

Mapua and Districts Community Association Minutes 11 December 2017

Elena welcomed all

Apologies: Mary G. Annette Walker, Colin Walker, Matt Davidson, Sandy Quin

Accepted Helen /Margaret

Public Forum:

Helen advised Christmas Carols at Wharf at 6pm Thursday 14 December .

Denis Williamson spoke to TDC re letter in paper about boat ramp. He said he had looked after the wharf for 25years only one in the community that had kept the wharf going over the years not the TDC.

Bob Wilson???? Raised the issue of Transport to Richmond especially needed for elder people who can no longer drive etc. Spoke of school buses sitting not used during day . Noted that this is an issue MDCA aware of and will prioritize in 2018when Age Concern research complete.

Previous meeting's Minutes Hugh/Gillian Passed

Roads and Pathways : Wayne spoke to this. Higgs road footpath and school crossing going ahead but the Seaton valley work has been put on hold for now.

Roading to Higgs reserve needs to be looked at and Higgs road walkway will be looked at next year. Jessie street path which was muted at July meeting 2016 has been applied for but the application has been turned down by TDC.

Question raised about the type of footpath going in Higgs road, some thought it was to be gravel but it is concrete going down. Tim to ask.

Raised that Pine hill Road needs to be looked at for a footpath as it is becoming a busy with bike and pedestrian use. Path from School to Moreland place is also on agenda.

Mapua wharf and waterfront

Trish noted that the picnic tables were now in place. All agreed they were well used already. Some discussion on shade needed. Elena made note of the lovely work Graeme had put into the centre piece of tables.

Trish advised that the art panels made by Mapua School Children honouring the Aquarium , would be officially unveiled in the park on Tuesday 19th December @ 11.30am

The children's play-equipment is was ready to install ...waiting for council to concrete in posts supplied and need a frame for tunnel. Suggestion we could use NMIT trainee Rangers for work in future.

Trish spoke to report tabled for wharf advisory group. Would continue to follow up on Sea Scouts' issue with access to the wharf and ramp .

Discussion on Bollards still not repaired. Tim to follow up. Bridget raised the concern of the ugly wheelie bins to be raised at a future meeting.

Boat Ramp.: this will be on our agenda in February. Elena opened with the statement that the boat ramp was not just a boat club issue it was a community issue. There was lively discussion around the TDC processes followed and the decision to not go ahead with the boat ramp. .

There was considerable discussion about how the whole community could be more informed about the level of boat use and the need for a ramp

Devin asked that the TDC groups and harbour master be also involved in finding a solution.

It was moved that Mapua and Districts Association acknowledge that they are in support of and recognise the need, for the establishment of a boat ramp in the community. Moved Elena Meredith Seconded Hugh Gordon Passed.

Council Feed back: Tim King noted that TDC is about to start hearing presented submissions on the Waimea Dam

Environmental Projects:

Helen said that a pile of mulch needed to be moved and that this would be happening on Tuesday morning. Next year the underpass would have Mapua school-children's art in it to replace the current graffiti.

Waimea Inlet Forum : Gillian report as tabled.

Social Media

Tim said 7129 views averaging 548 per post.85% are new users. Elena thanked him for dragging us into the 21st century.

AED

Reinhart and Wayne met Sue Fox at Mapua medical centre to see if they would assist here along the lines of Wakefield' Trust's model. Mapua Health Trust operates differently but are happy to have health centre as a drop off point for AEDs. Health centre has offered training for use of AED where CPR is a big component.

Elena thanked them for their work.

Relationships:

Naomi spoke of talking to residents to get a history of this area. She talked about the changing base of the community in last 10 years and how much more it will have changed in the next 10 years. She encouraged those with stories, photos etc to contact her.

Elena thanked her for her work.

Treasurers Report:

Balance \$32501.90

Reimburse

Tim for face book \$17

Helen design art signs \$115

Pete for attachments Aquarium art \$400????

Request to pay contractor working on dominion flats up to \$3500

Aileen moved seconded Hugh Passed

We have 104 members

Elena thanked Aileen for her work.

TDC councillors Report:

Gillian asked about Beryl's comment that that Higgs Reserve and Dominion Flats would become scenic reserves. Tim to follow up.

Tim commented that the consent for storage sheds on Mapua drive had been put on hold at applicant's request

Correspondence in folder.

General Business:

Marion said that the Mapua Drive Sculpture would be installed in February.. This is the 2nd of 3 Gateway Sculptures. The third is to be erected on Mamaku Drive top of seaton valley.

Discussion around a fourth sculpture on Higgs s Road roundabout. Possible NMIT students' involvement in the design process. . Jane Smith asked if this could be an open design ideas. Made note that it should not obstruct vision on roundabout. Agreed.

Marion asked for approval in writing from the association.

It was agreed that MDCA would write to the Ruby Coast Initiative Trust supporting the conceptual and explorative ideas for a sculpture at the Higgs Road Roundabout . Moved Marion; seconded Helen. Passed

Margaret thanked Elena and all committee not mentioned by Elena and also Councillors for all their hard work throughout the year.

Elena finished with a" MDCA by numbers" as attached.

Pat Perry was presented with Life Membership after a speech by Marion Satherley. A number of people then commented on the wide range of community projects she has been involved in over many many years .

The meeting finished with supper- thanks to Naomi for organizing that .

Next meeting: Monday 12 February 2018