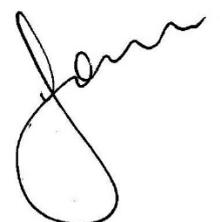


Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Matura Community Board will be held in the Matura Community Centre, McQueen Avenue, Matura, on Monday 27 July 2020, at 5.30pm



Susan Jones
Administration Manager

23 July 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 15 June 2020, at 5.35pm.

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

In attendance The Administration Manager (Susan Jones), Mataura Community Development Officer (Mrs Eleanor Ranstead) and one member of the public.

1. CONFIRMATION OF REPORT

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Sue Taylor, seconded by Cr Phillips, **THAT** the report of the meeting held on Monday 16 March 2020, as circulated, be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and complete record.

2. BRIDGE STREET-STATE HIGHWAY INTERSECTION – UPDATE (SC2401)

A memo had been received from the Roading Asset Manager advising he had spoken with Graeme Hall of the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) about the Bridge Street intersection. Mr Hall had advised the work was not likely to be financed in the next year's budget and would be submitted for approval for the 2021-2024 Long Term Plan.

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

3. 2020 GORE DISTRICT RESIDENTS' SURVEY (SC2862)

A memo had been received from the Administration Manager together with an excerpt from the Council's 2020 residents' survey in relation to footpaths in Mataura.

Cr Phillips said residents who were concerned with footpaths needed to notify the Council or Board members so it could be investigated. He said there had been quite a lot of money spent in Mataura improving footpaths. The Chairman added that the Council's CRM system was the preferred method for notifying complaints or issues.

The availability of Board members would be highlighted in a future edition of the Messenger together with how to download the Antenno app.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Phillips, seconded by Greg Chaffey, THAT the information be received.

4. SALE OF FORMER MATAURA HOCKEY TURF – UPDATE (SC1946/21.8)

A memo had been received from the Administration Manager advising that at its December 2019 meeting, the Council accepted a price for the purchase of the former Mataura hockey turf land on Glendhu Road. The net amount received after costs totalled \$19,739, excluding GST. The Council had also resolved that the proceeds from the sale of the land would be directed to the Board for allocating at its discretion to either stage 2 of the Tulloch Park redevelopment or the railway station project.

Cr Phillips thanked the Council for the opportunity to use the proceeds towards a Mataura project.

The Chairman advised the railway station project was moving slowly but was being held up due to delays in contacting one of the landowners.

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

5. DIVERTING HEAVY VEHICLES FROM BRIDGE STREET (SC2893)

A memo had been received from the Roading Asset Manager following the Board's request to consider relocating heavy vehicles that park in the car park on Bridge Street to a vacant section on the corner of River and Lodge Streets. The owner of the property at 2 Lodge Street was willing to accommodate the proposal.

Bridge Street was effectively State Highway and heavy vehicles were permitted to park there. The Council had actively discouraged heavy vehicles off urban streets, however, the land in River Street was zoned industrial and it was appropriate for that activity to take place.

Cr Phillips questioned whether trucks could legally park on River Street when the Council had purchased the site on Bridge Street specifically for a car park. If the alternative site on River Street was used, who looked after the surface of it with the damage that would be incurred by heavy vehicles? The Chairman thought it would be something for the Board to discuss with the landowner. It would be a matter of notifying those companies that used parked on Bridge Street that there was an alternative location.

Linda Sinclair added that if recycling bins were to be located at the car park there would be more activity. Children were also dropped off there to collect school buses.

Cr Phillips asked what the car park might be developed into and suggested it should be restricted to light vehicles and bus shelters for children catching school buses. He

thought the proposal would need to be developed further and discussed with the Roading Asset Manager before being approved by the Council.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Alan Taylor, seconded by Linda Sinclair, THAT the Board encourage heavy vehicles that park in the car park on Bridge Street to relocate to a property at 2 Lodge Street,

AND THAT a plan be developed for the future of the existing car park on Bridge Street.

6. MATAURA COMMUNITY GARDEN (SC2617)

Mr Ray Gilson was in attendance at the meeting to discuss the Mataura community garden and the challenges being faced by the volunteers with a lack of support from the local community. There was a core group of 8-9 volunteers who were at the garden each Saturday. He asked if the garden should be opened to the whole District to encourage more patronage. The garden had been reduced in size but it was still not being supported by the locals. There had been a lot of fresh produce donated to the Salvation Army. The garden had been close to being closed this year.

Eleanor Ranstead advised of information she had received from the Parks and Recreation Manager, Ian Soper about a Government funded initiative to assist with providing support for community organisations who were providing food to people and families who could not afford to purchase food. An application would be lodged.

In response to the Chairman, Mr Gilson did not know how much was spent on seeds and plants each year, but thought if there was around \$1,500 available for seeds and maintenance it may encourage more people to support the garden.

Linda Sinclair did not accept the prices of the vegetables were prohibitive.

The consensus of the Board was that the garden produce should be available to the wider district. The Chairman asked for a copy of the financial statements in the event the Board was able to offer some assistance.

Linda Sinclair extended thanks to Mr Gilson and his volunteer group on behalf of the Board for their efforts with the garden.

7. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Eleanor Ranstead advised she was back post Covid-19 and was working with Ready for Living and Emergency Management Southland. There were some residents who were reluctant to get back out into the community.

Cr Phillips thanked Eleanor for her efforts during the pandemic and for assisting the community.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 27 July 2020.

The meeting concluded at 6.25pm

MATAURA COMMUNITY BOARD AGENDA

MONDAY 27 JULY 2020

2. POLICE REPORT

Constable Jacob will be in attendance to provide an update on Police activities in Matura.

3. MATAURA COMMUNITY GARDEN

- ↳ Attached is a report from Mrs Barbara Cunningham about the Mataura community garden.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received.

July 2020 Mataura community garden report

This was started in 2009 by Matthew Luccassen and myself in response to the need for fresh vegetables at an affordable price for the Mataura district. At the time Gore had its own community garden by Longford. Land was loaned from Dave Edwards initially and subsequently taken over by the Gore District Council who now own the three sections. Many businesses in the district initially helped. Excess vegetables were donated to Gore rest homes as there were Mataura residents there also. Produce has also been donated to Meals on Wheels, Salvation Army and Senior Citizens.

Ray Gilson came on board last year and has been of tremendous value to keeping things going with the help of about four other senior citizens. We are also grateful to some of our farmer friends for helping us with ploughing at the beginning of the season. Some of our faithful workers are now not physically able to come and work with us. Could you help or do you know someone who might be willing to help? You do not need to be a gardener as we will help you.

We are now struggling for workers to help with the work and we want to make it easier for ourselves. We have had PD workers to help but they are not now available.

We also have a cuppa each Saturday and there is a lot of laughter and fun had by all. We also are finding that we have fewer customers coming to buy veges. We are not sure why this is? Do we need to be open at different hours? Currently we are open from 10 am till about midday on Saturday from about the beginning of November till about May. Would it help to stay open from 1pm to 2pm on Saturday afternoon?

Maybe folk are not aware if they come along on a Saturday morning and work they can take their vegetables as payment.

I have heard that some folk think we charge too much, with \$5 for 2kg potatoes and about \$5 for a bag of veges. If you cannot afford that a gold coin donation will be gratefully received. We need some income to get seeds, plants and fertiliser to name a few things to make the garden work. We will also have to think about maintenance as the tunnel house is getting older.

This season is make or break. We need help if we are to continue. If not this will sadly be our last season and the garden will be finally wound up.

Barbara Cunningham
20 July 2020

4. OUVEA PREMIX REMOVAL

(Report from Chief Executive – 23.07.20)

This memo provides a brief summary of the ouvea premix removal contract that the Council has with Inalco Processing Limited. This contract, signed in July 2019 commenced three months later in October.

The contract provides for a minimum of 1500 tonnes of ouvea premix to be removed within the first twelve month period. This amount was set to allow the contractor sufficient time to refine its processes bearing in mind that the ouvea premix was to be blended with other waste product of New Zealand Aluminium Smelters and converted into product that could be exported and used for further manufacturing.

After the expiration of 12 months, the contract provides for the volume of removal to increase to 4,100 per annum.

To date the contract has been performing to expectations. Despite the interruption of Covid-19 and the five-week level 4 lockdown, the contractor has been able to keep pace with the contract schedule. As at the end of June a total of 1210 tonnes of ouvea premix has been removed from Maitua. Based on this rate of removal and liaison with the contractor, I expect that by the end of this calendar year close to 2500 tonnes or 25% of the volume of ouvea premix held in Maitua will be removed.

Whilst I understand the angst felt in the community about the presence of this unwelcome product in Maitua, I do believe that the benefits of this contract with Inalco Processing Limited, have not been fully appreciated. Yes, there may be options to accelerate the removal process, but to date efforts expended in this direction have failed to produce a solution.

I am no longer involved in any discussions around expediting the removal process after the high-level agreement reached with the general manager of New Zealand Aluminium Smelters immediately after the flood in February this year, was overruled by Rio Tinto. But the good news is that the contract with Inalco Processing Limited is proving to be effective and will eventually see all ouvea premix being removed from Maitua.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT this report be received.