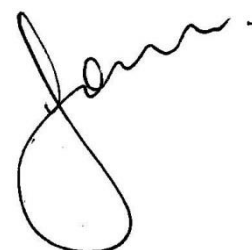


Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Maitara Community Board will be held in the Maitara Community Centre, McQueen Avenue, Maitara, on Monday 28 August 2017, at 5.30pm

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**Susan Jones
Administration Manager**

24 August 2017

Agenda

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RURAL CITY LIVING



Report of a meeting of the Mataura Community Board, held in the Mataura Community Centre, McQueen Avenue, Mataura, on Monday 12 June 2017, at 5.30pm.

Present Alan Taylor (Chairman), Cr Phillips, Geoff Colvin, Sue Taylor, and Linda Sinclair.

In attendance The Parks and Recreation Manager (Mr Ian Soper) and Administration Manager (Susan Jones)

Apology Greg Chaffey apologised for absence.

1. CONFIRMATION OF REPORT

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Sue Taylor, seconded by Geoff Colvin, **THAT** the report of the ordinary meeting of the Mataura Community Board, held on Monday 6 March 2017 as circulated, be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and complete record.

Clause 2 - donation of defibrillator

Cr Phillips advised the defibrillator had been installed on the exterior of the fire station, but due to it being a white box on a white building, additional markings were required to clearly identify it. It was also included on the app for defibrillator locations, and thought a story in a future Mataura Messenger would be useful to inform residents of its location and availability.

2. STATE HIGHWAY PLANTINGS – ALLIANCE GROUP (SC1547)

A memo had been received from the Parks and Recreation Manager following a request from the Board to outline the process around seeking agreement with Alliance Group to remove some carparks on its leased KiwiRail land, for beautification purposes.

The initial challenge would be getting agreement for the proposal from KiwiRail and to assist with obtaining its acceptance, the Board was encouraged to first have an agreement in principle with Alliance. The other planted areas of the road and rail corridor through Mataura were fully maintained by the Council on land formally leased from KiwiRail, specifically for beautification purposes.

The following process was outlined as a way forward:

Step 1 Board to set up a meeting with Alliance Group management and come to an agreement on the scope and scale of the beautification proposal.

- Step 2 Council officers approach KiwiRail to set up a meeting with the Board to present its case in relation to the urban beautification of this area.
- Step 3 Meet KiwiRail with a view to gaining its support for the proposal.
- Step 4 Quote the work to determine the value of works.
- Step 5 Establish a funding mechanism to achieve the beautification outcomes then seek funding.
- Step 6 Secure funding and implement.

An aerial photograph of the proposed beautification area had been circulated with the agenda.

Cr Phillips recalled concept plans having been prepared about ten years ago, that included a walkway to the Falls and plantings along the State Highway.

Staff would research Council records to locate what had been drafted.

G Colvin advised Alliance management was agreeable to some plantings being undertaken.

The Manager advised pending a formal agreement with Alliance, a proposal could be prepared for discussion with KiwiRail. Existing plans would need to be reviewed first.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Linda Sinclair, seconded by Sue Taylor, THAT the information be received,

THAT the previous concepts be reviewed before the Board meets with Alliance Group management to formalise an agreement on the scope and scale of the beautification proposal,

AND THAT Council officers then approach KiwiRail about meeting with the Board to present its case for the urban beautification of the area.

3. REPORT FROM NEW ZEALAND COMMUNITY BOARDS CONFERENCE

The Board perused a report from the Chairman following his attendance at the 2017 biennial New Zealand Community Boards conference held in Methven from 11-13 May.

4. FUTURE DEVELOPMENT – GLENDHU ROAD RECREATION RESERVE (SC1547)

A memo had been received from the Parks and Recreation Manager following a request from the Board for the process required to overturn a prior direction and rescind a recommendation relating to the future of the Glendhu Road recreation reserve. The Board had had approaches about the property becoming a dog park.

The Manager had advised that if the Board wished to depart from the decision made at its extraordinary meeting held on 16 February 2015, the following process would need to be followed:

- Telegraph an intention to the Council in the first instance seeking approval in principle, subject to an in depth report be considered.

- an intention to only rescind the specific component of the abovementioned resolution - solely relating to the sale of Glendhu Road recreation reserve.
- Commit to providing a further report to the Council after all relevant issues relating to the proposed development have been investigated, including how the proposed development could be funded.
- Request the Council place a hold on any work towards the implementation of the above resolution until such time as the entire proposal has been explored.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Alan Taylor, seconded by Linda Sinclair, THAT the information be received,

THAT the Community Board work with staff to develop a proposal to redevelop the Glendhu Road recreation reserve into a dog park,

AND THAT the Board request the Council to agree to place a hold on any implementation of the 2015 resolution to dispose of the Glendhu Road recreation reserve until the proposed redevelopment plan is presented to the Council for its consideration.

5. COVERAGE OF COUNCIL ALCOHOL BYLAW (SC0107)

Cr Phillips referred to the proposed expansion of the areas covered by the Council's Alcohol Bylaw. He had suggested at a recent Regulatory and Planning Committee meeting that the coverage be extended in Mataura in an effort to curb vandalism at Queen's Park and assist the Police to disperse people. There was also scope to include Tulloch Park which would not impact on rugby activities.

The reviewed bylaw would be open for public consultation and the Board could consider then whether it wished to make a submission to support an enlarged coverage area.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 17 July 2017

The meeting concluded at 6.03pm

MATAURA COMMUNITY BOARD AGENDA

MONDAY 28 AUGUST 2017

2. TULLOCH PARK REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

(Memo from Parks and Recreation Manager – 15.08.17)

Introduction

The purpose of this report is to update the Matura Community Board on progress in relation to the Tulloch Park Redevelopment Project.

Progress

Over the winter, Council officers have held discussions with a consultant architect in relation to the project. After discussions and a site visit, it was determined by the Chief Executive and Manager that the options presented did not have the “feel and fit” required or desired by the working party.

This led onto other discussions and a meeting with another professional architect who is currently engaged on another significant Council project. This project is starting to deliver outputs that do have a feel and vibe that is “spinning our wheels” and is what we are seeking.

At the time of writing, staff are acutely aware of the timeline involved. A meeting of the working party has been scheduled for 11 September and draft information will be available. Thereafter, staff will seek a firm commitment from the working party which would result in a quick turnaround on concept plans which would be suitable to socialise with the Community Board and the Council prior to public release.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

3. CLEAN AIR LOANS

(Memo from Administration Manager – 15.08.17)

The Gore District Council administers Environment Southland's clean air loan scheme in the Gore District. This same scheme also operates in Invercargill. It is important to note this scheme is a "clean air", not a "warm home" scheme.

The high number of burners per square kilometre in Gore and Invercargill poses a risk to human health. Environment Southland has implemented stricter air quality regulations to combat the health risk. Residents in the Gore and Invercargill air sheds are required to remove burners and boilers that do not comply with the tighter clean air regulations. The burners being removed heat very well. However, the emissions they produce do not comply with the regulations so property owners must replace them. Environment Southland has acknowledged this is out of the ordinary and has put in place a clean air loan scheme to offer finance to affected residents.

Mataura does not have the same concentration of burners per square kilometre as Gore or Invercargill, so Environment Southland does not require Mataura residents to replace their fires. Put simply, Mataura has better air quality than Gore and Invercargill.

The clean air loan scheme allows for some of the \$5,000 loans to be used to cover any upgrades to insulation required as part of the new heating installation. However, it is not possible to get a clean air loan just for insulation. The loans were extended to cover insulation because it is best practice to ensure insulation is adequate before updating a heat source.

There are some government subsidies available for residents who wish to upgrade their insulation. Awarua Synergy can also arrange for insulation quotes for residents, separate to the clean air loan scheme, and Awarua handles the application for the government subsidies on behalf of the customer. This is a good option for those looking to upgrade their homes insulation.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received and noted.

4. FUTURE DEVELOPMENT – GLENDHU ROAD RECREATION RESERVE – POSSIBLE DOG PARK - MATAURA

(Memo from Parks and Recreation Manager – 15.08.17)

Introduction

The purpose of this report is to update the Board on staff progress in relation to the provision of a dog park in Mataura.

Issue

At its last meeting, the Board resolved that Council officers progress the possibility of a dog park on Glendhu Road Reserve. The decision was not unanimous.

Background

Council officers have discussed the overall issues surrounding dogs – District wide. The General Manager Regulatory and Planning Mr Ian Davidson-Watts is in the process of consulting with the Council on this overall topic. Mr Davidson-Watts is recommending a strategic and consistent District-wide approach to dogs.

- ✦ This proposal was presented to the Regulatory and Planning Committee at its 22 August meeting. A copy of the report considered is attached. The Committee passed the recommendation and this will now go to the Council meeting on 12 September for adoption or amendment.

Council officers share the concerns expressed by some Board members and Cr Phillips in relation to the physical restrictions present at the Glendhu Road Reserve site. These are primarily the wet and sodden ground conditions present on the site, year round. Also, the access issues that existed when hockey occupied the site will most probably return when people, children and dogs have to cross a busy Glendhu Road to access the reserve from the carpark. These are all issues that need to be fleshed out further in the near future, pending Council direction.

Conclusion

Dependent on the outcome of the Council meeting, staff will have direction on how to proceed with this matter and will advise the Board accordingly.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

4. DEVELOPMENT OF A DOG CONTROL ACTION PLAN FOR GORE DISTRICT (Ian Davidson Watts)

(Memo from General Manager Regulatory and Planning – 08.08.17)

Introduction

Companion and working dogs have an important role within the Gore District's community. However responsible dog ownership includes responsibility of the behaviour, as well as the welfare of dogs generally. Where dogs present a danger or nuisance to other members of the community and their property, the Council is the statutory agency charged with enforcing dog control matters under the Dog Control Act 1996 (the Act).

The Act, provides a range of legislative tools such as dog seizure, abatement notices, infringements fines, summary prosecution, classification of dogs as menacing or dangerous, and the classification of owners as probationary or disqualifying owners from keeping dogs (subject to certain conditions). However enforcement is rarely effective when used in isolation of more positive approaches to animal control matters and the Act recognises this.

Therefore, to assist Council in applying the Act, the Council approved a Dog Control Policy soon after the Act was introduced, and a Dog Control Bylaw, which was last reviewed in 2013. These administrative and legislative tools provide for a range of measures to assist in the implementation of Council's roles and functions under the Act, and along with compliance related policies, also include policies associated with supporting responsible dog ownership, education, rules for exercise areas/public open space and the provision of advice.

The Council has also taken steps to be more proactive with dog control matters and this has been largely achieved by bringing the service in house over recent years and focussing on controlling wayward dogs and their owners. However there has not yet been a concerted effort to promote the education and awareness side of the Council's policy.

The Issue

Despite a responsive and well organised animal control service in Gore District, many of the issues facing the Council's animal control team appear to be perpetual. Many of the owners of troublesome dogs are repeat offenders and may lack the knowledge or inclination to train and appropriately care for their dogs. In addition many (not all) of the dogs seized for attacking or rushing persons or stock, have usually not had the appropriate level of care from their owners, including adequate exercise and/or socialisation with other dogs. Regrettably the consequences of such incidents are usually borne by the dog in question, rather than the irresponsible owner.

The Council's staff consider that the most effective approach to reduce the number of dangerous and nuisance incidents relating to dogs, is to proactively work with dog owners

in the District to deliver advice, information, incentives and support for responsible dog ownership. Equally, where the minority of owners fail to fully accept responsibility for their dangerous or nuisance dogs, targeted enforcement action against the owner's ability to own a dog is considered more appropriate than lengthy court action and fines that often go unpaid.

Key approaches – a dog control strategy

It is therefore proposed that the effective application of the Act, the Dog Control Bylaw and the Dog Control Policy requires a coordinated and targeted action plan to achieve a reduction in dog related danger and nuisance, through the promotion of responsible dog ownership. This approach is also likely to be key in managing Council's limited resources in this area.

To that end an action plan encompassing the following workstreams relating to responsible dog ownership is recommended for development by staff. The intention is to gain Council's approval for the action plan within this financial year (2017/2018) for implementation through the life time of the next long term plan.

1. Workstream 1 – Education, incentives and encouragement to be a responsible dog owner.

This approach is already outlined in the Dog Control Policy and supported by the Act. Actions proposed include the development of a communications plan within the District, school visits, building relationships with other agencies and provision of practical advice for dog owners.

2. Workstream 2 – The provision of dog related infrastructure.

As well as exercise, all dogs require inter-dog socialisation and interaction with other members of the public to prevent build-up of aggressive tendencies. Council can assist with this by providing defined dog exercise areas (dog parks). One park is proposed for Mataura, and at a recent dog control hearing, the hearing panel recommended a dog park to service the needs of Gore residents in exercising and socialising dogs. Other measures such as the provision of dog refuse bags and signage can also be considered.

3. Workstream 3 - Targeted enforcement.

Dog registration is the foundation of effective dog control and this should remain a priority. It provides an opportunity for the Council's staff to communicate with the dog owners and promote responsible dog ownership with incentives, including the opportunity of reduction of registration fees where dogs meet certain conditions.

As highlighted above a minority of dog owners struggle to adequately control their dogs for a variety of reasons which can lead to serious dog attacks as well as nuisances. As part of the enforcement approach adopted for such cases, staff propose that the Council should use its powers through the Dog Control Act, to make such persistently

problematic dog owners either 'probationary owners' which limits ownership of new dogs for up to two years, or disqualify owners from being able to keep dogs for up to five years. This approach in most cases is preferable to lengthy and costly prosecutions (for all parties), and often deals with the root cause of the problem which is invariably the owner of the dog, rather than the dog itself.

4. Workstream 4 – Monitoring and reporting

As part of the delivery of the action plan, staff propose the development of performance measures from which the effectiveness of the plan will be assessed and report to the Regulatory Committee on six monthly basis.

Conclusion

The Dog Control Act 1996 provides for a range of measures to support a safer community by promoting responsible dog ownership, through education, registration and enforcement measures. Council's Dog Control Policy and Bylaw, provide the tools to assist in the implementation of such measures, however it is considered that a detailed Dog Control Action plan is required to effectively deliver a coordinated and targeted approach with the limited resources available. The proposed action plan aims to deliver a series of workstreams promoting responsible dog ownership and targeting enforcement action on the minority of irresponsible dog owners within the District. It is considered that the successful implementation of such a plan will contribute to the aim of making the District a safer and attractive place to live, supporting community wellbeing and prosperity.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Council approve the development of a dog control action plan to implement a coordinated approach to improving responsible dog ownership.

5. REQUEST FROM MATAURA COMMUNITY GARDEN

The following request has been received from the coordinator of the Mataura Community Garden Committee, Barbara Cunningham:

I am writing on behalf of the Mataura Community Garden to request funding help with our sewage scheme.

The Gore District Council now own the section on the south end of our block and they have put in a connection from over the other side of the road into our section at no cost to us.

We already have a chemical toilet but would like to connect to the town system which will be more convenient as someone has to maintain the chemical one which can be unpleasant at times.

We have requested help from Bruce McDonough to dig the line and obtain gravel for the same. We also need a registered plumber and Tony Harpur of Eastern Southland Plumbing has agreed to help us here. We need a total of \$3,000 to cover the cost of this exercise and we can come up with \$1,000 which leaves us with a shortfall of \$2,000.

We would be most grateful if you could please help us cover this shortfall cost in the form of a grant. If you require any more information, please feel free to contact me.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Board allocate \$2,000 from its discretionary fund to the Community Garden project.

6. ALLIANCE CARPARK – UPDATE ON PLANTING PROJECT

(Memo from Transport Manager – 23.08.17)

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to update the Board on progress on the beautification of the Alliance carpark and follows the report considered by the board at its 12 June meeting.

Background

Since the previous report on this matter in June, Council staff have attended an on-site meeting to discuss the Board's intentions and to recognise some of the limits of this proposal. Present at the meeting were Crs Cliff Bolger and Neville Phillips, Board Chair Alan Taylor and Alliance representative Geoff Colvin (also a board member) along with staff members Ian Soper (Parks and Recreation Manager) and myself. Matters discussed were the spacing of the planting plots, the style of planting, the walkway across the railway line and the need to consult both KiwiRail and the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA).

At this meeting it was requested staff draw up an indicative plan and develop a rough order of costs for the project.

- ✚ Attached is a plan showing the layout of the garden plots with a plot every ninth park along the track side of the parking space. This configuration would start at the proposed footbridge and spread out in each direction. The road side of the park would have the same sequence of plots but out of step with the trackside. With this proposed configuration the number of sites would be 31.

The meeting asked staff to provide an indicative price to install these plots with semi mountable kerb similar to previous beautification projects within the town. The rough order of costs for each plot would be \$5,000 inclusive of planting.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Board determine the desired scope of this project.



All names have been taken in relation to this information but Gore District Council's accepts no responsibility for its accuracy or content.

7. COMMUNITY BOARD ZONE MEETING

(Memo from Administration Manager – 23.08.17)

As members will be aware, a meeting of the Zone 6 Community Boards will be hosted by the Gore District Council on Saturday 9 September. The meeting has been initiated by Cr Christine Garey, a Dunedin City Councillor with responsibility for the Strath Taieri Community Board. Cr Garey is also the Zone 6 representative on the NZ Community Board Executive Committee.

The meeting will commence at 10.30am and concluded by 4.00pm. Board members are encouraged to attend and meet with other Community Board representatives from within Zone 6 (Waitaki south).

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

8. DISCRETIONARY ACCOUNT UPDATE

(Memo from Administration Manager – 23.08.17)

The Council grant of \$5,300 per annum for discretionary use by the Board became available on 1 July 2017.

The opening balance on 1 July 2016 was \$9,000. Expenditure in the 2016-17 year related to assistance to the Mataura community garden for land acquisition adjacent to the garden (\$3,000) and costs associated with the defibrillator installed outside the fire station (\$578).

The current balance is now \$15,965.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.