

STAFF REPORT

TO: The Community Services Committee
FROM: Community Services Manager
DATE: 11 June 2008
SUBJECT: Community Services Manager's Report

NGATIMOTI FIRE STATION

The above fire station was completed in 2006 although the car park is yet to be sealed. The following is a breakdown of the estimates and actual costs for this project (note the figures have been rounded to nearest \$1,000 in this report).

Expenditure	Budget	Actual
Building	284,000	259,000
Professional fees	16,000	16,000
Car park / landscaping	34,000	21,000
Consent fees	5,000	5,000
Miscellaneous	<u>15,000</u>	<u>11,000</u>
	\$354,000	\$312,000
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Funding

Loan	220,000	181,000
Waimea Reserve DIL's	95,000	95,000
Management Committee funds	10,000	-
Fundraising	10,000	11,000
Motueka Reserve DIL's	10,000	10,000
National Rural Fire Authority	-	<u>30,000</u>
	\$345,000	\$327,000
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Note:

- 1 The building was given approval to proceed as it was anticipated that savings could be made using local input with the car park and building.
- 2 There was a saving of approximately \$25,000 on the building tender price.

- 3 Local input into the car park resulted in savings of \$13,000.
- 4 A grant of \$30,000 was received from the National Rural Fire Authority.
- 5 Funds held by the Management Committee were mainly used to fund the kitchen fit out, the costs for which are outside of these figures.
- 6 The final loan raised was considerably less than the original approved figure of \$220,000.
- 7 Funds still on hand have been held for the cost of sealing the entranceway (Resource Consent requirement) and possibly the car park.

Overall this has been a very successful project after a difficult start and I know the Ngatimoti community are very proud of this facility.

For information only.

MARAHAU FIRE STATION

For the last two years staff with Councillors' help have been attempting to find a new site for the Marahau Fire Station as the owners of the land, Wakatu Incorporation require the site for further business development.

We were working with a near neighbour to lease an area of land on which we could shift the fire station, however this was put on hold while an option suggested by Wakatu was investigated.

We have now received advice from Wakatu Incorporation that they are terminating the lease, including removal of the improvements from the land effective on 31 August 2008.

As a result of this notice staff have recommenced negotiations with a near neighbour for a lease and will also proceed with a Building Consent application so that when a lease is agreed to, the building can be shifted.

RECOMMENDATION

That Wakatu Incorporation be advised that as a result of receiving notice terminating the lease, Council has agreed to find a new lease with another property owner and will endeavour to have the building removed before 31 August 2008.

COLLINGWOOD TENNIS CLUB

As previously agreed, the Golden Bay Community Board had been tasked with the job of trying to get the Collingwood Tennis Club to relocate at Council's expense in order to free up land in the centre of the Collingwood Camping Ground.

The land on which the courts are sited belongs to the Collingwood Tennis Club.

The Board met with members of the Tennis Club in April and the summary of the meeting states “the Tennis Club sees their role as being to maintain the courts on the present site in perpetuity”.

Obviously this is not the outcome Council had hoped for as this could have a long term viability effect on the camp especially if some of the other land currently occupied by the camp is no longer available to Council. The problem is that it is not known when a decision will be known of this other land which makes it very difficult to know what action is required with the tennis courts.

Options that could be considered:

- 1 That no further action be taken with the Tennis Club until the outcome of the other land issue is finalised. The difficulty with this is that it means Council would not want funds spent on the tennis courts in the meantime and would presumably be unwilling to provide funds towards this work.

Also at this stage staff have no idea of how long this issue will take to sort out.

- 2 Council continues to negotiate with the Tennis Club to shift to a new site fully funded by Council. This is contrary to the outcome of the recent meeting with the Community Board and could prove difficult to negotiate even if it can be proved that the viability of the camp is at stake.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 That an attempt be made to finalise the land issue with the descendants of the landowners and if a quick solution is not possible, that staff report back with an approximate timeframe for this to happen.
- 2 That the Tennis Club be advised of the above and further that they be informed that Council will not consider providing any funds for an upgrade of the existing courts until an outcome of “1” above is known; however should the Club agree to a shift, that the allocated funds would be made available for the new courts.

TAKAKA LIBRARY SCULPTURE

At the last meeting the Chair and Crs Borlase and Riley were asked to finalise the selection of a sculpture for outside the new library. As previously reported \$15,000 was allocated for a sculpture and a selection panel was set up to consider the submission received and to make a recommendation to Council.

Since the last meeting the three Councillors have agreed to accept the recommendation of the selection panel and the design called Nga Hau E Wha – ‘The

Four Winds'. The selection panel and the designers of the sculpture have now been notified.

For information.

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