

REPORT OF A MEETING OF THE MATAURA COMMUNITY BOARD, HELD IN THE MATAURA COMMUNITY CENTRE, MCQUEEN AVENUE, MATAURA, ON MONDAY 1 OCTOBER 2012, AT 5:30 PM.

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

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

APOLOGY Mrs B Cunningham apologised for absence.

1. CONFIRMATION OF REPORT

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Dixon, seconded by B Lee, THAT the report of the ordinary meeting of the Mataura Community Board, held on Monday 20 August 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 Parks and Recreation Manager providing an update on the available finances and updated cost of the proposed Mataura Walkway project.

A Taylor said Environment Southland had advised some of its staff would be working in the Waimumu area later in the month and would be happy to assist with laying the culvert pipe at a minimal cost for the digger. A few materials would be required.

In response to C Duffy, A Taylor clarified the culvert pipe had already been purchased. The \$500 amount mentioned in the report was an error.

The track installation costs included in the report had been based on a similar project that had been completed in Invercargill.

A Taylor said there would be a shortfall in funds and he asked if the Board wanted to consider using funds from its discretionary fund. Community efforts could also help to keep the costs down. He asked Jo Brand, the Mataura Community Development Officer what she thought about community involvement in the project.

Jo Brand said some community involvement and physical labour would not only help to reduce costs, it would also give the community some ownership in the project. Firm particulars about what would be required from the community would be required.

C Duffy thought the Board should wait until firm costs and the level of community involvement had been established before a decision about committing money to the project from the discretionary fund was considered.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of B Lee, seconded by C Duffy, THAT the information be received.

3. CHRISTMAS BANNERS (46.36.3)

A memo had been received from the Parks and Recreation Manager following an enquiry from a member of the public about further banners being installed in Matura at Christmas time.

Cr Dixon thought the banners were very expensive.

L Sinclair thought the Board should concentrate on the completion of the walkway project before spending money in other areas.

C Duffy suggested the existing banners be spread out more around the town.

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

AND THAT no additional banners be purchased.

4. KANA STREET PLAYGROUND (18.11.7.2)

A memo had been received from the Parks and Recreation Manager in response to an enquiry about the status of play equipment at Kana Street south reserve.

C Duffy was satisfied with the explanation in the report around the timeline to repair and reinstall the play equipment.

Cr Dixon thought the whole process still took too long.

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

5. GENERAL

Cr Dixon said the Matura community had been devastated about the recent announcement by Alliance Group that lamb processing would stop at the Matura plant. He wanted the Council to take the lead in helping the community by going against the Annual Plan and drop the rate increase base from 5% and start it at 0% and only add necessary increases.

A Taylor said the announcement had been inevitable for some time due to the changes in land use. He had attended a meeting with Alliance that morning. A consultation process would begin immediately. All workers had been offered alternative work. The full impact on the community was yet to be seen.

Cr Dixon's suggestion was a different issue that could be discussed at another time.

In response to A Taylor, the Administration Manager advised the estimates process would commence in approximately six weeks.

The Roading Manager said estimates in most activities were based on an Activity Management Plan, and the baseline was started at zero with increases based on repairs and maintenance.

Cr Dixon said the Long Term Plan included a projected future rates increase.

The Manager said that figure was a ceiling, not a target.

A Taylor suggested more information on what Cr Dixon wanted would be required to enable a more in-depth discussion at a future meeting.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday 12 November 2012 at 5.30pm.

The meeting concluded at 6.02pm.