

Confirmed Meeting Notes

Mapua Waterfront Forum 7 pm, 13 May 2014 – Mapua Boat Club

Present

Cr Brian Ensor (Chair), Gary Clark, Gene Cooper and Sarah Downs,
 Tasman District Council
 Graeme Stradling, Mapua and District Community Association
 Devin Gallagher, Mapua and District Community Association
 Peter Coeland, Mapua Wharf Business Representative
 Janet Taylor, MBDA
 Andrew Schwass, MBDA
 Annette Walker, Boat Club and neighbour
 Marion Satherley, CIG
 Don Yelverton, Mapua Holdings

Apologies

Elena Meredith, Adele Calteaux and Russell Sampson

Action List from previous meeting

Who	Task	Resources/others involved
Sarah	Contact HPT & iwi re: tidal steps and grass area.	Gene in discussion with HPT re: aquarium site and will add steps etc
Adele	Lead the discussion with the community re: cycle racks BUT (see below)	Next meeting
Graeme	Discuss with the Community Association how best to spend the \$1000 if not to be used for lighting	Still in discussion
Sarah	Write letters of thanks to Mapua School and the Community Association	Done plus a letter to Adele
Sarah	Check out number of parking tickets issued over the summer	Completed. One complaint checked out. No tickets issued.
Community Association	Supply data on bin usage over the summer to Gary	Discussed meeting

Sarah	Lighting plan	Beryl
Sarah	Circulate building plan	Gene to send out
All	Feedback to the next meeting on need for security cameras	Discussed meeting

Introduction to Gene Cooper

1. Gene introduced himself to the group and explained his background. He listed the assets he would be managing. These include:

- Ports
- Airports
- Forestry, and
- Campgrounds

He would also be facilitating commercial development or sale of council assets where applicable.

Gene would report to the commercial sub-committee, who report to Council.

He has been given the task of project managing the aquarium site re-build as Mapua Wharf precinct is deemed a commercial asset.

This will formally be handed over on 1 June 2014. Gene advised the wharf precinct is a closed account and explained the benefits.

Any issues were now to be directed to Gene. His email is

gene.cooper@tasman.govt.nz.

2. Annette discussed the role of the boat club at the wharf and explained the voluntary work they did e.g. cleaning the piles. Brian reminded the forum members that this was a good place to exchange information.
3. Marion asked whether Gene would also be managing the Waterfront Park. Brian clarified that this was still under Beryl's control. Gene stated that he was aware of the linkages between the park and the wharf precinct and of the need for all to work together. The group were reminded that Beryl and Jim received a copy of the minutes so they were kept in the loop. After today, this would also be the case with Gary.
4. Brian thanked Gary and Sarah for their work with the forum.

Aquarium Site update

- Gene ran through the initial timeline for getting something done and this is no longer realistic. We are now looking at being ready for occupation by spring 2015 if the new timeline goes to plan and the building gets adopted in the Annual Plan, as well as sign off from the commercial sub-committee.

- To get Council to adopt the new build in the Annual Plan, Gene is going to have demonstrated that it is a viable option. The business case will be presented to the commercial sub-committee.
- Discussion took place on how the building would be funded and that it would cause some political debate in the Annual Plan discussions occurring this week.
- Devin felt that if the project did get included in the Annual Plan, a thorough explanation to the community of how it would be funded would be required.
- He (Devin) mentioned that the community are keen for any re-build to have some recognition of the old aquarium building. A children's fund of \$1800 was still available for this and it was felt by the group there was a number of ways this could be achieved. Gene made it clear that the solution would be commercially based and not a Council one.

Lighting, Cycle Racks and Litter Bins

- The Mapua Community Association hired a litter bin for the summer period to be installed at the wharf to deal with the litter issue. This had been very successful. The bin on average was emptied fortnightly (more regularly during peak period) and had cost approximately \$400 for the duration. A letter of thanks has been sent to the community association and mentions Helen Bibby in particular for her coordination role.
- Gary advised that in the Annual Plan, money has been budgeted for replacing the roof and that this could include installation of lights plus security cameras. It would be sensible to consider this all at the same time. This should take place in the 2014-15 financial year.
- The cycle racks loaned by Mapua School over the summer had gone well. Adele wasn't present so couldn't provide an update on progress she had made regarding cycle racks. She had provided Mapua School with a morning tea for their generosity. Letters had been sent to both the school and Adele.
- Gary suggested that the community association discussed further the money they had set aside to help progress developments at the wharf precinct. Areas for consideration include: cycle racks and landscaping.

'Green Area'

- Marion asked what plans there were for formalising the green area. She noted the success of what had been achieved to date. She queried whether this was part of the McIndoe report.
- Others noted that no parking in the wharf precinct had been well respected over the summer. However, a knock on effect is the pushing out of the problem down Aranui Road. Gary acknowledged this and stated that there were plans in the 2015 Long Term Plan to accommodate parking in the road reserve areas.
- Gene would take on the McIndoe report and its progression after discussions with Gary.

General Business

1. Gene had received a proposal to buy/lease land in the area based on the corner of Tahī and Aranui. This was received from the New Zealand Motor home and Caravan Association (NZMCA). They hope to have enough land to accommodate 20 - 40 campervans. Gene asked the group for their feedback and to send any comments through to him. He has a review available on request.
2. Gene also informed the group that he'd received an expression of interest from the Austin Healey group to hold a national car rally near the wharf over Easter 2015. He would keep the group in the loop. The aim is for Council to set aside use of its land at Tahī Street given it will coincide with the Easter fair at Mapua School.
3. **Great Taste Trail Signage** – Marion asked what the progress was regarding this. Sarah would follow up with Dugald as she and Gary hadn't received any updates either. Councillor Ensor suggested that the same was required for signage at Brightwater.
4. Meeting times were briefly discussed. This would be an agenda item at the next meeting. A move to Thursday evenings will be investigated.

Meeting closed at 8.58pm.

Next meeting – **16 July 2014** at 7pm at the Mapua Boat Club

Action List – 13 May

Who	Task	Resources/others involved
Sarah	Speak to Dugald re: TGTT signage	
Gary/Gene	McIndoe report discussion	
Graeme	Discuss with the Community Association how best to spend the \$1000 if not to be used for lighting	

Gene	Send out aquarium site design concept	
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