

REPORT OF A MEETING OF THE MATAURA COMMUNITY BOARD, HELD IN THE MATAURA COMMUNITY CENTRE, MCQUEEN AVENUE, MATAURA, ON MONDAY 28 MAY 2012, AT 5:30 PM.

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

IN ATTENDANCE **The Roothing Manager (Mr Murray Hasler) and Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Tracey Millan).**

APOLOGY **C Duffy apologised for absence.**

A Taylor advised P Barnfather had resigned as a member of the Mataura Community Board, due to a family illness. He wished to acknowledge and thank him for his input during his time on the Board.

1. URGENT LATE BUSINESS

Cr Dixon said he wished to raise the issue about the Council creating a position for a service person for Mataura.

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

2. CONFIRMATION OF REPORT

RECOMMENDED on the motion of B Lee, seconded by L Sinclair, THAT the report of the ordinary meeting of the Mataura Community Board, held on Monday 16 April 2012 as circulated, be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and complete record.

Report from the Roothing Manager (3.34)

The Roothing Manager provided an update about the proposed trailer park in Lodge Street. Correspondence had been received from the Road Transport Association (RTA) advising that although receptive to the idea of a truck park, due to current economic conditions it was unlikely that it would be able to contribute financially.

He suggested that as an interim measure, consideration could be given to trucks parking kerbside on Lodge Street, opposite the two halls. There was sufficient room for two truck and trailer units to be parked and would be a solution that would not cost. The RTA was in support of the idea.

B Lee said he thought the Board had decided not to go ahead with the idea.

The Roothing Manager said the idea had been instigated by the Board initially and Council staff had followed it up.

A Taylor confirmed a decision had not been made, however he understood B Lee's stance. More discussion would be required.

The Manager suggested more canvassing of the area could be required. He would ask the RTA to hold off on encouraging trucking companies to use it until the idea had been investigated further.

2. OVERGROWN SECTIONS UPDATE (22.12)

A memo had been received from the Parks and Recreation Manager, together with a copy of the Long Grass/Overhanging Foliage Bylaw 2008.

Cr Dixon said a lot of properties not were breaching the conditions of the bylaw. The Council should mow overgrown sections to make the town look tidier. He did not think it would cost a lot for the Council to also mow grass verges outside properties.

The Manager said the money to do that work had to come from somewhere.

In response to B Lee asking how often the Council inspected properties to identify overgrown sections, the Manager said he thought staff carried out inspections every six months. An annual survey was conducted around Christmas time. All customer service requests (CSRs) were actioned immediately. He stressed it was important for people in the community to utilise the CSR system.

L Sinclair wondered if Board members took a drive around the town in between the annual checks, if that would have some effect?

A Taylor said the Board could keep checking. Unkempt sections were an indictment on those neighbours trying to do their job well.

B Lee said it was the Council's job, not the Board's to do that.

A Taylor said it was a Board member's role to reflect the community views back to the Board.

L Sinclair said it would be good to get a compromise for both parties.

Cr Dixon said inspections for overgrown sections should be carried out twice a year.

The Manager said the same regime applied in Gore. Any additional work costed the Council and ultimately the ratepayers.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Dixon, seconded by L Sinclair, THAT the information be received,

AND THAT the Council investigate undertaking two annual inspections of overgrown sections.

3. STREET CLEANING (3.24.3)

A report had been received from the Roding Manager.

In response to B Lee, the Roding Manager said if a customer service request (CSR) was lodged about broken glass, it would be cleaned up as soon as possible.

L Sinclair suggested the local community could be encouraged to get involved and take pride by either cleaning up broken glass or be encouraged to report incidents.

A Taylor said it was a community issue and perhaps a reminder that more care was required to keep the town tidy needed to be highlighted within the school or newspapers.

L Sinclair thanked the Manager for the informative and enlightening report. The Board appreciated the work involved in preparing the report.

The Manager said street cleaning had a lower funding subsidy from the New Zealand Transport Agency than other activities. To provide more sweeping would have a significant impact on rates.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of B Lee, seconded by Cr Dixon, the report be received.

4. REPORT FROM ROADING MANAGER (3.34)

A report had been received from the Roding Manager.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of B Lee, seconded by L Sinclair, THAT the information be received.

5. CUSTOMER SERVICE REQUESTS (46.34.2)

A memo had been received from the Administration Manager that provided a summary of the categories of the 316 requests logged for the period 2 January until 21 May 2012. A high volume of calls related to the new refuse collection service and water supply issues.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of L Sinclair, seconded by Cr Dixon, THAT the information be received.

6. SERVICE PERSON FOR MATAURA (48.2.12/46.36.2)

Cr Dixon said it was time Mataura had a service person for parks and reserves and essential services. One small mower could be used in Mataura, instead of bringing three down. The person would also check footpath conditions, trim hedges and conduct inspections for overgrown sections. He thought the Council should provide someone that the community could identify with. He suggested a part time position that could be incorporated with a role in the essential services and parks and reserves department. The employee could also be the first to attend to the waterworks in the mornings. The position would not come under the roading contract.

The Roding Manager said the issue should be discussed with the General Manager, District Assets. If the Board was thinking about a rearranged operational arrangement, a lot of issues including health and safety would have to be considered.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Dixon, seconded by B Lee, THAT the Board request the Council to investigate the criteria around the possibility of providing Mataura with a dedicated service person.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday 9 July 2012 at 5.30 pm.

The meeting concluded at 6.25 pm.