

Report of a meeting of the Mataura Community Board, held in the Mataura Community Centre, McQueen Avenue, Mataura, on Monday 12 June 2017, at 5.30pm.

Present Alan Taylor (Chairman), Cr Phillips, Geoff Colvin, Sue Taylor, and Linda Sinclair.

In attendance The Parks and Recreation Manager (Mr Ian Soper) and Administration Manager (Susan Jones)

Apology Greg Chaffey apologised for absence.

1. CONFIRMATION OF REPORT

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Sue Taylor, seconded by Geoff Colvin, THAT the report of the ordinary meeting of the Mataura Community Board, held on Monday 6 March 2017 as circulated, be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and complete record.

Clause 2 - donation of defibrillator

Cr Phillips advised the defibrillator had been installed on the exterior of the fire station, but due to it being a white box on a white building, additional markings were required to clearly identify it. It was also included on the app for defibrillator locations, and thought a story in a future Mataura Messenger would be useful to inform residents of its location and availability.

2. STATE HIGHWAY PLANTINGS – ALLIANCE GROUP (SC1547)

A memo had been received from the Parks and Recreation Manager following a request from the Board to outline the process around seeking agreement with Alliance Group to remove some carparks on its leased KiwiRail land, for beautification purposes.

The initial challenge would be getting agreement for the proposal from KiwiRail and to assist with obtaining its acceptance, the Board was encouraged to first have an agreement in principle with Alliance. The other planted areas of the road and rail corridor through Mataura were fully maintained by the Council on land formally leased from KiwiRail, specifically for beautification purposes.

The following process was outlined as a way forward:

Step 1 Board to 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.

An aerial photograph of the proposed beautification area had been circulated with the agenda.

Cr Phillips recalled concept plans having been prepared about ten years ago, that included a walkway to the Falls and plantings along the State Highway.

Staff would research Council records to locate what had been drafted.

G Colvin advised Alliance management was agreeable to some plantings being undertaken.

The Manager advised pending a formal agreement with Alliance, a proposal could be prepared for discussion with KiwiRail. Existing plans would need to be reviewed first.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Linda Sinclair, seconded by Sue Taylor, THAT the information be received,

THAT the previous concepts be reviewed before the Board meets with Alliance Group management to formalise an agreement on the scope and scale of the beautification proposal,

AND THAT Council officers then approach KiwiRail about meeting with the Board to present its case for the urban beautification of the area.

3. REPORT FROM NEW ZEALAND COMMUNITY BOARDS CONFERENCE

The Board perused a report from the Chairman following his attendance at the 2017 biennial New Zealand Community Boards conference held in Methven from 11-13 May.

4. FUTURE DEVELOPMENT – GLENDHU ROAD RECREATION RESERVE (SC1547)

A memo had been received from the Parks and Recreation Manager following a request from the Board for the process required to overturn a prior direction and rescind a recommendation relating to the future of the Glendhu Road recreation reserve. The Board had had approaches about the property becoming a dog park.

The Manager had advised that if the Board wished to depart from the decision made at its extraordinary meeting held on 16 February 2015, 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.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Alan Taylor, seconded by Linda Sinclair, 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.

5. COVERAGE OF COUNCIL ALCOHOL BYLAW (SC0107)

Cr Phillips referred to the proposed expansion of the areas covered by the Council's Alcohol Bylaw. He had suggested at a recent Regulatory and Planning Committee meeting that the coverage be extended in Matura in an effort to curb vandalism at Queen's Park and assist the Police to disperse people. There was also scope to include Tulloch Park which would not impact on rugby activities.

The reviewed bylaw would be open for public consultation and the Board could consider then whether it wished to make a submission to support an enlarged coverage area.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 17 July 2017

The meeting concluded at 6.03pm