NEW MEMBER (46.36.2)

His Worship took the declaration from L Turnbull.

5. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON (46.36.2)

His Worship thanked Cr McLennan acting as the interim chairman and called for nominations for Chairperson.

B Lee was nominated by P Crake. Seconded by M Appleby.

L Turnbull was nominated by M Appleby. The nomination lapsed for want of a seconder.

B Lee was duly declared elected as Chairman.

B Lee then assumed the Chair, thanked the Board for its support and called for nominations for the position of Deputy Chair.

L Turnbull was nominated by P Crake. Seconded by M Appleby.

P Crake was nominated by B Lee. Seconded by N Phillips.

N Phillips moved THAT His Worship and Craig Sinclair act as scrutineers.

P Crake was duly declared elected as Deputy Chair.

6. RESULT OF ELECTIONS FOR THE POSITIONS OF REPRESENTATIVE AND DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE ON THE NZ COMMUNITY BOARDS' EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (51.5.2)

A memo had been received from the Administration Manager advising the result of the elections for the positions of Zone 6 representative and deputy representative on the New Zealand Community Boards' Executive Committee. Lyal Cocks from the Wanaka Community Board had been elected as the representative but there had been no nominations received for the deputy representative position. Local

Government New Zealand would endeavour to fill the vacancy as soon as possible.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by P Crake, THAT the information be received.

7. REFUSE AT MATAURA LANDFILL (10.10.4)

A letter had been received from Doreen Lee on behalf of the Mataura Bowling Club about the ongoing issue with rubbish being left at the gate of the landfill. She wondered if a gate could be put across between the Elers house and the Albion Street paddock to remedy it.

The Board agreed that the issue be discussed in conjunction with item 8 on the agenda.

P Crake voiced his disappointment about the mix-up with dates for a meeting that had not eventuated. He had spoken with the Chief Executive about it and was very annoyed as he had taken time off work. He hoped it would not happen again.

8. QUEENS PARK RUBBISH BIN (10.5.4)

A memo from the Parks and Recreation Manager had been received following a suggestion that a submission be made to the Annual Plan process requesting funding for the installation of a new rubbish bin at Queens Park. With the start of works on the site of the new Community Centre, the rubbish bin from that location had been relocated to the Queens Park site.

Cr McLennan thought the cost of the rubbish bin should be spread over the whole District.

His Worship said Gore and Mataura's costings were exactly the same as it was treated as an urban charge for the District.

P Crake asked if a public toilet sign could be erected directing visitors to them.

The Roding Manager thought a map of the toilets could be displayed in McQueen Avenue as a temporary measure until people were aware of the location of the toilets.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by L Turnbull, THAT the Board approve the relocation of an existing McQueen Avenue litter bin to Queens Park.

9. MATAUR SKIP BIN SERVICE (10.19)

A memo had been circulated from the Asset Manager, Utilities asking for the Board to consider the implementation of a bin for ashes due to the former ash site being sown out in grass as well as permitting small amounts of green waste in the refuse skip bins.

B Lee noted there had been some confusion with the date of the meeting to be held at the landfill site. He asked for a meeting to be held at the Council with His Worship and the Chief Executive to discuss the skip bin service.

N Phillips thought the issue should be discussed first before calling a meeting with the Council.

P Crake recalled the Board had requested the fence be put on hold until a decision had been reached but it had since been completed.

The Manager tabled a photo of the landfill site, and questioned the building of the fence being put on hold.

P Crake advised that he had suggested that the bins could be put against the concrete wall to make for easier access but it had been fenced off.

The Manager thought provisions could be made in the former ash pit to address the issue. A platform could be put in front of the bins to step onto.

N Phillips recommended THAT the ash pit at the Mataura site be cleaned out and a base made to allow for green waste on one side and two skip bins for clean ash and metal respectively on the other side.

The recommendation was seconded by M Appleby.

Discussion took place on a solution for the problem of people dropping bags of rubbish at the gate of the landfill.

B Lee was concerned that a gate across from the Elers house to the Albion Street paddock would restrict access to those who used Henderson Park. However, a key could be issued to the Pony club to address this.

N Phillips felt a gate was not the solution; people needed to be educated and fined for dropping rubbish off outside the landfill.

The Manager reported it was difficult to catch the culprits and although he had spoken to offenders in the past, it had not been a very pleasant job.

The Roding Manager thought the problem could end up being spread further around the town if a gate was erected. He suggested a security light could be installed as a deterrent.

L Turnbull asked if the green waste could not be stockpiled until there was enough for the chipper to process in Mataura. It was unfair to expect residents to take loads to Gore with rising petrol costs.

The Asset Manager, Utilities said the recommendation provided for a bin for green waste. It would be monitored for a year to see how it was working, but anyone with a large trailer load should go to Gore.

M Appleby asked why the green waste could not be left to decompose.

The Manager advised it was a staffing issue and the landfill site had been reduced.

N Phillips asked for the Board to move on. He thought the Club needed to document how much rubbish it had to pick up and if it was a major problem, an alternative could be found. He was not in favour of a gate.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of N Phillips, seconded by Cr McLennan, THAT a survey with photographs and documentation of the littering at the gate of the Maitaura landfill site be undertaken by the Maitaura Bowling Club,

AND THAT the subsequent findings be provided in a report to the Board's July meeting.

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

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

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by P Crake, THAT the report be received.

N Phillips asked whether there were any plans for building maintenance for the Maitaura pool over the winter period.

The Asset Manager, Utilities undertook to find out what the plans were.

11. REPORT FROM THE ROADING MANAGER (2.1.6)

The meeting perused a report from the Roading Manager.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by L Turnbull, THAT the report be received.

12. CUSTOMER SERVICE REPORT (46.36.2)

The Board perused a summary of customer service requests received for the period 8 March until 12 May 2008.

B Lee noted that graffiti was a major problem.

In response to L Turnbull, Senior Sergeant Sinclair said the camera by the old butcher shop was on a fixed rotation and had a fixed focus at night which made it difficult to identify trouble makers unless someone manned it.

N Phillips hoped issues with youth loitering around the bridge area would be addressed with the arrival of a new policeman in Maitaura. He asked about the removal of graffiti from the bridge and whether other communities had solutions for protection of bridges.

The Roding Manager said there were a variety of methods depending on the surface and age of the structure, however, Transit NZ was responsible for the Maitua bridge and he suspected it was not a high priority. He suggested the Board could write a letter to Transit NZ, as a political voice may get more reaction.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by N Phillips, THAT a letter, together with photographs be sent to Transit NZ asking for the graffiti on the Maitua bridge to be removed.

In response to His Worship, the Manager advised that Boundary Road was a potential site for the traction seal programme but it was not at the top of the list.

13. ITEMS OMITTED FROM THE AGENDA (46.36.2)

B Lee was concerned about items to be reported on at the meetings not being included on agendas. He noted there had been a request to the General Manager, District Assets for a service level document on what the contractors requirements were for Maitua.

B Lee said the Roding Manager had provided him the information about street cleaning requirements undertaken by Works but he still felt the work was unsatisfactory.

The Roding Manager disagreed and said the contract standard was being maintained. It was possible that the standard needed to be reviewed, however, he had carried out a number of random inspections and he could not see any non-performance when compared to the requirements of the contract. He added there had been an increase in activity and the vacuum sweeper was being used above its requirements. Works was taking a proactive stance.

B Lee noted an item about Paddy's Bins and its frequency of picking up the bins had not been included on the agenda. He reported 20 bags not picked up.

L Turnbull thought it was because people were putting their bags out too early on the collection day and education was the key.

The Roding Manager understood the contract was currently up for renewal and the street bin component was going to possibly be taken out.

N Phillips said it was up to the Chairman to ensure items were not missed from the agenda in the future.

14. COMMUNITY BOARD WORKSHOP (46.36.2)

N Phillips gave a report on the recent Community Board workshop he and B Lee had attended in Alexandra. He had found it to be very informative and enlightening and learned that it was necessary to be

proactive, both with local government practices and the Council. He circulated a booklet from the workshop.

B Lee agreed it had been informative and he liked the idea of implementing committees to report to the Board and hoped it might be something that could be looked at in the future.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RECOMMENDED on the motion of N Phillips, seconded by P Crake, THAT the next meeting be held on 7 July.

The meeting concluded at 7:03 pm