

Report of a meeting of the Mataura Community Board, held in the Mataura Community Centre, McQueen Avenue, Mataura, on Monday 20 August 2018, at 5.30pm.

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

**In attendance** Administration Manager (Susan Jones) and District Arts and Heritage Curator (Mr Jim Geddes).

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## 1. CONFIRMATION OF REPORT

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Phillips, seconded by Greg Chaffey, THAT the report of the meeting held on Monday 2 July 2018 as circulated, be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and complete record.**

### *Matters arising*

The Board *noted* on page 4, paragraph 3 – should have read Geoff *Colvin* *not* Chaffey.

## 2. TULLOCH PARK REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT – UPDATE (SC2210)

A memo had been received from the Parks and Recreation Manager updating the Board on progress relating to the Tulloch Park redevelopment project. A site meeting had been held on 7 August with the project management team and discussion had also been held with local civil works contractors. A copy of the communications plan had been circulated with the agenda. A letter drop had been done with residents and businesses in the area and the school had also been notified.

Cr Phillips noted that the information circulated to the community stated that work would commence that day, yet nothing had been done. He asked why that was.

In response to Greg Chaffey who asked whether the Runanga had been notified as a matter of courtesy, the Administration Manager advised it probably had not but could be.

Geoff Colvin asked who was building the pump track.

The Manager advised there was a specialist company who had been contracted to build it.

The Chairman was concerned that no Board member had been involved or invited to attend the project management meeting held on 7 August.

Cr Phillips was unhappy with the plan that had been circulated which included two dog parks. He said the Board had not made any decision as to where a dog park would be located. It had been embarrassing for members and himself for the plan to include the parks and then to try and justify it to residents.

The Administration Manager undertook to inform the Board as soon as possible about the status of the project insofar as work not having started that day.

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

**3. FINANCIAL REPORT (SC1524)**

A memo had been received from the Administration Manager updating the Board on its discretionary account. Details were:

Opening balance 01.07.17	11,133
Funds added 2017/18	5,300
Less Community Garden plumbing connection	1,928
Less Mataura school – function catering	500
Less gaming event shortfall	213
Funds added 2018/19	5,411
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>\$19,203</b>

Costs associated with a recent business event amounting to approximately \$400 were yet to be deducted from the closing balance.

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of Alan Taylor, seconded by Linda Sinclair, THAT the information be received.**

**4. BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE (SC2210)**

A memo had been received from the Administration Manager updating the Board on the balance of the Mataura beautification fund. Details were:

Opening balance 01.07.17	207,995
Main Street beautification project to 30.06.18	119,211
<b>Closing balance at 30.06.18</b>	<b>88,784</b>

The Manager noted that \$20,000 per annum was added into the account and the 2018-19 contribution was still to be made.

Geoff Colvin queried the total value of the project and asked for a more detailed breakdown of the expenditure.

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of Geoff Colvin, seconded by Cr Phillips, THAT the information be received,**

**AND THAT a more detailed breakdown of expenditure from the beautification fund be provided at the next meeting.**

In response to the Chair, the Manager advised that although the Main Street was part of a State Highway, the New Zealand Transport Agency had not yet adopted the installations and the costs of any repairs and maintenance work would be met by the Council in the meantime.

Cr Phillips advised hand rails at one of the pedestrian refuges had been missing for about four months. In response to the Manager, he believed there had been a CSR logged. The Manager undertook to follow up with the roading staff the next day.

**5. DERELICT BUILDINGS (SC2058)**

A memo had been received from the General Manager Regulatory and Planning after the last Board meeting when the issue of dilapidated buildings had been raised. The Council was satisfied that one property that had been identified as being derelict was compliant with bylaws relating to the management of vegetation and no Resource Management Act rules had been breached. The Building Act 2004 dealt with insanitary and dangerous buildings. The building control staff had assessed the building and there appeared to be no imminent threat to either users of the building or the general public as the building was not currently occupied. The building had been boarded up and a person would need to trespass onto the property to be at risk. That was a safety issue for the owner to consider.

The General Manager had advised there were limits as to what the Council was able to do under the current legislative framework. He recommended that a non-regulatory approach be taken and for Council staff to discuss the issues with the owner.

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Phillips, seconded by Geoff Colvin, THAT the report be received,**

**THAT the Board endorse the non-regulatory approach with the owner of the identified dilapidated building to seek a resolution,**

**AND THAT the Council communicate with the owner as soon as possible.**

**6. GENERAL**

- Cr Phillips advised he had discussed street signage with the Transport Manager. He displayed a sample sign that he thought the Board should consider. It included two sets of numbers at either end of the sign which would be helpful when a street intersected another and was important for

emergency services and visitors locating a certain address. The current signage was generally in poor condition and the proposed replacements could last for up to 20 years. The signs were reasonably expensive but the beautification fund could be used to replace some or all in the town.

The Board agreed to consider this matter at its next meeting.

- The Chairman reported on a useful discussion held recently with Graeme Hall from the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) about the Bridge and Main Street intersection. It was hoped the project would be included on NZTA's short term programme. NZTA agreed it was a dysfunctional intersection and it would liaise with KiwiRail. A further meeting was scheduled for mid-September.
- Cr Phillips stated he was very disappointed at the condition of the community centre and its cleaning and maintenance. He was annoyed the Board had to continually complain about the way the facility was being left and the standard of maintenance before anything was acted upon.

The Chairman advised he had had a productive meeting with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chief Executive and solutions were being investigated. He said it was important the facility was presented in its best way for the many groups that used it, both local and from out of the area.

- The Chairman reported on a successful meeting held with local business owners on 26 July. It had been well received by those who attended. His Worship and Dil Belworthy, founder of Glowing Sky clothing had been guest speakers.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 1 October 2018, at 5.30pm

The meeting concluded at 6.00pm