

**REPORT OF A MEETING OF THE MATAURA COMMUNITY BOARD, HELD IN THE MATAURA COMMUNITY CENTRE, MCQUEEN AVENUE, MATAURA, ON MONDAY 5 MARCH 2012, AT 5:30 PM.**

**PRESENT** **A Taylor (Chairman), L Sinclair, B Lee, C Duffy, P Barnfather and Cr Dixon.**

**IN ATTENDANCE** **The Roothing Manager (Mr Murray Hasler), Administration/HR Manager, (Mrs Susan Jones), Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Tracey Millan) and three members of the public in the gallery.**

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**1. CONFIRMATION OF REPORT**

Reporting Customer Service Requests (46.36.2)

The Board noted that page 4, item 7, should have read "*the Manager said with verge trimming one relied on peer pressure*", not A Taylor.

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of L Sinclair, seconded by B Lee, THAT the report of the ordinary meeting of the Mataura Community Board, held on Monday 30 January 2012 as circulated, be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and complete record.**

**2. MATAURA WALKWAY PROJECT (18.62)**

A memo had been received from the Administration Manager advising an application lodged through the Mataura Lions Club for funding from the Coster Fund towards the proposed Mataura walkway project had been unsuccessful.

The Walking Access New Zealand Commission was currently calling for applications towards new projects. The Manager would lodge an application before the end of March.

A Taylor said Environment Southland had recently approved a pipe rather than a bridge could be installed, which would be a much cheaper option.

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of C Duffy, seconded by P Barnfather, THAT the information be received.**

**3. BRIDGE STREET PLOTS (18.73/3.1.2)**

A memo had been received from the Roothing Manager regarding a request from the Board that consideration be given to changing the kerbed plots at the edges of Bridge Street in Mataura. The issue had been passed onto Opus to investigate. He said that NZTA had contributed significant funding to have the plots installed several years ago as part of the state highway upgrade project, and were not too keen to remove them. The heritage lighting could also be endangered.

In response to the Manager asking what had prompted the Board's request, C Duffy and Cr Dixon said they had received ongoing complaints from members of the community that the plots reduced the number of parks available and their shape made manoeuvring around them difficult.

The Manager said the Council had not received any complaints through the customer service request (CSR) system and encouraged the Board to direct any complaints via that process to enable the dissatisfaction to be recorded.

Cr Dixon suggested shaving the edges off the plots to allow more space for vehicle movement.

C Duffy suggested removing the plots altogether.

The Manager said community consensus around what it wanted was required as NZTA wanted to know the reasoning behind the request.

A Taylor suggested the Board could meet on site with the Manager and a NZTA representative.

The Manager agreed and reiterated that the Board needed to be sure that what it asked for was the final community consensus. The Council did not want to lose credibility for other areas.

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

#### 4. TRUCK AND TRAILER PARKING (3.24.3)

A memo had been received from the Roading Manager advising that at the Board's request, a letter had been sent to the owner of the property on which it was proposed to install a truck and trailer parking area. The owner had been willing to discuss the proposal. There was no funding earmarked for the project. Physical works would cost well over \$10,000 and on-going costs of the lease of the property would need to be accommodated. Funding sources would need to be determined prior to progressing any further.

The Manager said a heavy duty vehicle crossing with a one way system off Lodge Street to Bridge Street could work. The vegetation would have to be removed from the surface, top dressed and possibly reshaped for drainage purposes.

The Road Transport Association was currently canvassing the view of its members to ensure a parking area would be utilised by drivers. Funding would be the issue.

In response to Cr Dixon, the Manager said a heavy duty crossing could be put somewhere along the River Street frontage. Dependent on the number of users it would be better for vehicles not to turn on the site as it could screw up the surface.

P Barnfather said when the area was used by the old paper mill, the ground was very hard with lots of traffic utilising it without any screwing up of the ground.

The Manager said the surface was now covered by vegetation that would have to be removed and it would require some gravel on it.

A Taylor said there were usually only four to six trucks parked on the road side at a time. The Board could canvas local firms to cart gravel to the site. After time, if the site was well utilised the installation of a crossing could then be investigated.

The Manager said the owners would require a lease and would probably want to cover the cost of rates and a bit more. He could initiate discussions.

In response to Cr Dixon suggesting that the owner be approached regarding donating the land, the Manager said the owner was probably of the same view as the Council and could see potential development of the area in the next few years.

B Lee said it was probably easier for truck drivers to just carry on dropping their trailers on the side of the road. It was not illegal and did not cost the ratepayer that way.

The Manager said short of the Council putting in parking restrictions, getting the Road Transport Association to encourage its members to comply with utilising a dedicated parking area could be the best way.

Cr Dixon said the Board needed to find a way to implement a parking area without imposing a cost to ratepayers. It wanted to stop crates and trailers being parked on the road side or outside shops and residential homes.

The Manager said the next step would be to find out from the Road Transport Association whether members would utilise a parking area if it was available.

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of P Barnfather, seconded by L Sinclair, THAT the Board continue to investigate a possible truck and trailer park and identify possible funding sources.**

5. BRIDGE AND MAIN STREET INTERSECTION (3.24.3)

A memo had been received from the Roding Manager advising that Opus had been investigating potential improvements for the intersection as discussed by Peter Robinson (NZTA) and the Board late last year. An update would be provided once further information had been received from Opus/NZTA.

In response to Cr Dixon asking what the timeframe for improving the intersection was, the Manager advised he would liaise with NZTA and endeavour to provide an update for the next meeting.

A Taylor suggested the plots on Bridge Street could be inspected at the same time. Although there was a lack of Government funding at present, that did not prevent the Board from looking at future plans.

The Manager said NZTA funding operated in three yearly cycles and its funding was tight. It was unlikely anything would happen within the next three years.

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Dixon, seconded by C Duffy, THAT the information be received.**

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday 16 April 2012 at 5.30pm.

The meeting concluded at 5.58pm.