MINUTES



Title: Mapua Waterfront Advisory Group

Date: 7 September 2016

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Mapua Boat Club

Present: Cr Brian Ensor Chair

Gene Cooper Tasman District Council

Martyn Barlow Mapua & District Community Association

Elena Meredith Mapua & District Community Association

Marion Satherley Ruby Coast Initiative Trust

Janet Taylor Mapua Districts Business Association

Russell Sampson Neighbour

Nicky McBride Mapua Districts Business Association

Peter Coeland Mapua Wharf Business Representative

Tim Robinson Mapua Boat Club

Glenn Stevens Tamaha Sea Scouts (for David Scott)

In attendance: Petrina Francis Executive Assistant

1. Apologies

Beryl Wilkes – Tasman District Council, David Scott – Tamaha Sea Scouts, Annette Walker – Mapua Boat Club and Neighbour, Don Yelverton – Land owner (for absence).

Marion Satherley arrived 7.08pm – apologies for lateness.

Martyn Barlow was welcomed to the group as a representative of the Mapua & District Community Association.

2. Minutes: 4 May 2016

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4 May 2016 were approved.

Russell Sampson requested that he be identified on the minutes as a neighbour (not representing the Mapua Emergency Response Group, as on last minutes).

In Item 2 of the 4 May 2016 minutes, Martyn Barlow queried what the "potential loss of Mapua remediated site" referred to, which the Community Association was concerned about. It was explained that this concerned land being potentially sold off on the West side of Tahi Street. Gene Cooper explained that the Community Development area of Tasman District Council was leading the Mapua Strategic Review Project. This will help determine Councils overall strategy for all Mapua activities.

3. Mapua & District Community Association (MDCA) Update

Elena Meredith gave an update. Graham Stradling stood down from the committee at their last meeting and Martyn Barlow now representative in his place.

The Association asked if there was any further progress with the idea of having a decorative panel on the fence? Gene explained he had met with Graeme offering a small window of opportunity to be involved, however had not heard anything further. He advised he was happy to meet with two or three members to look at design options and discuss. However this needs to be done reasonably quickly, as the fence order has been confirmed. He confirmed that the panel cannot be solid as it needs to be transparent for health and safety reasons.

Brian Ensor explained that the screen design was taken to a Full Council meeting at which there was a lengthy discussion around where the gas and rubbish containers would be sited. Council resolved to proceed as per the design.

Elena asked about the portacom toilets outside Golden Bear. Gene confirmed these are temporary. The lease with Golden Bear has now been signed, and Council is close to signing off his work inside the building - which includes the toilets going inside the building. The Golden Bear has received notification that the temporary toilets will be removed. Toilets are for patrons of the Golden Bear only. Mr Cooper expects the work to be done by summer (mid November).

Public toilets – the new Council will look at options for these as part of Council's Long Term Plan 2018. Any further funding for structures at this Mapua site will need to go through Council's Long Term Plan process.

The group discussed the Dinghy rack, which was previously removed and which they would like to see sited in the area where the temporary toilet currently is. Gene confirmed that the green area is not a reserve, but is part of fee simple commercial land. The discussion turned to looking at a temporary option for a rack using a temporary consent. Gene said he would need to investigate this further.

The following motion was requested to be noted in the minutes:

Motion: The group agreed that they would support the development of a temporary dinghy rack in the approximate area where the temporary toilet is. Elena Meredith/Martyn Barlow

Elena and Martin will take this motion to the Community Association meeting, for their support also.

Gene agreed to have a discussion with Don Yelverton around the possibility of leasing his toilets due to the delay in getting the public toilets.

It was suggested that there are issues with the current signage pointing to the public toilets, as it tends to direct people towards the wharf toilet. The public toilet at the wharf was discussed, however there is no funding for this site. Further funding would need to be approved by the new Council post the elections. Mr Ensor suggested it is extremely unlikely given the community response to the development of Mapua wharf to date.

In response to a question about rubbish and recycling, Gene explained that three new rubbish skips will be installed in the wharf area. Three departments within Council have funded these (Parks and Reserves, Engineering and Commercial). They are a new product on the market that is automated (i.e. Sends a text to the operator that it needs to be emptied, once 80% full) and crushes rubbish.

Also Gene is currently receiving proposals for a recycling option. He expects these rubbish options to be installed by summer.

Janet, on behalf of the Business Association, thanked Gene for the progress on the rubbish situation. She also passed on favourable feedback they had received on how the area is looking. Positive feedback has been received that the plantings and Mapua Wharf sign look great.

4. Shed 5 and associated works

This was already covered in previous discussion.

5. Mapua Wharf condition

Gene Cooper explained that engineers (MWH Ltd) will be looking at rot issues in the structure under the wharf. He reiterated that unqualified people cannot do structural work under the wharf for health and safety reasons and Council will be looking at options to restrict tenants from doing work themselves.

Gene will follow through on the light that is not working on the bollard on the wharf. He also acknowledged that Council is aware of the need to do some work on the sewerage structure.

6. Landscaping update of the Waterfront Reserve

This is now on hold for the Long Term Plan process.

The Community Association has received a grant for picnic tables however they are coming to the end of the period of time in which to use the grant. The Group suggested the Association apply for a further year's extension to the funding, to allow time for the identified area for the boat ramp to be set.

Tim Robinson from the Mapua Boat Club gave an update on progress with the boat ramp. A concept plan has been drawn up which shows the 'floor plan' of area needed for the ramp. This concept plan was ratified at their last meeting. It will be taken to their AGM and then to the Community Association.

Brian Ensor commented that they have done well with this work. Great that engineering assisted and supported too.

Once the ramp is completed, the Tamaha Sea Scouts will need to look at options for their accommodation and storage.

There will be a Garage Sale of boating gear on 17 September and Gene was asked if it was alright for vehicles to drive in and drop things off for the sale. Gene agreed and Rhonda to email tenants.

7. Parking

Feedback is that the parking looks good. It is now finished.

With regard to the issue of campervans parking between the two round-abouts and sticking out, it was suggested that the sign needs to be shifted from Harcourts to further down the road. Also a couple of carparks by the toilet block Iwa Street roundabout are dangerous when cars back out. Gene suggested that these matters need to be discussed with Jamie McPherson.

Concerns over the speed limit coming into the parking area were raised. Gene offered to pass this concern back to Jamie.

Concerns over lighting were discussed – particularly in the area past the corner of Shed 4 and by the Cool Store parking, where it is difficult to see the pavement. All agreed this is a health and

safety issue. Suggest that these concerns need to be raised with Jamie as they are an engineering issue.

8. General Business

Compliments given and endorsed by other members of the Committee for the great work achieved with the Mapua Wharf area. Very positive feedback.

This is the last meeting for Brian Ensor as the Chair as Councillor. He has enjoyed his time with the committee. The Group thanked Brian for his work and commitment.

Date of the next meeting – Wed 2nd November 2016, 7pm, Mapua Boat Club Rooms.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Note: Subsequent to this meeting, an amendment to these minutes was made at the 16 November 2016 meeting, as follows:

That the minutes of 7 September be amended to reflect the comments from (former Councillor) Brian Ensor that the matter of the boat ramp at Mapua could have been treated with more urgency, which would have been more reflective of the importance of this project to the community.

These minutes were then confirmed.