

STAFF REPORT

TO: Motueka Community Board
FROM: Service Centres Manager
REFERENCE: E859
DATE: 19 September 2005
SUBJECT: August 2005 Report

FROM LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Motueka Auto Parts – Untidiness Raised by Diane Strong

This was discussed with Jacqui Taylor of Our Town Motueka and an initiative was put forward to turn the untidy paddock into an area for exhibiting large art works. The proprietor of Motueka Auto Parts has agreed to permit the paddock fronting the State Highway entrance into town to be used by a local artist(s) to develop innovative art works that could transform this area into more of an open-air art display. Further negotiations on seeking a suitable artist who is willing to be involved in this initiative are continuing.

Decks Reserve Flooding – Raised by Brian Faulkener

This matter was referred to Community Services. It appears that the stormwater drainage may have been blocked causing the flooding (and temporary water park).

Motueka Street-Scaping – Neglect raised by Roger Hynd

A site meeting and inspection of the bollards and seating was undertaken together with Mr Hynd. Remedial works have now been carried out. To ensure further maintenance of street-scaping is carried out on a more timely basis I have asked the Traffic Warden to give me a list of any damaged street-scaping he notices during his patrols. Colin Wainscott has agreed to do this.

Speed Limits

An informal meeting of some Community Board Members was held to make some preliminary analysis and assessment regarding the Council Review of speed limits in the district.

Plans showing the outcome of that meeting are attached to the info pack for the Board to finalise and make recommendations back to Engineering Services.

Following a further briefing with Steve Elkington to the Golden Bay Community Board it is apparent that any actual speed limits suggested by the Board may be thwarted by the current prescriptive Warrant assessment system. However where road speeds may be considered to high but posted speed restrictions cannot be put in place alternate methods of traffic calming such as speed humps can be possibly considered.

To assist in the Boards deliberations I will be asking on behalf of the Board for advice from other sources such as Council's Road Safety Adviser and the Police.

Lighting of Motueka Museum

Further meetings have been held with Glen Thorn and I have asked a local electrician who had installed the original cabling to provide a quote for the necessary electrical work. The contacts through United Gooder were able to advise that a secondary flood light was still available to mount on the lamp standard and this could be used for more general lighting to the northern part of the museum with uplights to the front gable providing more dramatic lighting and with security lighting to the rear sides of the building.

Kumeras Walkway

The repair and repositioning of the Kumeras walkway is now well under way thanks to help from DOC who have agreed to resite the fence and Eric Verstappen who provided an alternate solution for a quick fix. The biggest thanks of course need to go to Keep Motueka Beautiful and in particular Bob Cook whose selfless and tireless community commitment has really been the cornerstone in getting this work done.

A picture of the walkway in progress is attached to the info pack.

Discretionary Funds

The Board last month asked me to consider some guidelines with regard to dispersal of its Discretionary Fund.

The Fund in this years budget has been reduced from \$8,000 to \$5000.

This year payments of \$1,500.00 have been made to Rotary for Christmas decorations. In addition some Board expenses totalling \$258.00 have been spent leaving \$3,242 for the rest of the year.

My recommendation is that grants be limited to max of \$500.00 for any application during the year bearing in mind that monthly allocation is just a little over \$400.00.

For the 9 months left in this year the monthly allocation is now circa \$360.00.

Therefore any grants will need to be carefully controlled to avoid a rapid spend up before the end of the financial year in June 2006.

If any funds remain at the end of the year the usual practice is to call for projects at the May Board Meeting.

Environmental Awards

Council is calling for nominations for groups/individuals for the 2005 Environmental Awards. Nominations need to be made by 7th October 2005.

Should the Board wish to discuss this matter it is recommended that this is done in Committee the resolution being on the grounds that it is necessary to protect the privacy of individuals.

A copy of the Awards Nomination Form is within the info pack.

RELEVANT MEETINGS ATTENDED

Decks Reserve Walkway - 29th August 2005

I attended the Decks Reserve workshop on was well supported by interest group representatives including the Museum and Iwi.

The proposals discussed included one to consider a pathway that could “mirror” the coastline area of the Motueka Ward with historical milestones plaques detailing significant events relating to that part of the area being installed along the walkway.

The group is to consider three alternative concepts at its next meeting which will be held prior to the Board Meeting will discuss prices for the plaques and also information that could be included on them.

A verbal update will be provided

Motueka Port Users – 30th August 2005

A large number of port users turned up for this meeting which had been called for by Ross Satherley to discuss the concerns regarding silting of the entranceway to the port.

The meeting agreed that a small sub-group should be formed to consider issues and options and following that, a further meeting of port users be convened to decide on a course of action.

Coastal Character Landscape Assessment – 6th September 2005

The presentation by the report author (Frank Boffa) together with Council Policy Staff was both interesting and thought provoking.

Board members were present at the forum and their contributions were noted at the time by Council Policy Staff.

Submissions now close end of October and the Board will need to decide whether any further submissions on this paper are required.

Community Focus Meeting (LTCCP) – 8th September 2005

This meeting of invited community representatives was both informative and entertaining. The meeting stimulated a wide number of feedback responses to questions regarding this areas future.

PROPOSED JOINT WORKSHOP WITH GOLDEN BAY COMMUNITY BOARD

One of my goals for this year is to focus on improving the effectiveness of Community Boards in particular having regard to their relational functionality between the communities they represent and advocate for and the Council governance, decision making and management operations. Included within that goal is to improve Board ethics in regards to Standing Orders, Procedures and Codes of Conduct.

One of the ways to I have considered to achieve this goal is to develop on-going training workshops for each Board to be undertaken at least once per year.

I would therefore like the Board to consider a joint workshop with the Golden Bay Board to be held at a date to be agreed to in November.

I already have agreement in principal for such a workshop from the Golden Bay Board and have made some tentative enquires as to available speakers and topics.

The workshop would be in the form of a keynote paper on the topic of 'Engaging Communities' by a well known 'celebrity' speaker with more formal papers on communications and ethics/protocols following.

In the afternoon the two Boards would then split for workshops within their own groups with a final collective summary of the days work and any resultant changes/pathways to follow for the future.

An indication of the Board's support of such a workshop is required together with available dates in November.

Note a Saturday meeting may be the preferred option.

TOPICAL ISSUES

The following matters are noted as being matters likely to be of interest to the Board:

1 High Street South Rezoning

The Council's Policy Committee has turned down the proposal for a residential development on Wildman Road/High Street South. It has approved rezoning land between Courtney Street East and Old Wharf Road as Residential.

2 Circus

The circus still yet may come to town. I have had discussions with Webber Bros for the use of Goodman Park as the venue and negotiations to lease the park for the period the circus will be here are being carried out with Council's Reserves Manager.

3 Representation Review

The next meeting of the Representation Review Sub-Committee is on 26th September 2005. The Committee have invited the two Community Board Chairpersons to attend the meeting and I have also requested to sit in on the meeting.

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