

**REPORT OF A MEETING OF THE MATAURA COMMUNITY BOARD, HELD
IN THE MATAURA COMMUNITY CENTRE, MCQUEEN AVENUE,
MATAURA, ON MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2009 AT 5:30 PM**

PRESENT His Worship the Mayor (Mr Tracy Hicks),
B Lee (Chairman), M Gillan, N Phillips, L
Turnbull and Cr McLennan.

IN ATTENDANCE The General Manager, District Assets (Mr
Paul Withers), the Parks and Recreation
Manager (Mr Ian Soper), Asset Manager
Utilities (Mr Ross Haslemore), the Roding
Manager (Mr Murray Hasler),
HR/Administration Manager (Mrs Susan
Jones), Corporate Support Officer (Mrs
Tracey Millan), Mataura Service Centre
Co-ordinator (Miss Pam Courtney) and
four members of the public in the gallery.

APOLOGIES P Crake apologised for absence.

1. URGENT LATE BUSINESS

N Phillips wished to provide an update regarding a recent meeting held about the community bus service and asked that it be considered later in the meeting.

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

2. CONFIRMATION OF REPORT

RECOMMENDED on the motion of N Phillips, seconded by M Gillan, THAT the report of the ordinary meeting of the Mataura Community Board, held on Monday 03 August 2009, as circulated, be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and complete record.

3. MATAURA TASKFORCE REPORT (50.55)

The meeting perused a report from L Turnbull. She acknowledged the generosity of the Mataura Licensing Trust for contributing funds towards the Gala Day.

She added the Taskforce was very appreciative to the Community Trust of Southland for its grant to enable David Wilson to go proceed with the economic development project.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of L Turnbull, seconded by B Lee, THAT the report be received.

4. SERVICE CENTRE/LIBRARY HOURS OVER CHRISTMAS PERIOD
(37.9.1)

A memo had been received from the Administration Manager advising the Gore office and the Mataura Service Centre/Library would close for the Christmas holidays from 12 noon on Thursday 24 December until 8.30 am on Monday 11 January 2010.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of B Lee, seconded by A McLennan, THAT the information be received.

5. PROPOSED WALKWAY (18.62)

A memo had been received from the Parks and Recreation Manager following a site visit by the Manager and the local Environment Southland Works Inspector and a subsequent meeting held with the current grazier of the area in question.

Bridging options were currently being explored. Once all relevant information was available a workshop with the Community Board, Environment Southland and Council officers would be held to discuss the proposal, recommendations and overall concept issues.

B Lee said if the walkway went ahead, he thought the Council would erect the bridge and lay the path. Bruce McDonough had indicated he would supply gravel materials some time ago.

The Manager advised the land in question was not Council land; it was owned by Environment Southland. There could be issues with the flood bank and security of the adjoining properties.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of N Phillips, seconded by B Lee, THAT the information be received.

6. MATAURA POOL (24.2.3)

A report had been received from the Parks and Recreation Manager advising the opening of the Mataura pool would be delayed due to a new boiler having to be installed.

The General Manager, District Assets said to ensure the longevity of a new boiler, he was investigating the technical aspects. A purchase order would hopefully be issued that week with an expected eight week delivery time. Some work would be undertaken prior to the boiler's arrival to expedite the completion date.

L Turnbull said the Taskforce was planning on putting a proposal together regarding the possibility of keeping the pool open all year round. The deterioration of the boiler during the off season could be viewed as a reason to look favourably at the proposal.

The General Manager confirmed the winter close down did contribute to the boiler's deterioration. It would be important that the boiler was put into cold storage correctly to maintain its condition. There were options to avoid condensation and corrosion.

In response to B Lee, His Worship clarified he had said at the last Council meeting that he thought it would be a good course of action for the Council to set up a working party to look at more options for utilising the Mataura pool.

The Administration Manager added that terms of reference would be required to get the working party established.

Cr McLennan thought it prudent that the boiler be bought and installed before the working party was actioned.

His Worship thought the two projects would run in tandem. The working party would not get involved with the installation of the boiler.

The General Manager said the intention was to have a purchase order issued that week for the purchase and installation of the boiler. It would be well underway before the working party commenced its work.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of L Turnbull, seconded by B Lee, THAT the report be received.

7. MATAURA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (18.73)

A memo had been received from the Administration Manager together with a letter and proposal from the Community Trust of Southland that confirmed the approval of a grant from the Trust, of up to \$19,800 to enable David Wilson from Oamaru to progress economic development initiatives in Mataura.

L Turnbull said the initiative was stage one. If it was successful, it would then proceed to stage two. D Wilson would arrive in the next week or so.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by B Lee, THAT the information be received.

8. HENDERSON PARK (18.14.6)

A memo had been received from the Asset Manager, Utilities advising the estimated cost of installing two gates, posts and locks at the entrance to Henderson Park would be approximately \$1,200. The sum had not been allowed for in the current year's budget. There would also be additional costs of supplying keys to users, along with keeping a register of who had them.

B Lee recalled a gate had been erected a couple of years ago to prevent rubbish being dumped and users had a key. That situation seemed to have gone back to square one.

The Manager said there had been no real issues for the last couple of months with the exception of a bit of refuse being dumped. He wondered if other measures could be looked at.

The Parks and Recreation Manager said there were no gates erected at similar venues in Gore.

L Turnbull thought the situation should be monitored over the summer months.

N Phillips said as there were no finances in the budget to erect gates, it should be borne in mind to include funding in the next year's budget if it became a progressive problem.

Cr McLennan thought there were better things to spend money on such as the Matura swimming pool upgrade.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of N Phillips, seconded by B Lee, THAT the Board monitor the situation at Henderson Park, and if problems persisted it would then discuss the possibility of erecting gates at the entrance.

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

The meeting perused the report from the Manager.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of B Lee, seconded by M Gillan, THAT the report be received.

10. REPORT FROM MEMBERS (46.36.2)

L Turnbull and N Phillips reported that the Small Towns Conference they had attended was very informative and had given them the opportunity to spend quality time discussing initiatives for Matura with David Wilson.

11. COMMUNITY BUS SERVICE (3.31.1)

N Phillips advised a meeting had been held the previous week. Councillors had shown interest and agreed to establish a working party comprising of one Council staff member, two Community Board members, three Taskforce members and two Councillors.

The working party would peruse the document and be responsible for getting the support of the town.

M Gillan would include an article in the next newsletter.

The Administration Manager said she would include a report on the agenda for the next Committee meeting round.

N Phillips congratulated M Hasler on his efforts and for bringing the proposal to the Community Board's attention.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of N Phillips, seconded by A McLennan, THAT the report be received.

12. PEDESTRIAN CROSSING (3.24.17)

Following an accident recently when a school pupil had been hit by a car and a subsequent meeting held by the Board with an NZTA

representative, Mataura School representatives, Councillors and Council staff, the Roading Manager advised of the need for an investigation into the operation of the existing pedestrian crossing on the Main Street. It had been identified because of the number of near misses and accidents. The crossing was not working as well as it should. A number of upgrade options were discussed and NZTA committed to the following options to upgrade the site:

- To replace flashing orange cones with large day glow disks;
- To install flashing “children crossing” signs to operate at start and end of day;
- To invest in the lifting of platforms at either side of road to make waiting children more visible. The practicality needed to be identified first;
- To paint sight rails a neutral colour to highlight the presence of children;
- To encourage users to use the crossing as much as possible;
- NZTA to investigate the possibility of a threshold treatment to give a “pinching in” effect to slow traffic down at crossing approach;
- The police would be asked to increase patrols around the area;
- NZTA would advocate highlighting the problems that were occurring.

The Manager said it was a multi-pronged attack. He could not guarantee a three week timeline as the signs were a new initiative and the supply could take some time.

In response to His Worship, the Manager said the vehicles responsible for the accidents to date had been travelling in different directions. Having no common denominator made the problem more complicated.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday 16 November 2009

The meeting concluded at 6.09 pm