

Report of a meeting of the Mataura Community Board, held in the Mataura Community Centre, McQueen Avenue, Mataura, on Monday 29 September 2014, at 5.40pm.

Present A Taylor (Chairman), L Sinclair, C Duffy, B Cunningham and G Colvin.

In attendance His Worship the Mayor (Mr Tracy Hicks JP), Cr Cliff Bolger, Roading Manager (Mr Murray Hasler), HR/Administration Manager (Susan Jones), Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Kylie Weir) and two members of the public.

Apology Cr Dixon apologised for absence.

1. CONFIRMATION OF REPORT

RECOMMENDED on the motion of L Sinclair, seconded by G Colvin **THAT** the report of the ordinary meeting of the Mataura Community Board, held on Monday 18 August 2014 as circulated, be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and complete record.

Clause 4 – Former picture theatre building (SC0229)

A Taylor advised the Board that while the theatre building was being demolished he had received a letter from the Lions Club about the site. The building did not take much knocking down as it had minimal steel reinforcing in it. The Lions club was looking for a project to recognise 100 years of Lion's involvement in 2017. The Club offered to help beautify the site by planting a garden of small shrubs and trees. It would like a small recognition in the form of a sign or plaque to be placed in the garden.

His Worship advised the request would need to go through the Council as it owned the land and would need to know who would maintain the garden after it was established.

G Colvin stated there had been plenty of positive comments about the theatre being demolished and how the site was a lot smaller in size than expected. He believed that the Board should support the project in principle and liaise with the Parks and Recreation Manager on how it could be laid out and developed.

Clause 5 – Railway Crossings – Bridge and Main Street Intersection - the Board *noted* a change to the second sentence of the last paragraph from *"that caused concern about the risk some vehicles"* to *"it caused concern about the risk posed by some vehicles"*.

2. UPDATE ON STATE HIGHWAY ISSUES (SC0778/802)

NZTA Network Manager Mr Peter Robinson was in attendance and provided an update on state highway issues within the Matura township.

Mr Robinson advised that an extension of the 70km zone at the northern end of the township would take into account the Selbourne Street intersection. He added the overall programme for next year was relatively small in terms of highway maintenance and changes.

A Taylor advised that residents in the northern area of the township had noted a huge reduction in traffic noise with the temporary speed reduction that had been in place recently along the main highway.

Mr Robinson said the rule book was currently under review which may bring changes.

In response to A Taylor, Mr Robinson advised NZTA was currently looking at several options at the Alliance plant around the car park and how that would affect the intersection and traffic flow. It was not a straight forward issue and he hoped that a solution would be found shortly.

In response to A Taylor, Mr Robinson advised that traffic volume numbers were available on the NZTA website right back to 1979. Monitoring took place four times a year and were published on the NZTA website.

The Roding Manager asked Mr Robinson if he could provide an update on the ongoing issues that the Board bring to their meetings. The first issue the Manager brought up was the Bridge and Main Street intersection and the confusion from the rule not being the same as a standard intersection which Mr Robinson informed them that they have been looking at a sign to be made up explaining the situation.

Mr Robinson referred to the Bridge Street railway crossing that had caused the Board concern and advised that it did not have enough information yet. NZTA still required the public's assistance in providing KiwiRail with sufficient relevant data for a solution to be considered.

Mr Robinson stated that NZTA were seeking costs to widen the shoulder to allow cars to park further off the road. It would also organise a sign to be put up in October while the garden was in use that could be folded away when it was not required. The community garden volunteers would be authorised to utilise the sign as required.

A Taylor informed Mr Robinson about a meeting next month to consider the future planning and the enhancement of the town and its appearance. With respect to the enhancement of the main road through the town and the changes that the Alliance redevelopment would present there may be opportunities for plantings to screen the car park from the main road.

Mr Robinson advised NZTA guidelines would need to be considered when determining what planting could occur. He added that NZTA was not in a position to contribute to any potential beautification on the state highway.

Mr Robinson departed the meeting at 6.00pm

3. QUEEN'S PARK TOILETS (SC0383)

A memo has been circulated to the Board regarding its request to have hand washing and drying facilities installed in the new public toilets at Queen's Park. Due to the model selected by the Board it was not possible to retrospectively install washing and drying facilities.

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

4. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS (SC0383)

A memo had been received from the Parks and Recreation Manager advising that there was electricity available on the tree side of the driveway at Queen's Park and would be connected to a suitable tree solely for Christmas decoration in time for this year's festive season.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of L Sinclair, seconded by G Colvin, THAT the information be received.

5. PLANTING AROUND NEW TOILET BLOCK AT QUEEN'S PARK (SC0383)

A memo had been received from the Parks and Recreation Manager reminding the Board about previous discussions about the positioning of the new toilet block being changed which meant that plantings were unable to be done. The change in location allowed sufficient room for mowers to get around the new block without having to negotiate trees or shrubs.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of B Cunningham, seconded by G Colvin, THAT the information be received.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 10 November at 5.30pm

The meeting concluded at 6.11pm