

MINUTES

Title:	Mapua Waterfront Advisory Group	
Date:	17 May 2017	
Time:	7.00 pm	
Venue:	Mapua Boat Club	
Present:	Gene Cooper Trish Smith Marion Satherley Russell Sampson Annette Walker Nicky McBride Peter Coeland Mike Kininmonth David Scott	Tasman District Council (Chair) Mapua & District Community Association Ruby Coast Initiative Trust Neighbour Mapua Boat Club & Neighbour Mapua & Districts Business Association Mapua Wharf Business Representative Mapua Boat Club (for Tim Robinson) Tamaha Sea Scouts
In attendance:	Terry-Louise Rosser (Tasman District Council)	

Apologies

Martyn Barlow

Janet Taylor

Beryl Wilkes

Gene offered to Chair the meeting in Cr King's absence and started the meeting at 7.10pm.

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Nicky McBride noted that the fourth point in the action log says 'Motueka District Community Association' instead of Mapua.

Trish Smith asked if any progress had been made regarding neighbourhood reps organising meetings to share information with the wider community. Annette Walker said that no progress had been made to date but that Reinhart was happy to organise this. They were still looking at the best way to disseminate information.

Russell Sampson was happy to pass information from the Advisory Group on to people but he needed names of interested parties.

Gene Cooper noted that it was the Group's responsibility to share the information discussed with the community. Members are appointed to the Advisory Group because the general public cannot turn up. It is important that the reps continue to try and focus on disseminating information out to the community and back into this forum.

Peter Coeland suggested there should be two business representatives on the group, one representing Don's interests and one for Council.

Debbie Lavery from Jellyfish would also like to be involved.

Action: Annette and Russell to continue looking at ways to further engage with the wider community.

Gene to follow up with Council tenants to see who wants to represent group.

Community Association update

Tables for the Waterfront Park have been approved and it is hoped these will be in place before spring. Placement of the tables will be up to Richard Hinton.

A small, low key play area has been approved and funded through the Rata grant. The Association is working with the school to create artwork that will represent the old aquarium. The funds raised by the community after the old aquarium burnt down will be used to display the artwork in perspex panels. Gene asked if there had been any discussion about lighting for the panels but the Association doesn't have the money for this and was hoping Richard would look into this.

There are ongoing discussions with various groups about the Waterfront Park. Members of the Mapua District Community Association (MDCA) met members of the Mapua Boat Club and Tamaha Sea Scouts on 20 April 2017 to discuss a shared vision for the use of the Park. The preferences and concerns of the group were feed back to Cath McFaul to include in the proposals to be presented to Council.

Mike Kininmonth commented that the issue of the use of green space was not going away. Gene noted that the Council had conducted surveys on the issue as part of the Mapua Strategy Review and were collating the information. All proposals will have to go to Council to consider.

Trish also asked about the use of the Park by groups as the school almost had to cancel a dance they had organised on the site as health and safety paperwork had not been completed. It was suggested a booklet be put together to make people aware of this requirement and to guide them through the process.

David Scott queried the need to fill out any forms as the scouts have held camps at the park before without completing an event management plan. Gene thought Council Parks and Reserves may have introduced an application process and said he would look into it.

Action: Gene to talk to Council Parks and Reserves staff about variations to processes on all health and safety matters for holding events on the Waterfront Park.

Business Association update

Nicky commented that the Business Association committee wanted to open the channels to its members a bit more and had decided to push the Advisory Group forum more to its members. There was no feedback from its members to the Group at this stage.

They had also invited members to meet Cath McFaul; around 12 business owners turned up including some from Moutere and it was a positive meeting. Diverse opinions were expressed but there were similar threads for businesses. Cath has put together an overview of opinions. Common threads from the meeting included not to make the area any busier, parking issues and keeping green space.

Russell was surprised the Association had not had a stronger reaction to Council clamping down on freedom campers. Nicky said this was discussed at the meeting but that businesses had varying views on the issue.

Mike asked if the Association was happy with the numbers of visitors to the area. Nicky responded that if the area gets too busy it could be detrimental to business and some businesses were wary of "killing the golden goose".

Marion Satherley acknowledged the dilemma for businesses between commerce and community and said it was great to hear businesses were aware of this.

Gene noted that the strategic review was an opportunity to discuss all these issues. He advised the Group that Lindsay believes the motion passed by the Community Association a few weeks ago was being achieved and finding a good balance. Marion mentioned the sacrifice made by the boat club and scouts and that there was a promise made as use intensified.

The Association had also discussed the green space beside the Golden Bear and Nicky commented that the members would like it left as it was with no more development.

Russell asked about the toilet block at the Golden Bear. Gene noted this was an ongoing process for Council and there had been action in the last two to three weeks for works completed without consent.

A meeting with community police had been facilitated and businesses were keen to go along with security cameras around Higgs Rd. The Association will ask businesses to help with funding. Police talked about feed from cameras going straight to them.

Shed 3 works

Gene stated that the work on the Jellyfish Café had been approved by Council and will start after Queen's birthday weekend. The work is scheduled to take eight weeks and there will be reduced access to the wharf during this time. He will talk to David about access to boats. Fitzgerald's have been awarded the contract.

Gene showed everyone drawings of the building as it will look after repairs and is happy to send out pdfs to anyone who would like a copy. The design replaces temporary shades with permanent louvres. Gene will talk to David about the placement of outside tables and planters to ensure they do not affect access to the boat club.

Nicky mentioned there would be a period over winter when the Jellyfish Café and Golden Bear will be closed which will have an impact on other businesses.

The security cameras are going to be upgraded as part of Shed 3 works.

The green space beside the Golden Bear will be used for material storage during the renovation.

Action: Gene to talk to David re access to boat club.

Waterfront Park (requested by Trish Smith)

Covered under Community Association update.

Boat Club

Mike commented that the boat ramp is an ongoing issue. He thought Martin may be starting to draw up a plan but had no further detail at this stage. No further update was offered by members.

Annette gave a review of the re-opening of the museum. She commented it was three days of fun with lots of community support. The dawn ceremony was led by Barney Thomas. They are looking at various ways of building on this success to introduce an annual event to Mapua.

Clarification was sort as to where signs were going to be placed directing visitors to the wharf area. Gene said he would find the minutes that discussed signage and follow up. Mike thought Claire Kininmonth (Secretary of the boat club) has been talking to Steve Elkington at Council.

General Items

Tiakina te Taiao had wanted interpretive panels around the wharf. Gene was not sure how this work would proceed with the liaison group in its current state. Annette mentioned there were already some panels in the museum and that the information had come mostly from the Mitchell's books.

Health & Safety

A bow sprit has been commissioned for the pontoon following three serious incidents over the past 18 months. Dan Cairney will be overseeing this project.

Trish asked if the ramp outside Kete could be painted to improve visibility. Gene stated there would be a handrail going up at some point and this had been discussed with Cathy from Kete. Further discussion on design in required.

Meeting Closed: 8.47pm

Next Meeting: 16 August 2017, 7pm at the Boat Club rooms.

Action log:

Action	Who
Community reps to continue looking at ways to further engage with wider community.	Annette Walker/Russell Sampson
Follow up with Council tenants to see who wants to represent group.	Gene Cooper
Talk to Council Parks and Reserves staff about process for holding events on the waterfront park.	Gene Cooper
Talk to David re access to boat club during Shed 3 renovations.	Gene Cooper
Signage discussion with Steve Elkington	Gene Cooper