

## MATAURA COMMUNITY BOARD AGENDA

MONDAY 28 AUGUST 2017

### 2. TULLOCH PARK REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

(Memo from Parks and Recreation Manager – 15.08.17)

#### **Introduction**

The purpose of this report is to update the Matura Community Board on progress in relation to the Tulloch Park Redevelopment Project.

#### **Progress**

Over the winter, Council officers have held discussions with a consultant architect in relation to the project. After discussions and a site visit, it was determined by the Chief Executive and Manager that the options presented did not have the “feel and fit” required or desired by the working party.

This led onto other discussions and a meeting with another professional architect who is currently engaged on another significant Council project. This project is starting to deliver outputs that do have a feel and vibe that is “spinning our wheels” and is what we are seeking.

At the time of writing, staff are acutely aware of the timeline involved. A meeting of the working party has been scheduled for 11 September and draft information will be available. Thereafter, staff will seek a firm commitment from the working party which would result in a quick turnaround on concept plans which would be suitable to socialise with the Community Board and the Council prior to public release.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the information be received.**

### 3. CLEAN AIR LOANS

(Memo from Administration Manager – 15.08.17)

The Gore District Council administers Environment Southland’s clean air loan scheme in the Gore District. This same scheme also operates in Invercargill. It is important to note this scheme is a “clean air”, not a “warm home” scheme.

The high number of burners per square kilometre in Gore and Invercargill poses a risk to human health. Environment Southland has implemented stricter air quality regulations to combat the health risk. Residents in the Gore and Invercargill air sheds are required to remove burners and boilers that do not comply with the tighter clean air regulations. The burners being removed heat very well. However, the emissions they produce do not comply with the regulations so property owners must replace them. Environment Southland has acknowledged this is out of the ordinary and has put in place a clean air loan scheme to offer finance to affected residents.

Mataura does not have the same concentration of burners per square kilometre as Gore or Invercargill, so Environment Southland does not require Mataura residents to replace their fires. Put simply, Mataura has better air quality than Gore and Invercargill.

The clean air loan scheme allows for some of the \$5,000 loans to be used to cover any upgrades to insulation required as part of the new heating installation. However, it is not possible to get a clean air loan just for insulation. The loans were extended to cover insulation because it is best practice to ensure insulation is adequate before updating a heat source.

There are some government subsidies available for residents who wish to upgrade their insulation. Awarua Synergy can also arrange for insulation quotes for residents, separate to the clean air loan scheme, and Awarua handles the application for the government subsidies on behalf of the customer. This is a good option for those looking to upgrade their homes insulation.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the information be received and noted.**

#### 4. FUTURE DEVELOPMENT – GLENDHU ROAD RECREATION RESERVE – POSSIBLE DOG PARK - MATAURA

(Memo from Parks and Recreation Manager – 15.08.17)

##### **Introduction**

The purpose of this report is to update the Board on staff progress in relation to the provision of a dog park in Mataura.

##### **Issue**

At its last meeting, the Board resolved that Council officers progress the possibility of a dog park on Glendhu Road Reserve. The decision was not unanimous.

##### **Background**

Council officers have discussed the overall issues surrounding dogs – District wide. The General Manager Regulatory and Planning Mr Ian Davidson-Watts is in the process of consulting with the Council on this overall topic. Mr Davidson-Watts is recommending a strategic and consistent District-wide approach to dogs.

- ✦ This proposal was presented to the Regulatory and Planning Committee at its 22 August meeting. A copy of the report considered is attached. The Committee passed the recommendation and this will now go to the Council meeting on 12 September for adoption or amendment.

Council officers share the concerns expressed by some Board members and Cr Phillips in relation to the physical restrictions present at the Glendhu Road Reserve site. These are primarily the wet and sodden ground conditions present on the site, year round. Also, the access issues that existed when hockey occupied the site will most probably return when people, children and dogs have to cross a busy Glendhu Road to access the reserve from the carpark. These are all issues that need to be fleshed out further in the near future, pending Council direction.

##### **Conclusion**

Dependent on the outcome of the Council meeting, staff will have direction on how to proceed with this matter and will advise the Board accordingly.

##### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the information be received.**

## 5. REQUEST FROM MATAURA COMMUNITY GARDEN

The following request has been received from the coordinator of the Mataura Community Garden Committee, Barbara Cunningham:

I am writing on behalf of the Mataura Community Garden to request funding help with our sewage scheme.

The Gore District Council now own the section on the south end of our block and they have put in a connection from over the other side of the road into our section at no cost to us.

We already have a chemical toilet but would like to connect to the town system which will be more convenient as someone has to maintain the chemical one which can be unpleasant at times.

We have requested help from Bruce McDonough to dig the line and obtain gravel for the same. We also need a registered plumber and Tony Harpur of Eastern Southland Plumbing has agreed to help us here. We need a total of \$3,000 to cover the cost of this exercise and we can come up with \$1,000 which leaves us with a shortfall of \$2,000.

We would be most grateful if you could please help us cover this shortfall cost in the form of a grant. If you require any more information, please feel free to contact me.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the Board allocate \$2,000 from its discretionary fund to the Community Garden project.**

## 6. ALLIANCE CARPARK – UPDATE ON PLANTING PROJECT

(Memo from Transport Manager – 23.08.17)

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to update the Board on progress on the beautification of the Alliance carpark and follows the report considered by the board at its 12 June meeting.

### **Background**

Since the previous report on this matter in June, Council staff have attended an on-site meeting to discuss the Board's intentions and to recognise some of the limits of this proposal. Present at the meeting were Crs Cliff Bolger and Neville Phillips, Board Chair Alan Taylor and Alliance representative Geoff Colvin (also a board member) along with staff members Ian Soper (Parks and Recreation Manager) and myself. Matters discussed were the spacing of the planting plots, the style of planting, the walkway across the railway line and the need to consult both KiwiRail and the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA).

At this meeting it was requested staff draw up an indicative plan and develop a rough order of costs for the project.

- ✦ Attached is a plan showing the layout of the garden plots with a plot every ninth park along the track side of the parking space. This configuration would start at the proposed footbridge and spread out in each direction. The road side of the park would have the same sequence of plots but out of step with the trackside. With this proposed configuration the number of sites would be 31.

The meeting asked staff to provide an indicative price to install these plots with semi mountable kerb similar to previous beautification projects within the town. The rough order of costs for each plot would be \$5,000 inclusive of planting.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the Board determine the desired scope of this project.**



**ALLIANCE BEAUTIFICATION MATAURA**

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## 7. COMMUNITY BOARD ZONE MEETING

(Memo from Administration Manager – 23.08.17)

As members will be aware, a meeting of the Zone 6 Community Boards will be hosted by the Gore District Council on Saturday 9 September. The meeting has been initiated by Cr Christine Garey, a Dunedin City Councillor with responsibility for the Strath Taieri Community Board. Cr Garey is also the Zone 6 representative on the NZ Community Board Executive Committee.

The meeting will commence at 10.30am and concluded by 4.00pm. Board members are encouraged to attend and meet with other Community Board representatives from within Zone 6 (Waitaki south).

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the information be received.**

## 8. DISCRETIONARY ACCOUNT UPDATE

(Memo from Administration Manager – 23.08.17)

The Council grant of \$5,300 per annum for discretionary use by the Board became available on 1 July 2017.

The opening balance on 1 July 2016 was \$9,000. Expenditure in the 2016-17 year related to assistance to the Matura community garden for land acquisition adjacent to the garden (\$3,000) and costs associated with the defibrillator installed outside the fire station (\$578).

The current balance is now \$15,965.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the information be received.**