

MINUTES

Title:	Mapua Waterfront Advisory Group	
Date:	4 November 2015	
Time:	7.00 pm	
Venue:	Mapua Boat Club	
Present:	Cr Brian Ensor	Chair
	Gene Cooper	Tasman District Council
	Graeme Stradling	Mapua & District Community Association
	Elena Meredith	Mapua & District Community Association
	Marion Satherley	Ruby Coast Initiative Trust
	Sean Doherty	Mapua Wharf Business Representative
	Janet Taylor	Mapua Districts Business Association
	Russell Sampson	Mapua Emergency Response Group
	Nicky McBride	Mapua & Districts Business Association
	Tim Robinson	Mapua Boat Club
	Peter Coeland	Mapua Wharf Business Representative
	Beryl Wilkes	Tasman District Council
In attendance:	Valerie Gribble	Executive Assistant

Apologies

Annette Walker, Russell Sampson, Janet Taylor.

Beryl Wilkes (late)

Minutes: 5 August 2015

Minutes approved.

Terms of Reference (ToR)

The following amendments were made to Membership:

Annette Walker was added as a Neighbour

Tim Robinson was added as Mapua Boat Club representative.

The following amendment was added to Scope:

“Council representatives to bring relevant information from Council departments.”

The following amendment was made to Terms of Engagement:

The last sentence “It is a ... for private gain” to be deleted.

Mapua District Business Association Update

There was discussion in favour of a rubbish skip being placed again at the wharf area, particularly during peak season. The cost of this initiative is negligible when compared to the benefit. Mapua District Business Association is happy to continue covering this supply and cost.

Outstanding matters

The action list from 5 August 2015 was reviewed.

Mapua & Districts Community Association Update

- Rubbish skip siting
- Boat ramp use by people with moored vessels
- Waterfront Park

Mapua District Business Association

- Site meeting
- Access to water

Beryl Wilkes arrived at the meeting.

Toilet Signs – Beryl undertook to follow up on the toilet signs.

Ferry landing – on hold as there are no more options at this time. The question was asked if the ferry operation and/or Tasman District Council were at risk of contravening the Health and Safety Act. Gene responded that they were trying to mitigate issues, eg handrail, signage. It was noted there was a lot more than the ferry using the wharf.

Mapua Wharf Precinct Landscaping

Heidi Meadows and Luke Port from Canopy Ltd were present to discuss the landscaping on Mapua Wharf Precinct. Both had been involved with the earlier park concepts. The area had been divided into three grids – cool store, estuarine, fruitgrowers.

A draft proposal was presented, showing integration between the Waterfront Park, Aranui Road and the commercial precinct.

Members of the Forum were asked to share the concepts with their groups (or consider their own issues if a tenant) and provide the best 5 features and worst 5 features in bullet point feedback to Gene by Friday 13 November 2015. Gene intends to meet with Canopy further to discuss any changes from the feedback on the Monday 16 November 2015. This meeting will be to finalise a concept that allows us to continue with stage one (this is in the black dotted lines on page 1 and comprises the land in front, and to the side of Golden Bear of shed 4). Stage one work has to be completed before Christmas, to allow the new tenancies to function.

Heidi and Luke left the meeting at this stage.

Shed 4 Update

Gene advised that the gib has started, and the ceilings are done. The first unit will be handed over in two weeks and all of them by the end of the month. Residual work will continue. Landscaping to be completed by around 10 December 2015, then all work will be on hold until the end of January 2016 to avoid the busy holiday season.

Shed 5 (The Golden Bear)

Jim Matranga is working on redevelopment of the site. There are issues to be addressed and the Forum will be kept informed as much as possible.

Rubbish Skips

When skips were available previously they were often filled with household rubbish which was why they were taken away. The MDCA is happy to police them, but we need to figure out how to deal with it. There will be more people in the space which means bigger problems. A skip will be put in front of the old Hamish's building this year.

Public Toilet in Open Space

The plan has been drawn but the architect has been asked to extend it to house 6 or 8 dinghies and also accommodate bike racks. There will be three unisex toilets in the building. Gene was asked to check that there would be disabled access and also a changing table facility. There are consenting issues with the toilet to be resolved and it is proposed the toilets will be built in February/March 2016. Gene advised there would be a trolley available to get the boats in and out. It was noted that access for boats on a high tide is a problem. There will be a huge amenity loss with the loss of the boat ramp. There needs to be a facility for people with boats moored to be able to get their trailers in.

Waterfront Park

MDCA is waiting on results of a funding application for seating and bbq facilities. They are working out where things should go and want to get the petanque area sorted and exercise areas will be concentrated in clusters.

Gene indicated where the new parking area would be. He said it won't happen pre-Christmas 2015 as it needs iwi and Historic Place Trust consultation. White lines will be painted on road reserve and the paddock will be opened again.

Concern was expressed about the parking along Tahurangi Street which has resulted in a narrow carriageway and it was hoped the same won't happen with the Waterfront Park parking.

Precinct Parking

Gene advised that pre-Christmas there will be regular policing and operators need to stay out of timed zones. Access to the wharf will be by swipe cards at this stage. There will be special cards for emergency services to allow access any time.

Tim Robinson suggested a combination lock system for boat club use. Gene to consider.

Boat Ramp

On behalf of the Mapua Boat Club (MBC), Tim Robinson read a response to the decision by the Council to close the Mapua Wharf Precinct to all vehicles. The MBC had looked at a number of options and their favoured option for a boat ramp was at Waterfront Park (A) which is the area closest to the wharf, closest to club facilities on the wharf, has an area for trailer parking (30+ rigs minimum) and will require redesign of the unused park area. This option is seen as a long term solution to both the traffic conflicts in the wharf precinct and ensures access is secured to the water for boat owners into the future. The MBC sought the support of the Waterfront Advisory Group and the Mapua & Districts Community Association in its effort to reserve vehicle access to the wharf and boat ramp until such time as an agreeable solution is achieved for the whole community.

Cr Ensor acknowledged that the MBC is important and we need to find a way forward. The dinghy housing is one way, but we are not able to have it open 24 hours for boats.

The opinion was expressed that there is a lot of tourism and those people seem to hold more importance than those who live in the community.

Cr Ensor advised that the Council had put \$80,000 budget aside for a boat ramp at Grossi Point but the opinion of locals was that would not be good use of ratepayer money, so it is now earmarked for an area in the Waimea Estuary.

Gene advised he was now thinking of closing the area from 10.00 am – 7.00 pm each day. He advised Tim that he would give written feedback on the MCB's letter.

Date of the next meeting – 17 February 2016, 7pm, Mapua Boat Club Rooms.

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Action items – 4 November 2015

Who	Task	Status
Valerie	Amendments to Terms of Reference	
Beryl	Follow up on toilet signs	
All Group	Landscaping concepts to be shared with groups. Feedback to Gene by 13 November 2015	
Gene	Gene to consider lock system for boat club use	
Gene	Gene to respond in writing to Boat Club letter	