

URGENT LATE BUSINESS

TO BE TABLED

COUNCIL MEETING – TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2020

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His Worship to move THAT pursuant to Section 46 (a)(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, the Gore District Council HEREBY RESOLVES to address the following which requires urgent attention.

Subject

Report of meeting of Mataura Community Board, held on Monday 19 October 2020.

Reason for not being on agenda

Inadvertently omitted from the agenda.

Reason for urgency

To enable the report to be accepted and for the recommendations to be actioned.

1. REPORT OF MATAURA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

(Memo from Administration Manager – 09.11.20)

- ✦ A copy of the report of the meeting of the Mataura Community Board held on Monday 19 October 2020 is attached.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received,

AND THAT the recommendations contained in the report be ratified.

Report of a meeting of the Mataura Community Board, held in the Mataura Community Centre, McQueen Avenue, Mataura, on Monday 19 October 2020, at 5.30pm.

Present Alan Taylor (Chairman), Cr Neville Phillips, Sue Taylor, Greg Chaffey and Steven Dixon.

In attendance General Manager Regulatory and Community Services (Mrs Rebecca Tayler), HR/Administration Manager (Susan Jones) and Parks and Recreation Manager (Mr Ian Soper).

Apology Linda Sinclair apologised for absence.

1. CONFIRMATION OF REPORT

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Greg Chaffey, seconded by Cr Phillips, THAT the report of the meeting held on Monday 17 July 2020, as circulated, be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and complete record.

2. MATAURA CEMETERY – MAINTENANCE (SC2759)

A memo had been received from the Parks and Recreation Manager providing an update on the maintenance programme at the Mataura cemetery. Two staff in the cemeteries division look after the four cemeteries in the district. General maintenance tasks revolve around interments. With a recent spike in interments coupled with late snow and unseasonably wet ground conditions, all cemeteries were suffering long grass and unmown lawns.

There were two development works scheduled at the Mataura cemetery. A garden seat that had been donated by the Gore Garden Club would be installed along the northern driveway in the coming weeks. The information kiosk would be located at the north western corner of the current operational cemetery area. In addition to the cemetery kiosk, another kiosk will be built at the Mataura Cenotaph site in Lodge Street which will house the roll of honour and memorial plaques from the former Mataura swimming pool. Once the kiosks were built, the narrative panels would be commissioned.

In response to the Chairman, the Manager advised the flag was only flown on ANZAC Day. He added there would be maintenance undertaken with the Yew trees. He had recently let a contract to undertake the work. S Dixon asked if there were not enough

Council staff available to do the work. In response, the Manager advised other reserves staff were deployed on occasions to keep on top of mowing and other duties at the cemetery. The Chairman asked how often the lawns at the cemetery were mowed. The Manager said it was on a needs basis. Inclement weather did not help. The Chairman advised the condition of the cemetery was the main topic Board members received calls about.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Steve Dixon, seconded by Sue Taylor, THAT the information be received.

3. REQUEST FOR PROVISION OF A FOUR WHEEL DRIVE TRACK – MATAURA FLOOD PLAIN (SC2617)

A memo had been received from the Roding Asset Manager that provided reflection on the feasibility of providing an area for recreational four wheel drive enthusiasts. The suggestion of providing access to the flood plain for this purpose had come about through the existing uncontrolled use of the area. Providing an area could distract from unacceptable behaviour around the town's green spaces. The Manager had had discussions with Environment Southland and several concerns had been raised, including loss of control of the site, damage to the stop bank and flood plain and clashes with neighbouring farming, fishing and mining activities. Environment Southland was open to receiving an application from the group.

Other affected parties included the general public, Police and the Council as the roading authority.

Greg Chaffey advised here had been some interest shown by the Southern Trailblazers Club to establish a track. It was thought having a track would reduce the amount of damage done to local reserve areas. He added the area in question was already being used by four wheel drivers and motorcyclists. He understood the Club was willing to work alongside the Community Board to establish the site but did not want to take ownership of it.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Greg Chaffey, seconded by Steve Dixon, THAT the report be received,

THAT two Board members meet with the Southern Trailblazers Club to discuss the application,

AND THAT the Southern Trailblazers Club be invited to make the appropriate application to Environment Southland.

4. 2021 NZ COMMUNITY BOARDS CONFERENCE (SC2617)

A memo had been received from the Administration Manager advising that the biennial national Community Boards conference would be hosted by the Gore District Council from 22-24 April 2021. The Council's Events Coordinator was the liaison

person with the New Zealand Community Board executive. The conference venue would be the Croydon Hotel with the theme being “Interconnected Communities.” An outline of the programme, which was still being finalised had been provided.

Cr Phillips was disappointed to read that the District was hosting a conference and the Board had to read about it on the agenda. There was consensus at the meeting that conference delegates should visit Mataura and view the achievements of the Board.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Alan Taylor, seconded by Greg Chaffey, THAT the information be received.

5. POLICE REPORT

Senior Sergeant Cynthia Fairley and Sergeant Jason Leadly were in attendance.

In response to Steve Dixon, Senior Sergeant Fairley reported most calls currently for service was family harm incidents and alcohol and drugs. There would be a lot of high visibility and deployment with roading over Labour weekend and Christmas.

The Chairman advised the Board had been working with Environment Southland about a line of macrocarpa trees that would be felled soon. The trees were located near the river reserve strip adjacent to the Waimumu walkway and sited on Environment Southland land between Asquith Street and the closed landfill site. The cost of removing the slash was posing a problem. He asked if the Council would be interested in chipping it for landfill cover. The Parks and Recreation Manager advised there would be contractors visiting Mataura in the near future to deal with gum trees near the closed landfill and chipping the slash could be tied in. It would make sense to undertake the work while the machinery was on site, provided the chipper could be located near the slash. He noted there was a creek between both sets of trees and if it proceeded, there would be a cost to undertake the work that would be advised to the Board.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 23 November 2020, at 5.30pm

The meeting concluded at 6.01pm