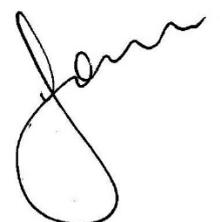


**Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Matura Community Board will be held in the Matura Community Centre, McQueen Avenue, Matura, on Monday 16 March 2020, at 5.30pm**



**Susan Jones**  
**Administration Manager**

**11 March 2020**

### **Agenda**

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## RURAL CITY LIVING



Report of a meeting of the Mataura Community Board, held in the Mataura Community Centre, McQueen Avenue, Mataura, on Monday 2 December 2019, at 5.30pm.

**Present** Alan Taylor (Chairman), Cr Neville Phillips, Steven Dixon, Sue Taylor and Linda Sinclair.

**In attendance** Library Manager (Lorraine Weston Webb), Transport Manager (Peter Standring, from 5.43pm), Library Assistant (Eve Gillman-Trees), Library Assistant (Pam Courtney), Corporate Support Officer (Suzanne Lucas), and two members of the public.

**Apology** Greg Chaffey apologised for absence.

### 1. CONFIRMATION OF REPORT

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Linda Sinclair, seconded by Sue Taylor, **THAT** the report of the meeting held on Monday 16 September as circulated, be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and complete record.

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Steven Dixon, seconded by Linda Sinclair, **THAT** the report of the statutory meeting held on Monday 4 November as circulated, be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and complete record.

Steven Dixon referred to the 26 September meeting with regard to the Mataura landfill which had been recorded as running at a loss. He expressed concern if the facility were to close.

The Chairman assured the Board the Mataura landfill provided a necessary service for the town and there were no plans in place to close the facility. However the efficiencies of the service needed to be addressed and a review of its operation was required.

## 2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

The Chairperson invited nominations for the position of deputy Chairperson of the Board.

Linda Sinclair nominated Greg Chaffey. The nomination was seconded by Steven Dixon. There being no further nominations, Greg Chaffey was declared deputy Chairperson.

## 3. UNSUPERVISED CHILDREN AND BEHAVIOURAL ISSUES AT MATAURA LIBRARY AND SERVICE CENTRE

A memo had been received from the Library Manager which detailed her concerns about disruptive unsupervised children in the library. A set of strategies and support mechanisms had been put in place.

The Manager spoke of the disruptive behaviour of a few youths at the library. Their behaviour had been off putting, and the wearing of gang patch clothing was disconcerting for the public. The Manager said she was very concerned for the safety of the staff especially while working alone. A number of systems were in place to help manage the antisocial behaviour but the Police were not always able to attend when needed and the children often proved to be elusive once they did arrive. A security guard was available to attend any incidents but the time it took to travel from Gore was problematic.

The Manager and the two library assistants present agreed that they wished to work with the youth of Mataura to curb this behaviour. The Library Unattended Child Policy Unsupervised was in place but not strictly enforced at the Mataura Library in consideration of some of the home situations of the young people and a need to provide a place for them to spend time rather than wandering the streets.

It was suggested the seat which was currently outside the entrance to the library be moved from the area as it tended to attract groups of people gathering outside the main doors.

The Chairman said the Board understood the concerns of the library staff and noted it was reflecting badly on the community and the issue needed to be addressed.

*The Transport Manager attended the meeting from 5.43pm*

The Chairman suggested contacting local businesses for support as the presence of a male would most likely deter any unacceptable behaviour. Linda Sinclair offered to approach local businesses and collate a database of those who would be willing to offer backup when needed.

Steven Dixon said security cameras need to be in place and should be made a priority.

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of Steven Dixon, seconded by Linda Sinclair THAT the information be received,**

**THAT security cameras be installed at the Mataura Library,**

**AND THAT the seat outside the entrance to the library be relocated.**

**4. INTERSECTION PROTECTION – OAKLAND-ALBION STREETS**

A memo had been received from the Transport Manager addressing the safety concerns regarding the Oakland and Albion Street intersection.

The Manager explained the speed of motorists approaching the intersection was problematic. Speed humps or a Give Way sign could be installed but the Manager said he would prefer to work with the police to control the speed of vehicles around this intersection.

Cr Phillips said the installation of a Stop sign would give the police an avenue to enforce behaviour around the intersection.

The Chairman concurred and said the residents affected needed to be informed of that decision.

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Phillips, seconded by Steven Dixon, THAT the information be received,**

**THAT an intersection control (Stop sign) be installed at the intersection,**

**AND THAT a discussion with local police be held regarding safety of the intersection.**

**5. MATAURA INTERSECTION - STATE HIGHWAYS 1 AND 93 UPDATE**

A memo had been received from the Transport Manager advising the Board that the highway safety project had been submitted for funding as a priority. It was hoped the results would be known early in 2020.

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

**6. WORKS PROGRAMME FOR MATAURA IN 2020**

A memo from the Transport Manager detailing the works programmed for Mataura in 2020.

Steven Dixon asked if there had been a reduction in the roading expenditure as he had noted the current fortnightly sweeping used to be more regular. The Manager

explained there had been some rescheduling of that activity due to changes in the contract but sweeping of the main arterials were undertaken once a week. In the past NZTA had taken responsibility for that element of the contract.

In response to Cr Phillips regarding the trial use of steam for weed management, the Manager explained the process could be undertaken during periods of wind and rain, was ideal for use around playgrounds and helpful near designated no spray areas.

The Chairman reminded the Board and the community that any concerns regarding the roading network or drainage should be addressed to the Council directly via the CRM process.

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

#### **6. GENERAL BUSINESS**

The Community Development Officer reminded those present that the office would be closed 12 December through to 7 January. She noted it had been a busy year with a lot of members of the community seeking advice. The Officer helped match people to the right services and gave help where needed.

A discussion ensued regarding public communication and press coverage of the recent behavioural issues at the library. It was agreed the community needed to be informed so it could work together to overcome the problem. The Library Manager agreed to send a statement to the press and the Chairman would be available for comment.

The meeting concluded at 6.30pm

## MATAURA COMMUNITY BOARD AGENDA

MONDAY 16 MARCH 2020

2. MEETING SCHEDULE – 2020

(Memo from Administration Manager – 09.03.20)

Below is the proposed meeting schedule for 2020, with meetings continuing to commence at 5.30pm:

- Monday 4 May
- Monday 15 June
- Monday 27 July
- Monday 14 September
- Monday 19 October
- Monday 23 November

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the meeting schedule for 2020 be adopted.**

### 3. CULLING TERRACE WALKWAY *(Ian Soper)*

(Memo from Parks and Recreation Manager – 06.03.20)

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to request direction from the Board on how to proceed with development of the Culling Terrace Walkway.

#### **Issue**

The overarching issue on this site is the sheer amount of large rogue species trees, namely Eucalyptus (Gums) and Acer (Sycamore). Compounding matters is a proliferation of rambling and climbing Hedera (Ivy) amongst other nondesirable weed species. The other major impediment to development is the terrain – the steep slope making all site access troublesome.

#### **Future vision**

Ideally, the site lends itself to being planted out in native species to act as a natural haven for birds and other wildlife while retaining the walkway with seats at various locations where vistas of the Mataura Valley can be viewed.

#### **Work to date**

##### ***Step one***

Over the past three years, progress has been made extracting the gums from the site. By the time of the next meeting of the Mataura Community Board, I expect the last of the standing gum trees will have been felled and extracted from the site, by local contractors. This work was identified as step one in the clearance process, primarily due to safety issues with gum trees being notorious for shedding limbs.

##### ***Step two***

Dealing with the Sycamores, by removal. This is a large tranche of work as there are numerous sycamores onsite.

##### ***Step three***

Tidying up the Quercus species (Oak Trees) at the northern end. These trees are long-established and can remain permanently onsite after remedial work to ensure their integrity is not compromised.

**Future progression**

Following a request from the Board three years ago about the same issue, options and costings were obtained for the clearance of the site by installing new driveway access along the base of the hill. This option proved cost-prohibitive and was abandoned at the Mataura Community Boards' request. At this time, staff resided to doing what they could with the minimal budget available to progress through the steps outlined above. The only ongoing funded workstream on this site is the spraying, clearance, and maintenance of structures associated with the walkway.

Council officers now believe it is pertinent to factor in some funding to facilitate the delivery of the site vision in a reasonable timeframe – given the site challenges and balanced against other town priorities. The proposed way forward is to have a budget allocation of \$20,000 per annum over the life of the upcoming Long Term Plan to tackle this issue piece by piece, year by year. Once there is progress underway, it would be great to have native plantings following on within a year or two of the clearance occurring. This way, after ten years, we should be able to see a significant shift in the overall quality of the site – for the better.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the information be received,**

**AND THAT the Council support the planned development of the Culling Terrace walkway project by including it in Asset Management Plans with a funding consideration of \$20,000 per annum being added to the upcoming 2021-31 Long Term Plan consultation process.**