

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A MEETING OF THE MATAURA COMMUNITY BOARD WILL BE HELD IN THE MATAURA COMMUNITY CENTRE, McQUEEN AVENUE, MATAURA, ON MONDAY 16 MARCH 2009, AT 5:30 pm

*A public forum will be held from 5.15 pm **prior to the meeting**. Members of the public are welcome to attend and meet with Board members.*

**Susan Jones
ADMINISTRATION MANAGER**

10 March 2009

AGENDA

1. CONFIRMATION OF REPORT
Confirmation of the Report of the Ordinary Meeting of the Mataura Community Board, held on Monday 26 January 2009.
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2. MATAURA TASKFORCE REPORT

(Prepared by Laurel Turnbull – 05.03.09)

The Mataura taskforce continues to be very busy with a lot of things happening. We have a very enthusiastic lot of members which is continuing to grow as more people become interested.

Margaret Gillan is doing a great job of getting the newsletter out in the second week of each month with support from the community for the distribution of it and Dot, a lady who has moved here with her husband from South Africa who does the draft of the newsletter. Thanks to the Council for printing it.

The economic development group is continuing to run a very successful market the 2nd and 4th Saturday of every month. No other major development yet.

Sharon Bruce has started her art group and it is working on having a 2 day workshop on 18 and 19 April and are looking at a getting somewhere for people to display their art.

I can't report on the Mataura's got talent group as they have not let me know what is going on.

The sub-group working on the town motto have not done anything further so far.

Joan Huling, Andrae Gold and myself had a very positive meeting with John Prendergast, Chief Executive of the Community Trust of Southland. We discussed areas which we had identified as needing some funding. These were so far the newsletter which he has agreed to give \$2,500 for, publicity \$2,000 and the Trust is going to bring Mary-Jane Rivers down to host a community capacity building forum. The Trust is very keen to help in any way possible. He has also said that the Trust will fund two people from the taskforce to attend a community leadership forum in Wellington and wanted me and one other to go.

We spoke about the taskforce becoming an incorporated Society but he felt it would be better if an umbrella group held our funds which he suggested the Community Board. Steve Parry said the Council would be prepared to do this but I don't know where that is at.

The taskforce also hosted the Super Maori Fellas which turned out an excellent day. Would have just been nice to see a few more from local government to join with us.

We have had a meeting about early childhood education in Mataura and what is lacking so this is on going with another meeting planned for the 11th March.

The taskforce has been approached to see it wanted to have Gary McCormick and Tim Shadbolt do a comedy show in the new centre to

which we have said yes so this is to be on Friday 3 of April so we need everyone to come and support this night.

An Easter craft event has been arranged for 4 April for the local children. The activities will run from 10 am until 4 pm.

As you can see we are a very active group and appreciate all the support we are getting.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received.

3. MATAURA SKATEBOARD PARK

(Memo from Parks and Recreation Manager – 03.03.09)

- 1 Please find attached, a letter from members of the public requesting the provision of a skateboard park in Maitaura.

An initial investigation into this type of facility has revealed that in 2004 this issue was raised, again, by a member of the public. For

- 1 the Community Board's information, I have attached the minuted notes from the discussions that occurred around this topic in 2004.

Having perused the report of the then Parks and Recreation Manager, the same concerns and issues are still relevant with regard to the siting of such a facility. This will require community consultation for an outcome and I would suggest that the options presented around location in the 2004 report are still options today. The resource consenting is still relevant and required. The construction and associated costs will be significant.

The Gore skateboard park was completed in 2005 and cost in the order of \$150,000. This project was undertaken by the Gore Host Lions Club. This partnership worked well for the Council therefore it would seem appropriate for the Maitaura Community Board to seek a partnering organisation, such as a local service group, to assist in the endeavours of fundraising and project implementation. Should the Board see merit in this request, it could call a meeting of interested parties to gauge support for this project in the first instance.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Maitaura Community Board call a meeting of all interested parties to discuss siting, funding and development of a skateboard park within Maitaura.

4. CUSTODIAN – MATAURA COMMUNITY CENTRE

(Memo from Administration Manager – 06.03.09)

The Board has asked to discuss the possibility of a part-time custodian for the Mataura Community Centre.

Members need to be aware that as the position does not currently exist, there is no funding budgeted for it either, so if the Board wished to pursue it, a submission will need to be lodged to the Council's draft LTCCP. The LTCCP is expected to be available for public submission during the month of May.

5. ENDORSEMENT OF REMUNERATION RATES

(Memo from Administration Manager – 06.03.09)

The Remuneration Authority has recently announced its total indicative pool from which elected members salaries will be paid for 2009/10. The Authority has raised the remuneration pool for the Gore District (excluding the Mayor) by 2.02%.

In line with past practise it is proposed that all elected member positions contained within the remuneration pool be adjusted by 2.02%.

A comparison with current remuneration levels is as follows:

	Current	Proposed
Community Board Chair	\$2,930	\$2,989
Community Board Member	\$836	\$891

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Board endorse the following remuneration rates on the basis of a 2.02% increase to members with effect from 1 July 2009:

Community Board Chair	\$2,989
Community Board Member	\$891

6. DISPOSAL OF FORMER MATAURA TOWN HALL

(Memo from Chief Executive – 06.03.09)

At the November meeting of the Board, the following recommendation was passed in respect of the disposal of the former Mataura town hall in River Street:

THAT the Board agree in principle, and subject to an endorsement to the proposal being received at a public meeting, to sell the Mataura Town Hall to the Mataura Youth Centre Trust on terms and conditions to be agreed upon in consultation with the Council.

I understand since the passing of this recommendation, a public meeting has been held in Mataura which has given the Board a mandate to pursue its disposal strategy in favour of the Mataura Youth Centre Trust.

Attached is an excerpt from the trust deed for the Mataura Youth Centre Trust which profiles the purpose the entity and the methodology for disposing of surplus assets should the Trust be dissolved. In addition, the aspirations of the Trust over the next 10 years are also included for the Board's perusal.

In terms of giving effect to the recommendation passed in November, the following aspects need to be investigated:

- Whether the Council is obligated to offer the property back to the former owner or its successor in title in regard to Section 40 of the Public Works Act 1981.
- Whether the Mataura town hall is deemed to be a strategic asset in respect of the Council's Significance Policy.
- Whether the proposed sale conforms with the Council's policies on tendering and disposal of property.

None of these issues are insurmountable but do require investigation. In this regard, the potential impact of Section 40 of the Public Works Act 1981 is presently being studied to see whether the Council has any obligation to the former owner. Issues in relation to the strategic nature of the asset or compliance with Council policy can be canvassed with the Council.

In the meantime, I suggest that the following recommendation should enable momentum to be maintained with the proposed sale.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT subject to the provisions of Section 40 of the Public Works Act 1981 and Council clearance in respect of its tendering and disposal of land and tendering policies, the Board affirm its November 2008 recommendation to dispose of the former Mataura town hall in River Street, for the nominal consideration of \$1 to the Mataura Youth Centre Trust,

AND THAT once Council endorsement of this recommendation has been received, that the Chief Executive liaise with the Community Board in respect of drafting any specific conditions of sale in order that they may be incorporated in a sale and purchase agreement with the Maitara Youth Centre Trust.

7. REPORT FROM PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER

The parks and reserves staff are busy undertaking the remainder of the summer maintenance tasks such as shrub pruning after flowering, quantifying mulch requirements for the coming winter, collating tree pruning lists and tree and shrub replant schedules.

Weed growth has again surged with some late summer rains, this also necessitates that herbicide spraying continues to need a fulltime commitment.

The annual plots are still looking good with plenty of colour in the plots. The next crop of annual plants is currently under production in the nursery with planned change over scheduled for late March and April.

The soil moisture levels have been sufficient to maintain grass growth and mowing of the Districts reserves continues to be a regular task. During the February rains the sports field at Tulloch Park was fertilised with the scheduled autumn application. Now that cricket has finished, the mowing at Tulloch Park is being maintained to the winter rugby specification height.

Monitoring of overgrown sections continues. We are now revisiting some sections previously notified and mown earlier this season. As the weather dictates the growth this explains why we are now into the second round. It is normal to have a minimum of two mows per season to maintain compliance with the Council's Bylaw. We have also issued more overhanging foliage notices, these have been of a reactive nature often following a complaint from New Zealand Post posties who get to experience first hand the inconvenience of foliage impeding pedestrian usage of footpaths. We thank them for their proactiveness.

Update from the Aquatic Services Manager

Aquarobics in Mataura is now being held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, and also on Monday and Wednesday nights from 7-8.00 pm when the pool is open to lane swimmers as well. We are getting an average of 12 aquarobic customers each class. The new hours and class times are being advertised through radio stations, newspapers, flyers around the community and school newsletters.

We have received positive feed back from public regarding swimming lessons and availability with people conscious about their pool being open. We have had two bookings for Mataura Pool. We are currently working with representatives from the Mataura Rugby Club where interest has been shown in booking the pool for rugby training.

	2007	2008	2009
January	725	717	1110
February	784	1061	892
March	1080	992	

April	328	738	
May	Closed	92	
September	283	121	
October	793	491	
November	1268	445	
December	1896	1638	
Total	7157	6295	2002

Leaping Frogs Swim School Gore and Matura
(As at 25/02/09)

Matura Term One Lessons		
Group	43	32
Privates	7	9
TOTAL	50	41

Ian Soper
PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER

7. REPORT OF THE ROADING MANAGER

Maintenance Programme

- Routine maintenance activities continue.
- Pre-reseal repairs including footpath and kerb repairs completed.
- Replace vehicle crossing into Tulloch Transport yard.
- Reseals have been completed by Blacktop Construction.

McQueen Avenue Disability Carparks

The disability carparks have been marked. Signs are still to be erected.

Bridge Street Traffic Mirror

The traffic mirror has been installed.

Toilet Signs

Opus International Consultants in its capacity as the state highway manager is reconsidering its earlier stance on the provision of a public toilet sign advising of the Tulloch Park toilets.

It is hoped that the decision from Opus will be known before the meeting.

Bridge Street Footpath/Kerb Maintenance

Slippery moss and other vegetation reported recently along the Bridge Street footpath will be removed prior to the meeting.

The Bridge Street kerb cleanliness has been checked several times recently by Gore District Council roading staff and found to be compliant with the required standards

Downer EDI Works – New Contract Manager

Ivan Spackman, who has recently been appointed Downer EDI Works Gore Contract Manager, will be in attendance at the Community Board meeting.

Murray Hasler
ROADING MANAGER