

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee
FROM: Community Services Manager
DATE: 7 December 2009
SUBJECT: Community Services Manager's Report

WAKEFIELD BOWLING CLUB – NEW SYNTHETIC BOWLING GREEN

During the LTCCP process the Wakefield Bowling Club requested funding towards a new synthetic bowling green. The estimated total cost was estimated to be \$250,000.00 and Council agreed to make a grant of \$50,000.00.

The Club have now provided a revised costing for the project as follows:

- Stage 1: Site excavation, levelling and compaction, erection of 141 metres of new boundary fences, formation of pathways and access. Total cost \$35,000.00.
- Stage 2: Construction of the porous concrete base, ditches and banks. Total cost \$100,000.00.
- Stage 3: Purchase and fit carpet and comfort pad. Total cost \$100,000.00.
- Stage 4: Construct surrounding pathways, seating and shelter. Total cost \$25,000.00.

Stage 1 has almost been completed and this has been paid for by the club. The balance of funding required is \$225,000.00 and to date, club members confirmed donations amount to \$50,000.00 with possibly more to come. Taking into account Council's contribution of \$50,000.00, the balance required to raise is \$125,000.00.

The club is hopeful of raising approximately half of this amount by way of grants from various trusts and the Canterbury Community Trust. There is also a possibility of funding through debentures with the balance being borrowed by way of a bank mortgage.

For technical reasons, installation of the synthetic surface has to be completed prior to the winter months. The company installing the new green can only fit the work in from mid January to the end of February 2010 because of their commitments to install all the new synthetic surfaces to be used for the Commonwealth Games to be held in India next year.

So that the club can enter into a contract for the installation of the new green, they will need to commit to a bank mortgage to cover the total shortfall which will hopefully be reduced as trust grants are received.

The club has asked whether Council could provide some financial assistance to meet the loan repayments over the initial years.

Having discussed this with the club, the worst case scenario would be having to borrow the total shortfall of \$125,000.00. It was suggested that an annual payment of \$5,000.00 by Council for a period of three years would provide the club with sufficient time to raise additional funds and to be in a position to meet their own loan repayments.

The Waimea/Moutere Reserve Financial Contributions Account can meet these additional payments of \$5,000.00 each year for three years, however this should be reviewed annually as the club may have been able to raise sufficient funds through grants.

Recommendation

THAT the Wakefield Bowling Club be offered \$5,000.00 annually towards their loan repayments subject to:

- 1 The full \$5,000.00 being available should the club's loan be greater than \$80,000.00 and that for every \$10,000.00 less than \$80,000.00, the Council's annual grant be reduced by \$1,000.00.**
- 2 The annual grant being available for a maximum of three years.**
- 3 The funds be paid from the Waimea/Moutere Reserve Financial Contributions.**

MOTUEKA RIVER – REQUEST FOR A PORTABLE TOILET

The Motueka Community Board have requested that a portable toilet be located at the Motueka River on the Riwaka side of the bridge from 20 December 2009 to 20 March 2010.

As Councillors will be aware, this area has become very popular with campervans over recent years and currently there is no toilet provided.

The problem is where the toilet is located as many overnight stayers are inside the stopbank which could mean that any toilet located outside the stopbank may not be used by all overnight stayers. However, locating a toilet inside the stopbank is not a good idea as it could be lost should the river be in flood.

The other point that has been raised in the past is whether providing a toilet will actually attract more overnight staying which is not what Council wants to encourage.

Recommendation

THAT consideration be given to the request from the Motueka Community Board for a portable toilet to be located at the Motueka River on the Riwaka side of the bridge from 20 December 2009 to 20 March 2010.

SPORTSHOUSE LEASE – SAXTON STADIUM

With the completion of the new Saxton Stadium, the offices are now available for the Tasman Regional Sports Trust to shift into.

The 'Sportshouse' addition to the stadium was approved on the basis that the loan repayment would be funded by rental from the users of the facility. The two Councils funded \$335,000.00 of the cost of the Sportshouse with the balance being loan funded.

Unfortunately the Trust has a lease commitment in its existing Rutherford Street building until June 2011 which makes it difficult for the Trust to shift to the new facility until they can assign or sublet the current office.

In order to have the Trust shift to the new Sportshouse, which is vitally important for the promotion of the new Stadium, Nelson City Council have agreed to a funding proposal for the rental as follows:

- Each Council fund \$12,000.00 in 2009/2010 and \$24,000.00 in 2010/2011.

As these funds are required to meet loan repayments, the \$12,000.00 in 2009/2010 and the \$24,000.00 in 2010/2011 could be funded from the funds allocated for the Saxton Field development which has sufficient capacity in the 2009/2010 year and an adjustment could be made in next year's annual plan for the \$24,000.00 payment.

Recommendation

THAT the Tasman District Council agree to contribute to the funding of the loan repayments for the Sportshouse loan as follows:

- 1 \$12,000.00 in 2009/2010.**
- 2 \$24,000.00 in 2010/2011.**
- 3 Such funds be provided from the Saxton Field development funds.**

ASB AQUATIC CENTRE

The reports provided by CLM (pool managers) has shown that user numbers are continuing to increase. The following are the comparative figures for September and October for the five years the pool has been operating:

	September	October
2005/06	12,738	16,473
2006/07	16,536	16,460
2007/08	14,479	17,506
2008/09	13,592	14,041
2009/10	16,254	19,878

The other good news is the number attending swim school. This reached 1,350 per week during October.

CML celebrated the 5th birthday of the pool in early October and this resulted in over 1,000 attending the facility on the day.

RURAL FIRE NETWORK

Attached is the report for October 2009.

Since this report was prepared there has been a reasonably significant fire on the Motupipi Spit and more recently the major fire in the Dry Weather Road area.

These two fires alone highlight the importance of being prepared with the right equipment and appropriate training. Next month's Rural Fire Network report will report fully on those two fires.

Finally as this is the last meeting of the year I would like to take the opportunity to thank Chairperson Stuart for his strong support for the department and wish you all a great Christmas break with family and friends.

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