

MATAURA COMMUNITY BOARD AGENDA

MONDAY 12 JUNE 2017

2. STATE HIGHWAY PLANTINGS - ALLIANCE GROUP

(Memo from Parks and Recreation Manager – 29.05.17)

Purpose

This report is in response to a Board request for staff to outline the process around seeking agreement with Alliance Group to remove some carparks on its leased KiwiRail land – for beautification purposes.

Background

Council officers have been informed by the Board that it has held informal discussions with Alliance Group representatives. The discussion centred around the possibility of replacing some carparks on land it leases of KiwiRail, to be developed into garden to beautify areas between the Alliance plant and State Highway 1.

Council officers believe the initial challenge will be gaining acceptance for this proposal from and owner KiwiRail. The way forward for this should be paved by having in place an agreement in principle between the Council and Alliance - prior to any discussion with KiwiRail.

The other planted areas of the road and rail corridor through Mataura are fully maintained by the Council on land formally leased from KiwiRail – specifically for beautification purposes. That tenure allows the Council to plant and maintain the areas.

Way forward

- Step 1 It is suggested that the Board set up a meeting with Alliance Group management and come to an agreement on the scope and scale of the beautification proposal.
- Step 2 Council officers approach KiwiRail to set up a meeting with the Board to present its case in relation to the urban beautification of this area.
- Step 3 Meet KiwiRail with a view to gaining its support for the proposal.
- Step 4 Quote the work to determine the value of works.
- Step 5 Establish a funding mechanism to achieve the beautification outcomes then seek funding.
- Step 6 Secure funding and implement.

Other considerations

Should there be a desire to remove carparks directly adjacent to the State Highway 1 guardrail for beautification purposes, New Zealand Transport agency (NZTA) consent will be required. NZTA own approximately half of the adjacent row of carparks.

📌 See attached map of the area where beautification is proposed.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

3. REPORT FROM NEW ZEALAND COMMUNITY BOARDS CONFERENCE

The biennial New Zealand Community Boards conference was held in Methven from 11-13 May and was attended by the Chairman, Mr Alan Taylor.

- ✦ A report from the Chairman on his attendance is attached for the Board's information.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received.

4. FUTURE DEVELOPMENT GLENDHU ROAD RECREATION RESERVE

(Memo from Parks and Recreation Manager – 07.06.17)

Introduction

The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the process required to overturn a prior direction and rescind a recommendation relating to the future of the Glendhu Road recreation reserve.

Issue

The Board now believes this site could be turned into a dog park.

Background

The Matura Community Board at its extraordinary meeting held on 16 February 2015 recommended:

THAT the Glendhu Road reserve (old hockey site) be disposed of with any funds being applied towards future development at Tulloch Park,

THAT the LTP look to consult on the future recreational opportunities for Tulloch Park,

AND THAT the District be consulted in the LTP on the construction of a new destinational recreational facility beyond any possible closure of the Matura swimming pool.

The recommendation was subsequently ratified by the Council at its meeting held on 10 March 2015 (resolution 2015/11).

Process

If the Board wishes to depart from the decision to dispose of the former hockey ground on Glendhu Road, the following process would need to be followed:

- Telegraph an intention to the Council in the first instance seeking approval in principle, subject to an in depth report be considered.
- an intention to only rescind the specific component of the abovementioned resolution - solely relating to the sale of Glendhu Road recreation reserve.
- Commit to providing a further report to the Council after all relevant issues relating to the proposed development have been investigated, including how the proposed development could be funded.
- Request the Council place a hold on any work towards the implementation of the above resolution until such time as the entire proposal has been explored.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received,

THAT the Community Board work with staff to develop a proposal to redevelop the Glendhu Road recreation reserve into a dog park,

AND THAT the Board request the Council to agree to place a hold on any implementation of the 2015 resolution to dispose of the Glendhu Road recreation reserve until the proposed redevelopment plan is presented to the Council for its consideration.