

REPORT OF A MEETING OF THE MATAURA COMMUNITY BOARD, HELD IN THE MATAURA COMMUNITY CENTRE, MCQUEEN AVENUE, MATAURA, ON MONDAY 03 AUGUST 2009 AT 5:30 pm

PRESENT His Worship the Mayor (Mr Tracy Hicks) (from 5.35pm), P Crake (Acting Chairman), M Gillan, N Phillips and L Turnbull.

IN ATTENDANCE The General Manager, District Assets (Mr Paul Withers), Asset Manager Utilities (Mr Ross Haslemore), HR/Administration Manager (Mrs Susan Jones), Community Development Officer (Ms Colleen Te Au) (from 5.44pm), Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Tracey Millan), Mataura Service Centre Co-ordinator (Miss Pam Courtney) and two members of the public in the Gallery.

APOLOGIES B Lee (Chairman) and Cr McLennan apologised for absence.

1. URGENT LATE BUSINESS

The Deputy Chairman tabled a letter from the Principal of Mataura School regarding an accident where a child was injured when hit by a car on a pedestrian crossing, and asked that it be considered later in the meeting.

The Board **AGREED** to consider the item.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of L Turnbull, seconded by M Gillan, **THAT** the report of the meeting of the Mataura Community Board, held on Monday 04 May 2009, as circulated, be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and complete record.

Disposal of Mataura Town Hall (37.9.1)

The Administration Manager advised the reason for the delay in the process of the disposal of the town hall had been the format of legal instrument the hall needed to be put into. The Chief Executive had met with the Council's Solicitor, John Bannerman and the issue had been resolved. It was expected the matter would be finalised within the next two to three weeks.

Clause 6 – Community Centre Custodian (37.19.4)

L Turnbull had received an email from B Lee requesting that the item be held over pending clarification of the figures.

The Administration Manager said it would be a cost neutral situation and had already been factored into the Council's budget following the Board's submission to the LTCCP. If the user decided to use the set up/take down service, it would have to pay a \$30 per hour fee.

The Manager added cleaning of the centre had been factored into a new contract currently being advertised by the Council.

N Phillips advised he had spoken with B Lee prior to the meeting and clarified the cost neutral situation. The reason why it was included in the budget was because there was provision for a person to manage any set up or take down at the Centre. It had become obvious since it had opened that there was a need for such a service. The recommendation had already been agreed to by the Council, therefore it could not be held over.

His Worship the Mayor attended the meeting from 5.35pm.

Certificate of Appreciation (46.36.2)

P Crake presented Sharon Argyle with a certificate of appreciation from the Board for her assistance in keeping Mataura clean and tidy.

2. MATAURA TASKFORCE REPORT (50.55)

The meeting perused a report from L Turnbull. A community garden project was being driven by B Cunningham on land kindly donated by D Edwards. Fertiliser had also been donated and work would get underway as soon as weather permitted.

L Turnbull said as long as the Gore District Council continued to provide financial administration to the Taskforce, it was thought there was no need for the Taskforce to consider forming a trust.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of L Turnbull, seconded by M Gillan, THAT the report be received.

3. HANGING BASKETS IN MATAURA OVER WINTER (18.73)

A memo had been received from the Parks and Recreation Manager advising that there were concerns relating to the request, including water on the footpaths which could pose a significant hazard with winter weather conditions, low light, cold temperatures and timing issues in relation to the implementation of other scheduled work.

N Phillips that Gore always had nice colourful plants in its Main Street plots and wondered if an alternative to hanging baskets could be used for Mataura; perhaps some wooden tubs on the footpath. It was disappointing there was no colour in the centre plots at present.

The Administration Manager thought the Parks and Recreation Manager would organise some alternatives.

The Community Development Officer now attended the meeting at 5.44pm.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of L Turnbull, seconded by N Phillips , THAT the information be received, and no further action be taken.

4. PROPOSED WALKWAY (18.62)

A memo had been received from the Parks and Recreation Manager together with a letter containing recommendations proposed following a meeting held with the local Environment Southland Works Inspector and a site visit.

L Turnbull thought it was vital to provide a walkway. She had just that day seen another person walking a dog trying to cross the road bridge over the Waimumu stream. She thought a meeting needed to be arranged as soon as possible.

N Phillips thought as there was no budget set and the project cost could be \$14,000 plus bridge and fencing costs, the community needed to be informed to enable them to offer assistance.

P Crake thought it might be a good project for Lions to get involved with.

The Administration Manager suggested the project could be included in the next community newsletter.

P Crake advised B McDonough of McDonough Contracting had offered his assistance with the project.

The General Manager, District Assets introduced Mr Greg Stewart from Downer EDI Works.

G Stewart advised as a way of supporting the community, Dr D Hutchinson would be available to meet with the Roading Manager in mid August and to provide a proposal and ideas for the project.

The Administration Manager advised once the Parks and Recreation Manager had returned from leave, a meeting with Environment Southland Works Inspector Kevin Marshall could be arranged.

Board members were happy to make themselves available for the meeting.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of L Turnbull, seconded by M Gillan, THAT the information be received,

AND THAT the Council arrange for the Board to meet with Mr Marshall of Environment Southland to progress the matter further.

5. REPORT ON MATAURA POOL END OF SEASON (24.2.3)

A report had been received from the Aquatics Services Manager summarising the season.

In response to L Turnbull, the Administration Manager advised the Council was currently advertising to recruit another supervisor. Applications closed mid August.

N Phillips queried the school holiday learn to swim lessons to be held at Mataura Pool being cancelled due to lack of support.

The Administration Manager confirmed there were fees charged for the lessons and that maybe it had suited parents to enrol their children at the Gore pool rather than Mataura.

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

6. HENDERSON PARK (18.14.6)

A memo had been received from the Asset Manager, Utilities regarding the continued turf damage as a result of people using Henderson Park as a race track.

N Phillips said the reason why the Park continued to be damaged was because there was no physical way of stopping cars entering the grounds.

The Manager had previously discussed the possibility of erecting a gate and finding a key manager. Key holders would need to take responsibility for locking the gate after each visit.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of L Turnbull, seconded by N Phillips, THAT the Board consider erecting a gate and having the entrance to Henderson Park locked, with access being granted to users.

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

A report had been received from the Parks and Recreation Manager.

L Turnbull said it was pleasing to see daffodils coming through at the north end of town and hoped they did not get mowed over.

P Crake noted there were more broken bottles around the Tulloch Park toilets. He said the bright lights had not stopped groups gathering to drink there. It was a concern and not a positive image for the town.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of P Crake, seconded by N Phillips, THAT the report be received.

8. REPORT FROM THE ROADING MANAGER (2.1.7)

The meeting perused the Manager's report.

In response to L Turnbull, the General Manager, District Assets said he had recently met with NZTA and advised that engine brake signs would soon be erected on the Wyndham Road approaching Mataura as well as the south end of State Highway 1 coming into Mataura.

The General Manager added he had copies of the Community Bus Survey Study for distribution to Board members at the conclusion of the meeting.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of N Phillips, seconded by L Turnbull, THAT the report be received.

9. ACCIDENT INVOLVING MATAURA SCHOOL STUDENT (3.24.17)

P Crake read the letter received from the Principal of Mataura Primary School to the meeting.

N Phillips said the problem had arisen previously and had resulted in the introduction of high visibility vests and the relocation of a nearby rubbish bin. He thought drivers needed to take more responsibility. The Board had done everything it could to make the crossing as safe as possible.

The only other option left was to consult with the NZTA for ideas. A turning island with a bulbous kerb could be a possibility.

In response to L Turnbull, P Crake said flashing lights had been installed previously but were replaced with the orange plastic because of vandalism.

L Turnbull hoped there were enough concerned adults in the community to help out with crossing the children before and after school.

P Crake thought it could be mentioned in the next community newsletter.

N Phillips thought the Board should write to the school inviting them to meet with it and the NZTA to discuss some options.

L Turnbull wondered why the pedestrian crossing was ever moved in the first place.

His Worship the Mayor said there were similar hazardous situations in Gore. Pedestrian crossings near intersections were a danger and he thought it would be good for the Board and the NZTA to get behind the issue to find some solutions.

N Phillips thought the unloading of children off school buses on Bridge Street was another cause for concern. Bridge Street was sometimes very congested with trucks using the street.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of N Phillips, seconded by L Turnbull, THAT the Board write to Mataura School inviting it to a meeting with the Board and NZTA to discuss the location of the pedestrian crossing and improved safety of school children using it.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday 28 September 2009

The meeting concluded at 6.08pm