

REPORT OF A MEETING OF THE MATAURA COMMUNITY BOARD, HELD IN THE MATAURA COMMUNITY CENTRE, MCQUEEN AVENUE, MATAURA, ON MONDAY 20 AUGUST 2012, AT 5:30 PM.

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

IN ATTENDANCE His Worship the Mayor (Tracy Hicks, JP), Administration/HR Manager (Mrs Susan Jones), Roding Manager (Mr Murray Hasler), Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Tracey Millan) and three members of the public in the gallery.

1. CONFIRMATION OF REPORT

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Dixon, seconded by B Lee, THAT the report of the ordinary meeting of the Matura Community Board, held on Monday 28 May 2012 as circulated, be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and complete record.

Matters Arising

In response to B Lee, the Roding Manager confirmed a letter had been sent to the neighbouring businesses of the proposed truck park site seeking their opinions on the proposal.

In response to B Lee asking if the request for a services position for Matura had progressed, the Administration Manager advised a report would be considered at the Operations Committee the following week.

Overgrown Sections Update (22.12)

The Board noted that page 2, item 2 should read A Taylor said it was a Board member's role to reflect the community views back to the Council, not the Board.

2. STATUTORY DECLARATION (46.36.2)

His Worship took the statutory declaration from Mrs Barbara Cunningham, who had been declared elected in the recent by-election.

3. REPORT FROM PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER (18.1.2)

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

In response to Cr Dixon asking where the rubbish bin would be relocated from, A Taylor clarified Plunket had approached the Council about replacing the bin in front of the playground. A larger, covered bin would be installed to prevent residents from dumping bags of household rubbish.

In response to Cr Dixon, the Roding Manager said the road maintenance contractor sprayed noxious weeds on rural roadsides. Noxious weeds in the urban area came under the jurisdiction of Environment Southland. Rural ratepayers were rated to ensure a consistent standard of spraying in rural areas was maintained.

In response to A Taylor, the Manager said Environment Southland monitored urban properties for noxious weeds. Residents were encouraged to contact the Council and lodge a customer service request if they sighted noxious weeds growing on urban Council land.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of C Duffy, seconded by L Sinclair, that the report be received.

4. CYCLE RACK INSTALLATION – MATAURA LIBRARY FOOTPATH
(3.1.27)

The Roding Manager tabled information about different cycle rack products available.

A report had been received from the Roding Manager providing the Board with information on the installation of a cycle rack on the Bridge Street, Matura footpath outside the Matura Library.

B Lee said there were several old bike stands not being utilised around the town and suggested moving one of them outside the library or onto the cobblestone area.

The Manager said a kerbside cycle stand would take up too much width across the footpath area. If sited on the cobblestone area it would detract from the aesthetic look. He recommended the Type A Cycle Stand illustrated in the handout which could be installed parallel to the kerb, so bikes would park lengthways. The cost would be around \$230 each.

Cr Dixon thought he could get a cheaper price locally.

The Manager said it was the principle of the idea. A source could be discussed later. The project had not been budgeted for.

The Manager and Board members would inspect the area outside of the Library at the conclusion of the meeting and a decision would be held over to the next meeting.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of C Duffy, seconded by L Sinclair, THAT the report be received.

5. FUNDING FOR MATAURA WALKWAY (18.62)

A memo had been received from the Administration Manager advising that the application made to the New Zealand Walking Access Commission for financial assistance towards the establishment of the Matura walkway had been successful and a grant of \$5,000 had been made.

In response to A Taylor asking where the initial figure of \$18,690 had originated from, the Administration Manager said it was the original estimate, less the cost of \$16,000 for a bridge.

A Taylor said the Board was very appreciative of the grant from the New Zealand Walking Access Commission. He advised pipe purchased for just under \$3,000 for the walkway would hopefully be installed in November.

He had been liaising with the Parks and Recreation Manager about getting a gate installed at either end of the walkway and he was hopeful the project would be completed by the end of the year. The cost of the project was an estimate.

In response to B Lee suggesting \$5,000 could be used from the discretionary fund for the project, A Taylor said it was a bit early for that. Costs needed to be confirmed.

In response to Cr Dixon, the Administration Manager said no other funding avenues had been explored at this stage. The estimate was reasonably old so would be reviewed and presented at the next Board meeting.

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

6. DISCRETIONARY ACCOUNT UPDATE (46.36.2)

A memo had been received from the Administration Manager that provided an update on the Board's discretionary account.

Cr Dixon said the money spent had gone to worthy projects.

A Taylor said the Board was grateful to the Council for carrying the previous year's funding over.

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

7. LETTER OF THANKS (18.11.7.2)

A memo had been received from the Administration Manager together with a letter of thanks received from the Matura Plunket for the contribution to the new junior playground at Queens Park.

A Taylor said the new playground was being well utilised and congratulated all those involved.

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

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday 1 October 2012 at 5.30pm.

The meeting concluded at 6.00pm.