

REPORT OF A MEETING OF THE MATAURA COMMUNITY BOARD, HELD IN THE MATAURA BOWLING CLUB, OAKLAND STREET, MATAURA, ON MONDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2008, AT 5:30 pm

PRESENT Bill Lee (Chairman), P Crake, N Phillips and L Turnbull.

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

1. URGENT LATE BUSINESS (46.36.2)

The Chairman tabled a letter of resignation from Mr Michael Appleby and asked for it to be considered later in the meeting.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of N Phillips, seconded by P Crake, THAT the resignation of Mr Michael Appleby be considered as urgent late business.

2. UPDATE ON MATAURA COMMUNITY CENTRE PROJECT (37.19.4)

Mr Dave Driver from Signal Management Group was in attendance and provided an update on progress on the Mataura Community Centre project. A report was tabled for members. The project was on budget and the completion date was targeted to be 31 October 2008. He advised there had been a delay with additional work at the Library as the vinyl in the toilet was asbestos backed and would have to wait for consultants to remove it.

N Phillips thanked Signal Management and the builders for the work being done.

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

Mr Driver departed the meeting at 5:38 pm.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by N Phillips, THAT the report of the Ordinary Monthly Meeting of the Mataura Community Board, held on Monday 14 July 2008, as circulated, be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and complete record.

Clause 6 – Old Mataura Town Hall (37.9.1)

L Turnbull advised the Mataura taskforce was keen to have a youth centre based at the old Town Hall as it had been successfully held there in the past. She noted that His Worship had offered to act as a facilitator for discussions about the future of the hall. She thought the Board did not need to wait until the new community centre was completed before making any decisions on the town hall's future.

Cr McLennan recalled that when the community centre was completed, there may be a possibility of funding being recouped from the old town hall.

The Administration Manager advised she had spoken with the Council's Chief Executive after the last Board meeting and he was not aware of any funding being available.

Cr McLennan said it needed to be checked out but thought the old town hall could continue to be used until the community centre was completed.

The Chairman advised he had requested a meeting with Dr Jack Phillips to discuss the town hall and other issues around the town.

N Phillips noted the taskforce had not been in contact with the Board about its requirements.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by N Phillips, THAT the matter be left in abeyance until further information was forthcoming.

4. LETTER FROM TRANSIT NEW ZEALAND (4.2.1.1)

A memo had been received from the Administration Manager, together with a copy of a letter from Mr Peter Robinson, Area Engineer for Transit New Zealand about the clean up of the bridge.

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

4. CONDITION OF SHOP VERANDAHS

A letter received from the Mataura Historical Society had been circulated expressing concern at the condition of verandahs on shops owned by Dr Jack Phillips.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of P Crake, seconded by the Chairman, THAT contact be made with Dr Phillips seeking a meeting with him about the premises when he is next in the area.

The Chairman advised he would contact the Mataura Historical Society after discussions had been held with Dr Phillips.

5. MATAURA SWIMMING POOL HOURS (24.2.3)

A memo had been received from the Administration Manager about a possible change to the opening hours of the Mataura swimming pool. It was proposed to amend the hours during term time to 3:30 until 6:30 pm which could attract more patrons to the pool.

The Administration Manager added that due to staffing changes at the Gore pool, it was unlikely to have staff available to man the Mataura pool. However, it was the Council's intention to recruit a Seasonal Supervisor specifically for the Mataura pool. She hoped there would not be any change to the aquarobics classes.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by N Phillips, THAT the Board endorse a change to the Mataura swimming pool opening hours during term time to 3:30-6:30 pm.

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

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

L Turnbull noted the potted plants located in the Main Street near the old theatre were not very healthy and she wondered if smaller stones surrounding the plants would be an improvement.

The Parks and Recreation Manager advised larger stones had been chosen because of "wind swish" from trucks passing.

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

7. REPORT FROM COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS (46.36.2)

L Turnbull tabled a report from the Mataura Taskforce. There was an issue with the flying fox located at Queens Park. She would like the community to be consulted to see whether it could be relocated to make better use of the park.

The Chairman disagreed and said he was not in favour of it being relocated.

Discussions were held about the number of children using the park.

The Chairman advised DongWha Patinna NZ Ltd had kindly donated a significant amount of MDF Board towards the community centre.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of N Phillips, seconded by P Crake, THAT the report from L Turnbull on the Mataura Taskforce be received.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of P Crake, seconded by L Turnbull, THAT a letter of thanks be sent to DongWha Patinna NZ Ltd for its donation of MDF Board for the community centre.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of N Phillips, seconded by P Crake, THAT a letter of thanks be sent to Tulloch Transport for its contribution of resources.

N Phillips said he had attended a Solid Energy Community Awareness Group meeting which had been very informative. He had also attended an afternoon dance held by the Mataura Historical Society in order to raise funds for a new building at McQueen Avenue. He asked for a forum to be held for ten minutes prior to each meeting where the community could ask questions. A community garden was being set up in Gore and he thought this could be a good idea for Mataura.

Cr McLennan felt the meeting could get bogged down with contentious issues if a forum was held and he did not want to be confronted unaware at meetings.

N Phillips disagreed and hoped there would be more community involvement and if he could not answer a question, he would endeavour to find out the answer. He asked for a forum to be included in the advertisement for the meeting.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by L Turnbull, THAT a forum be held for ten minutes prior to each Board meeting to answer questions from the community.

8. RESIGNATION LETTER (46.36.2)

A letter of resignation had been received from Mr Michael Appleby. The Board accepted his resignation with regret and wished him all the best.

The Administration Manager advised the resignation had resulted in an extraordinary vacancy and because there was more than twelve months until the next triennial election, a by-election would be required.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of P Crake, seconded by L Turnbull, THAT the resignation of Mr Michael Appleby be accepted with regret by the Board.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 17 November 2008 at 5:30 pm.

The meeting concluded at 6:11 pm.