

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee
FROM: Community Services Manager
DATE: 26 April 2006
SUBJECT: Golden Bay Heritage Aorere Trust

PURPOSE/REASON FOR REPORT

To update the Committee on progress with the proposal to build the Aorere Centre on the side of the Collingwood Museum and to consider a revised proposal and a request for financial assistance.

BACKGROUND

The original proposal was to build a 'lean to' onto the side of the Collingwood Museum, a Council owned building that is leased to the Collingwood Museum Society. The land belongs to the New Zealand Fire Service and the area occupied by the museum and the children's playground is leased by Council from the Fire Service.

The Community Services Committee considered the original request on 5 May 2005 and resolved to support the concept subject to further financial work being undertaken, the New Zealand Historical Places Trust approval and consultation work and agreement from the Golden Bay Community Board.

The Community Board endorsed the extension at their meeting held on 10 May 2005.

The New Zealand Historic Places Trust, neighbouring businesses and the New Zealand Fire Service support the proposal but unfortunately the Collingwood Museum Society will not give their approval as lessees of the building. A number of meetings were held with the Society involving the Mayor, Cr Riley, Board Chair Joe Bell and the Community Services Manager. However the Society have continued to oppose the 'lean to' proposal.

The Aorere Trust were then required to make a notified resource application. However, even if this was successful, the Collingwood Museum Society have advised in writing that as lessees of the building they will not allow any work to be carried out onto the side of the Museum.

COMMENT/DISCUSSION

The Aorere Trust have now decided that building a standalone structure on the same site as the 'lean-to' proposal would meet their needs and hopefully satisfy the Museum Society.

The original proposal was estimated to cost \$20,000.00 and this was covered by a grant from the Kilworth Trust. The cost of building a small standalone building is estimated to be \$28,000.00 to \$30,000.00 excluding electrical fittings.

The Aorere Trust is asking Council if the additional \$10,000.00 could be provided as a grant.

Funds for such work could be provided from the \$70,000.00 allocated annually to local museums and/or from the Golden Bay Reserves DIL's account.

A copy of the application received from the Golden Bay Heritage Aorere Trust is attached to this report and provides details of the aims and the Trust along with details of the proposed building and short biographies of the trustees.

OPTIONS

The request is in two parts, one for permission to change from the original lean-to concept and the other for financial assistance with the increased costs.

With regard to the standalone building the options would be:

- 1 To decline the request for a standalone building as it could detract from the historic Collingwood Museum. However the effects of this would be considered minor.
- 2 To approve the request for a standalone building subject to no further encroachment onto the play area and to a resource consent, if necessary.
- 3 To continue talking with the Collingwood Museum Society with the aim of building a lean-to onto the existing Museum as this option is considered less obtrusive.

The options regarding the funding request would be:

- 1 To decline the request.
- 2 To recommend to the Golden Bay Community Board that the \$10,000.00 be funded from Golden Bay Reserve DIL's in the 2006/07 financial year.
- 3 That the request be considered with the allocation of the local museums funding when these are considered for the 2006/07 financial year in September.

- 4 A combination of 2 and 3 above.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- 1 Approval be given to the request for a standalone building subject to no further encroachment onto the play area and to any necessary resource consent.
- 2 That a grant of \$10,000.00 shared between the Golden Bay Reserve DIL's and the local museum funding be considered.

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