

REPORT OF A MEETING OF THE MATAURA COMMUNITY BOARD, HELD IN THE MATAURA BOWLING CLUB, OAKLAND STREET, MATAURA, ON MONDAY 14 JULY 2008, AT 5:30 pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE Cr McLennan, General Manager, District Assets (Mr Paul Withers), Roading Manager (Mr Murray Hasler), Asset Manager, Utilities (Mr Ross Haslemore), HR/Administration Manager (Susan Jones), Peter Robinson (Transit New Zealand), Rachel Millar (Environment Southland) and Rex Corlett (Opus International).

APOLOGIES L Turnbull and P Crake apologised for absence.

1. UPDATE ON MATAURA COMMUNITY CENTRE PROJECT (37.19.4)

Messrs Tony Burton and Dave Driver from Signal Management Group were in attendance and provided an update on progress with the Mataura Community Centre project. A report was tabled for members. The project was on track to be completed by the end of October. D Driver confirmed the seating capacity was 220.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of N Phillips, seconded by M Appleby, THAT the report be received.

Messrs Burton and Driver departed the meeting at 5:42 pm

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by N Phillips, THAT the report of the Ordinary Meeting of the Mataura Community Board, held on Monday 19 May 2008, as circulated, be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and complete record.

3. TRANSIT NZ AREA MANAGER (3.24.3)

Mr Peter Robinson, Transit New Zealand's recently appointed Area Engineer for the Southland region, was in attendance. A copy of the letter written by the Board to Transit about cleaning the bridge had been circulated.

The Chairman advised the bridge had been cleaned and railings painted. The work had been undertaken by two businesses in town and another agency.

Mr Robinson discussed local State Highway issues including the cleaning of the Matura bridge. Cleaning bridges generally was a difficult area to deal with especially as they were seen as iconic landmarks. Transit was struggling with its budgets and bridge cleaning had to be programmed. He relayed the cost sharing arrangement that Transit had with the Balclutha bridge where Transit, the contractor and the Clutha District Council all contributed one third of the cost each.

He added to clean the top of the Matura bridge would cost between \$15-20,000 but it had not been programmed at this stage.

In response to M Appleby, Mr Robinson understood the railings had last been cleaned about 12 months ago.

Cr McLennan suggested that since the work had been undertaken perhaps Transit should contribute some of the funds it would be paid its contractor to the Community Board to continue with future cleaning.

Mr Robinson advised bridge cleaning was not undertaken on a cyclic basis, but rather was done on needs. He suggested it would be about every 3-5 years before the bridge was cleaned again.

The Chairman asked if the same cost sharing could be arranged with the Board.

Mr Robinson confirmed it could, but emphasised that no work could be scheduled prior to 2009-10 as the work programmes had been finalised up until that time.

His Worship cautioned that the cost to the District could be in the order of \$10,000. He suggested that discussions be held with Transit about progressing it further.

Cr McLennan said the bridge was a historical icon and perhaps the Historic Places Trust could assist with funding.

Mr Robinson said his experience with historical sites that the owners of such sites were generally not assisted by the NZ Historic Places Trust.

The Roding Manager cautioned the bridge could be a millstone if it was recognised as a historic structure, particularly if alterations were made to it in the future.

M Appleby referred to the speed limit on Kana Street and the time taken by vehicles to slow down from 100 kph to the 50 kph zone. He asked whether Transit could assist with improving signage in the area.

Mr Robinson acknowledged it was a growing problem around the country and there were problems in Southland. It was also affected by the number of accessways servicing the road. He undertook to

instal some 50 kph repeater signs. It did come down to enforcement and the more that was done by the Police over a period of time, the better.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of M Appleby, seconded by Cr McLennan, THAT the information be received.

4. REPORT ON MATAURA COMMUNITY NEEDS TASKFORCE (46.36.2)

A copy of a report on the Mataura Needs Taskforce from Laurel Turnbull had been circulated.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of M Appleby, seconded by Cr McLennan, THAT the report be received.

5. MATAURA POOL OPENING HOURS AND COSTS FOR WINTER OPERATION (24.2.3)

A memo had been received from the Parks and Recreation Manager detailing the opening hours of the Mataura Pool and the costs for winter operation. The pool was currently open for 7 months of the year and financial information had been provided by the Management Accountant. The net expense for the pool was \$95,800.

A schedule of programmed maintenance for 2008 was also provided.

M Appleby thought the community would utilise the facility if it was open during the winter.

The Chairman would prefer to be contacted by interested groups. If there were only one or two groups it was debatable. There would be a cost in keeping it open for say one or two groups a week.

Cr McLennan said the opening hours were set by the Council each year based on patronage.

His Worship suggested making informal approaches to groups who may use it and see if it could be worked through.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by M Appleby, THAT the matter be considered at the next meeting.

6. OLD MATAURA TOWN HALL (37.9.1)

A memo had been received from the Parks and Recreation Manager advising that His Worship had offered to act as facilitator at a community workshop where possible future uses of the old Town Hall could be put forward.

Cr McLennan would prefer to wait until after the new community centre had been completed.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by M Appleby, THAT the Board signal to the community that a

workshop will be held in the future to consider the future of the Mataura Town Hall.

7. MATAURA SKIP BIN SERVICE (10.19)

An update on progress for the Mataura skip bin service changes had been provided by the Asset Manager, Utilities. The work on the ash pit, signage and additional bins would be completed once the contractor had filled in the ash pit area.

An explanation had also been provided about the difference in refuse charges for car boot loads of green waste at Mataura compared with the Gore transfer station.

The Chairman suggested removing the charge.

N Phillips disagreed. It was user pays and if people wished to use the service, they should pay for it.

The Manager said most people bought green waste in on a trailer and he believed the cost of doing that was value for money. However, by charging the same as a Council refuse bag would be a way around it and he would not have a problem with that course of action.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by M Appleby, THAT in addition to the existing boot charge, a charge of \$1.80 per Council refuse bag be imposed.

8. HOKONUI HORIZONS MEMBERSHIP (50.40.3)

The Chairman advised the Community Board had been approached to join Hokonui Horizons.

His Worship encouraged the Board to be part of the organisation. It was a concept where community social groups could connect with each other. It was a networking group that had about 50 members.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by M Appleby, THAT the Board become a member of Hokonui Horizons.

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

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

RECOMMENDED on the motion of M Appleby, seconded by Cr McLennan, THAT the report be received.

10. REPORT OF THE ROADING MANAGER (2.1.7)

The Board perused a report from the Roading Manager.

The Manager advised he had checked the car parking area outside the Alliance butcher shop and there was not supposed to be a park at the east end of the southern side of the island. There was insufficient

room to legally park in that area. He said it was intended to instal a section of curved wheel stop west of the western end of the bulbous kerb outside the 4 Square shop.

The Chairman suggested a check be made of the parks outside the library also. He added people were complaining about vehicles being parked in Albion Street.

M Appleby asked if the Board had seen a copy of the cleaning requirements for Mataura.

The Manager advised it was part of the overall District network maintenance contract. He had supplied relevant information to the Chairman.

The Chairman agreed he had received it but the Board was also interested in seeing what the requirements were of Paddy's Bins.

M Appleby said in recent weeks there had been some irregular collection of refuse bags. He asked if there could be some consistency of collection times. He asked why there was a couple driving a ute picking up the bags and did not think it was a good look.

The Chairman undertook to find out why.

The Manager said the contract stipulated that bags had to be placed by 8 am on collection day.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of M Appleby, seconded by Cr McLennan, THAT the report be received.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 15 September 2008

The meeting concluded at 6.51 pm