

Confirmed Meeting Notes

Mapua Waterfront Forum 7.00 pm, 20 May 2015 – Mapua Boat Club

Present

Cr Brian Ensor (Chair), Gene Cooper Tasman District Council Graeme Stradling, (Mapua and District Community Association) Peter Coeland Annette Walker, (Boat Club and neighbour) Elena Meredith (Mapua and District Community Association) Adele Calteaux Don Yelverton Marion Satherley, (RCIT) Andrew Schwass (Ferry) Valerie Gribble (Secretary, TDC)

Apologies

Janet Taylor, (MDBA) Russell Sampson Nicky McBride (MDBA) Devon Gallagher

Minutes: 18 February 2015

Amendment – Marion advised that she was present at the meeting, but her name had been included in the apologies.

Approved, as amended.

Terms of Reference

- Discussion was held about content of meetings being discussed outside the meeting.
- Elena undertook to send Valerie the draft Terms of Reference for distribution to the group.
- Gene suggested having Council's Communications Officer, Chris Choat, prepare a release from the draft minutes for distribution to the Coastal News.
- It was noted that each person on the forum represents a wider group and if commercially sensitive items are shared that needs to be very clear.

Aquarium Site update

- Tidying up leases one party has pulled out, but two others are in line. Tried to ensure there is no duplication.
- Build project has been held up waiting for iwi input.
- Deadline is still 30 September 2015 and believe that will still be met.
- Gene will advise parties in advance of commencement date and what is happening.

Don Yelverton arrived at 7.55 pm.

• Don asked if the fencing on the aquarium site could be moved in a little to enable traffic to move freely.

• Gene and Don to arrange a meeting with engineering to discuss.

Traffic/Roading Changes

- Agreement has been reached with Gary Clark for more car parks to be ready and available by 30 September 2015. Car parking proposed for Tahi Street has been brought forward from year 3 of the Long Term Plan to year 1.
- Discussion ensued on having disabled and drop off areas which will be needed when the wharf is off limits to vehicles.
- Gene is to check with Gary Clark.
- There will be a media release advising there will be no traffic on the wharf.
- It would be helpful to say that having traffic and pedestrians mixing together on the wharf has been highlighted as a major health and safety liability.
- The round-a-bout was discussed and it was suggested that if there is to be significant change, there needs to be drawings, rationale, eg health and safety issues, and good signage.
- Brian Ensor advised that Council has been given a strong signal about parking concerns in the area.

Boat Ramp

- Gene advised there is no plan to move the boat ramp.
- Discussion was held about the proposal to spend money at Grossi Point which will have the same health and safety issues. It was considered the problem would become greater if it was developed.
- Gene advised the matter has been put back with Parks and Reserves who will be looking at other areas to spend the \$80,000 on. He undertook to talk to Beryl and Gary about the issues.

Mapua Waterfront Park:

- Elena and Graeme advised of a working party that the Mapua Community Association has set up with Richard and Beryl from TDC to discuss the best use of the waterfront park.
- They are concentrating on simple, eg petonque, exercise stations around the edges of the park, development of an area for children not using play equipment. Suggestion of mounds, tunnels, bridges. Looking at options and getting feedback from children. There is a proposal to have seats and tables and a bbq in a separate area. Looking at capping some concrete pieces with hardwood to make it look softer. Interpretative panels telling the story and history of the site. (Annette is happy to help with this as she has lots of information).
- External funding and grants from rates will be investigated.
- It was noted that easy, safe access needs to be available between the waterfront park and the wharf so families can go there.
- Community needs to have an opportunity for input. An over-arching plan is needed and once that is endorsed aspects can be picked off for funding/sponsorship.
- Non-commercial space.
- August/September 2015 would be a good start time.
- It was suggested that any signage should be in the same style as the cycle signs for uniformity
- Brian congratulated Elena and Graeme on what they are doing.

Toilets

- Gene will talk to Beryl about having the unfinished toilet on the waterfront park completed.
- Discussion ensued on directional signage for toilets (to be referred to Beryl).

Ngaio Tree

- Gene advised that the tree has been trimmed and a temporary erosion solution put in. Iwi is concerned at the erosion. He tabled a photo of the proposed blocks that will be used for the structure which will go from the garage of the neighbour to the boat ramp.
- Gary Clark is finalising design and applying for resource consent. It will be a fourweek build in July/August 2015.
- Discussions will be held with Andrew concerning the ferry and we will work to find a solution.

Lighting

- Gene asked for suggestions for lighting on the new building.
- Annette noted there are a lot of night sky issues and noted that there is one strong light outside the Apple Shed, but the one on Jellyfish is good.
- Gene advised that TDC is moving to LED lighting. Safety of night diners needs to be considered. There is the opportunity look at three street lights. Police say that generally, where there are more lights there is more crime.
- There has been a call for better lighting and talk about putting top lids to make them down lights.

General

- Elena said there is a need for cycle racks on the park and there are still three available to be placed.
- Andrew asked if when the trees are felled on the edge of Rabbit Island that it be replanted in natives.
- Graeme said a group had met with Otago University students on environmental work and he will circulate their report when it is received in November 2015.

Next Meeting

• 5 August 2015.

Meeting concluded at 9.15 am.

Action List – 20 May

Who	Task	Resources/others involved
Elena	Send Terms of Reference to Valerie for distribution to	
	Forum	
Gene	To arrange with Chris Choat to prepare media release	
	from minutes and also media release relating to no	
	vehicles on wharf	
Gene	To advise parties of when construction work is to	
	commence on old aquarium site	
Gene/Don	To meet with engineering to discuss fencing etc	
Gene	To check with Gary re parking/disabled/drop off points	
Gene	To talk to Beryl/Gary about the \$80,000 for boat ramps	
Gene	To talk to Beryl about having toilet completed on	
	waterfront park and also directional signage for toilets	
Gene	Discussions with Andrew re ferry landing	