

## MINUTES



<b>Title:</b>	<b>Mapua Waterfront Advisory Group</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	<b>4 May, 2016</b>	
<b>Time:</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>Mapua Boat Club</b>	
<b>Present:</b>	<b>Cr Brian Ensor</b>	Chair
	<b>Gene Cooper</b>	Tasman District Council
	<b>Graeme Stradling</b>	Mapua & District Community Association
	<b>Elena Meredith</b>	Mapua & District Community Association
	<b>Tim Robinson</b>	Mapua Boat Club
	<b>Marion Satherley</b>	Ruby Coast Initiative Trust
	<b>Janet Taylor</b>	Mapua & Districts Business Association
	<b>Russell Sampson</b>	Mapua Emergency Response Group
	<b>Nicky McBride</b>	Mapua & Districts Business Association
<b>In attendance:</b>	<b>Hannah Simpson</b>	Executive Assistant
	<b>David Scott</b>	Sea Scouts

**1. Apologies** Beryl Wilkes, Annette Walker

### **2. Minutes: 17 February, 2016**

Apologies noted to members for the late circulation of these minutes.

The group asked for it to be noted in the minutes that the Business Association had raised their concerns about general land use and potential loss of Mapua remediated site.

Minutes approved with the above amendment.

NB. The group also requested that an amendment be made to page 2 of the minutes of 4 November to correct 'Business Association' to 'Community Association'.

### **3. Community Association Update – Elena Meredith**

Elena gave an account of the key issues discussed at the last Community Association meeting.

There was discussion of signage for public toilets around the wharf area and Gene advised that signage was now in place to direct wharf users to the appropriate locations. There were concerns raised about the size and visibility of these signs, which Gene advised would be monitored.

There was also a discussion about signage around the loading zone at the wharf and concerns the Community Association had that this was confusing. Gene advised that development of this area was not yet finalised and that Council will address the location etc of signs once construction is complete.

#### **4. Mapua District Business Association Update – Janet Taylor**

Rubbish generated by wharf users and tenants is still an area of concern. Gene advised that Council do intend to address this, with the idea that rubbish will be dealt with as a collective issue (with all of the businesses on the wharf). One suggestion was for a shared rubbish area away from the main wharf (behind Shed 4). Members asked that Council consider any rubbish generated by users of the waterfront park area in its approach.

#### **5. Landscaping**

Stage 1 landscaping is almost complete. Plantings will be drawn to a close in the next few weeks. 'Mapua Wharf' is the agreed branding and the area will no longer be referred to as Mapua Precinct.

The group raised concerns about the proposed wall between competing businesses on the wharf and the perceived effects of this by the community. They were also concerned that this would counter the open space feeling of the wharf. Gene made it clear that the commercial interests of Councils tenants would be preserved given the commercial agreements that exist.

In response to a question from the group, Gene said that the path proposed for access to link the waterfront park would not cut off any of the outdoor structure area used by the Appleshed.

Gene advised that Council are aware of the issues in the waterfront park area with protruding nail heads and that these will be handled as part of ongoing maintenance work done by the Reserves & Facilities team.

The group asked for their feedback to be noted against long, straight seating and that for it to be noted that this feedback had been given at a previous meeting. They also said that the feeling among the community was that shared purpose 'seating & eating' areas don't work.

Gene advised that stage 2 work would not commence until September and that before this could happen Council would need to approve the work and budget, which were not yet finalised.

**Action:** The group asked for the feedback collated re canopy to be shared. Gene will ask Rhonda to email this to the group before Council proceed with the next stage.

#### **6. Sheds 1 – 3 Summary**

Not a lot to report. Believe a sale of Jellyfish (Shed 1) has been agreed and some maintenance work is planned to upgrade the front windows later this year.

#### **7. Shed 4 Summary**

Some minor issues reported. General feedback from visitors and tenants has been positive and reports of a highly successful summer season.

#### **8. Shed 5 update**

Not much progress. Development still to be determined and toilets are a major issue. There will be some development still to come around Shed 5 later this year.

Jim Matranga raised the issue of vehicle access to the brewery at the recent Community Association meeting. Gene assured the group that Council are aware of Mr Matranga's concerns as well as those of other business users on the wharf, but that wholesale access will not meet health and safety concerns.

## **9. Parking, lighting and streetscape projects**

**Lighting** – The group asked whether there could be an option included to shield the lights proposed for around the wharf boat ramp, as they had concerns very bright lights could potentially be hazardous to navigating vessels.

It was also suggested that a lack of lighting in the main carpark could be the reason it was not being utilised at night.

**Parking** – There was discussion around people parking at the corner of Aranui Road and Tahī Street and how this behaviour might be deterred. The group also raised their concerns about the maintenance of the main carpark on Tahī Street.

## **10. General Items**

### **Strategic Plan**

Gene gave a brief account of the strategic plan being driven at the request of the Council's Senior Management Team. He advised that the commercial land (on Tahī Street / Aranui Road?) had been withdrawn from sale while a strategy is developed. Gene explained that a third party survey of all of the Mapua issues would be commissioned of the area.

**Action:** The group requested that information on the timeframes for the strategic plan, the group appointed to conduct the survey and any relevant press releases be shared with them.

### **Waterfront Park**

Note that development of waterfront park is on hold while the location of the boat ramp is determined. Although the group said they accepted that this was a good move, they also expressed concern at the delay as the project is approved with funding in place and they have a responsibility to RATA foundation to report back (12 months).

### **Sea Scouts Update – David Scott**

David was invited to provide an update of activities in the area relating to the Sea Scouts.

David raised concerns about the hours of vehicle access to the wharf (10am – 7pm closed access) causing difficulty with Sea Scout activities. Not being able to access the wharf earlier will mean the Sea Scouts do not have enough time to complete their activities. Gene explained that the Council would need to accommodate Sea Scouts doing business as usual and that they will be issued with a PIN number for the bollards.

David asked whether the wharf would still be under development next summer, as this would majorly impact the Sea Scouts summer programme. Gene advised that all development activity should be finished by then.

David asked whether there were plans to remove the wharf public toilet as this was frequently used by the Sea Scouts as a changing room facility, particularly for the girls. Gene said that the plan to remove the toilet was not confirmed, but that there was a proposal for development of a purpose built facility with dingy rack that would be accessible to the scouts.

Elena asked that the support of the Community Association for the Sea Scouts utilising the wharf to be noted.

### **Boat ramp**

This now sits within Engineering and Gary Clark and Cr Trevor Norris are overseeing the project. There was some discussion over whether existing user rights would be taken in to account in the decision making process.

**Date of next meeting** 7pm start on 3 August, 2016

**Meeting closed** 9pm