

**MAPUA & DISTRICTS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**  
**General meeting of the Association**

**MINUTES 10<sup>th</sup> April March 2017**

**PRESENT** Elena Meredith (Chair), Mary Garner, Wayne Chisnall, Helen Bibby, Tim Hawthorne (Exec), TDC councillors King, McNamara & Turley, .

**APOLOGIES:** Colin Walker, Annette Walker, Hugh Gordon, Tim King & David Ogilvie

**WELCOME.** Chairperson Elena welcomed members and TDC councillors to the meeting and began by acknowledging the recent passing of two well known New Zealanders; Sir Douglas Myers and John Clarke. The meeting also noted Hugh Gordon's pending 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and passed on the members' best wishes.

**OPEN FORUM (3 minutes):**

- Marion Satherley spoke of her concerns about Waterfront Park survey and the response from some individuals new to the area, noting that the lack of awareness of the history leading up to the plan and subsequent survey may influence responses.
- Tim Robinson, President Mapua Boat Club read a statement from the Mapua Boat Club and asked to move a motion which was accepted for later in the meeting.
- Helen Bibby. Commending the Mapua Hall for the new noticeboard.
- Reinhard Gebhard spoke about the partially constructed website of the Community Assn noting that most of the current MDCA information is on Facebook and asking if Facebook is to be the main forum. Tim Hawthorne replied.

**PRESENTATION SLOT.**

- Ward Councillors update.
  - Anne Turley. Thanked everyone who participated in the survey and spoke of various recent TDC budget and funding issues and outlined recent activity.
  - Dean McNamara spoke about the Mapua wastewater upgrade project.
- Abbey Boffa & Gillian Bishop gave a short presentation about a pest/rat eradication project starting in Mapua called Mapua Dawn Chorus. Aim to put a trap in as many houses as possible in urban Mapua. Subsidizing two trap options: Victor Snap Trap & Good Nature A24 rat traps (re-setting). Seeking support and volunteers from the Assn. Two information days coming up - possibly early May [mapuadawnchorus@gmail.com](mailto:mapuadawnchorus@gmail.com). Facebook page coming.
- RCIT Marion Satherley and Janet Taylor presented history and an update on the Mapua Drive gateway sculpture project and outlined the fundraising and donation programme.

**MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETINGS- Assn & Exec.** Exec notes from the March meeting were **TABLED** Moved **THAT** the minutes of the Association's general meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017 were an accurate record of that meeting Wayne Chisnall/Trish Smith **CARRIED**

		<b>Action &amp; follow up</b>
<b>ROADS &amp; PATHWAYS</b>	Wayne Chisnall gave a brief verbal update on recent activity.	<b>Wayne Chisnall</b>
<b>ASSN RULES &amp; CONST.</b>	<p><b>Constitution.</b> Elena gave a brief introduction into the proposed Constitution review coming up at the end of the meeting. Noted three items for possible amendment:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The three year suggested tenure of the chairperson position</li> <li>2. Forwarding minutes to the Nelson Provincial Museum</li> <li>3. A clause around disbanding sub committees at the AGM.</li> </ol>	

	<p><b>Association leaflet drop.</b> Draft leaflet designed and printed by Chocolate Dog. Noted the temporary logo. Suggested a possible competition to design a permanent MDCA logo. Thank you to Helen Bibby for organizing the leaflet.</p>	
<p><b>MAPUA WATERFRONT &amp; WHARF</b></p>	<p><b>Mapua Boat Club</b> Tim Robinson on behalf of the Mapua Boat Club moved a motion/ sec. Martyn Barlow, <i><b>THAT the Mapua Waterfront Park Upgrade Group – a sub committee of the MDCA - meets with the Mapua Boat Club and the Tamaha Sea Scouts to discuss a shared vision for community use of the waterfront park in a time frame that allows this vision to be included in the waterfront development plan.</b></i> Tim spoke to the motion which was then opened to the floor with several people contributing to a robust discussion. Elena clarified the purpose of the motion as suggesting three groups meet together and not to re-debate the siting of the boat ramp. Elena also clarified the position of the MDCA sub-committee, noting that sub committees do not have a remit to make decisions on behalf of the MDCA. The motion put to the meeting and <b>CARRIED</b> after a count of hands 16/9.</p> <p><b>Waterfront Park Upgrade Working Group meeting</b> - Elena gave a brief history of this group and Trish Smith gave a verbal update of recent activities and a decision made for spending the Rata Foundation grant of \$10,000 on tables, seating and the start of a play area. Hoping to start installation in the Spring. Moved <i><b>THAT \$8,000 of the Rata foundation grant be used to fund four tables for seating and \$2,000 for children’s play equipment.</b></i> Trish/David Mitchell <b>CARRIED.</b> . Noted that the TDC will continue to work on developing the area, including assistance with installation of the tables and play equipment. Trish answered questions.</p> <p><b>Aquarium Memorial funds</b> (\$1800) Trish Smith spoke about the spending of this. School children to be involved with designing Perspex panels for installation in the Waterfront Park. Design to be centred around fish and boats to reflect the boat that used to sit outside the aquarium. Moved <i><b>THAT the aquarium money be spent on the pvs art Perspex panels designed by the school up to \$1800</b></i> Trish/Tim Hawthorne. <b>CARRIED.</b></p> <p><b>Waterfront Advisory Group.</b> Elena outlined the functions of this group noting the MDCA has three representatives on this group. No update from this group. Next meeting is May</p> <p><b>Leases on Mapua Wharf buildings.</b> David Mitchell introduced and spoke to his pre-circulated motion which was discussed and voted as two separate motions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i><b>THAT as a result of our concerns, the association recommends: The TDC council should add a further six months’ time and funding for preparation of the proposed Mapua Waterfront Development Plan to allow time for more community and iwi consultation and, in particular, to obtain more information about the boat ramp proposal and alternatives.</b></i></li> </ol> <p>Moved David Mitchell/Gillian Pollock. By a show of hands, the motion was <b>LOST</b></p>	<p><b>Trish Smith</b></p>

	<p>2. <del>During that additional time,</del> <b>THAT</b> the council should undertake a review of TDC governance of the wharf that:</p> <p>a) Ceases treatment of the wharf precinct as only a commercial entity in the TDC's property portfolio that is subject only to commercial goals as defined in the council's commercial policy and to direction by the council's commercial committee.</p> <p>b) Changes council management of the wharf area so that it supports the cultural and historic importance of the Mapua Wharf precinct and balances commercial development with community input, presence and involvement.</p> <p>c) Supports and values use of space in the main wharf building by relevant community groups, including the Mapua Boat Club, Mapua Maritime Museum and the Tamaha Scout Group.</p> <p>d) Protects and enhances the traditional wharf reserve near the Ngaio tree as a family recreation area.</p> <p>Moved by David Mitchell and seconded by Gillian Pollock. Several people spoke to the second motion which was then <b>CARRIED</b> by a show of hands.</p>	
<b>COUNCIL FEEDBACK &amp; REPORTING</b>	No report. Colin not present.	<b>Colin Walker</b>
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS</b>	<p><b>Waimea Inlet Forum Report.</b> As circulated</p> <p><b>Dominion Flats update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notice Board as approved at the Exec March meeting.</li> <li>• Planting bee to happen soon with 2,000 plants to be planted.</li> </ul> <p><b>Replanting Mapua Drive Roadside &amp; Dominion Flats Mamaku Dr.</b> Helen Bibby gave a short verbal update on progress.</p> <p><b>THAT</b> the MDCA approve an application to Rata Foundation for a grant of \$15,000 for plantings, general maintenance and other improvements. <b>Moved</b> Helen Bibby/Aileen Connell <b>CARRIED</b> by show of hands.</p>	<b>Helen Bibby</b>
<b>FUTURE DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>Proposed new Rural 3 subdivision, Boomerang Farm Ltd.</b> Elena invited anyone interested to form a small sub group sought to look into this. Gillian Pollock volunteered to be the main contact for the formation of a group. David Mitchell volunteered to work with Gillian.	<b>Tim Hawthorne</b>
<b>SOCIAL MEDIA</b>	Tim Hawthorne gave a verbal report on social media activity. Short discussion on the merits of Website and Facebook and the different functions of each.	<b>Tim Hawthorne</b>

<b>TREASURER</b>	<p>Accounts to be paid:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$20 Mapua Hall. Room hire.</li> <li>• \$180 Chocolate Dog Leaflet design</li> <li>• \$10.95 Mapua Auto Centre Photocopying.</li> </ul> <p>General:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current members now 126 including 3 life memberships, with new membership forms available at the hall.</li> <li>• Current balance AS AT 09/04/2017 = \$20,568.20 comprising. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ General fund \$4,759.15</li> <li>○ Dominion Flats Grant \$5,809.05</li> <li>○ Waterfront Park Grant \$10,000.00 (have until May to spend)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>THAT</b> the report be accepted and the invoices be paid Neville Bibby /Tim Hawthorne <b>CARRIED:</b></p>	
<b>CORRESPOND.</b>	<p><b>Outward:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Email from Sharon Flood, TDC forwarded to members</li> <li>• Letter Ruby Coast Initiative Trust – re-endorsement of gateway sculpture</li> <li>• Email Nelson Provincial Museum with query re clause in Assn constitution</li> <li>• Email to Chocolate Frog re quote and design for Assn leaflet for mailbox drop</li> </ul>	
<b>GENERAL BUSINESS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>AED Discussion</b> Request from the DHB asking if the MDCA wish to coordinate the location, maintenance and training to use local AEDs. <b>THAT</b> the MDCA offers to take responsibility for the AEDs in Mapua and will :contact the trainer to provide training , monitor the units replacing batteries and shock-pads as needed and apply to TDC for long term grants for their replacement when needed. Moved Elena Meredith/Helen Bibby <b>CARRIED</b></li> <li>• <b>Neighbourhood Support.</b> Discussion about whether MDCA should encourage our community to become involved in neighbourhood support groups.</li> <li>• <b>Constitution reform discussion for those interested</b> Please stay at the end of the meeting.</li> <li>• <b>Discussion groups – feedback for the TDC Long Term Plan.</b> This was postponed to next month’s meeting due to lack of time.</li> <li>• <b>Dam discussions.</b> The meeting noted a request from the Exec for the TDC to give MDCA plenty of warning on discussions about the dam.</li> <li>• <b>Easter Fair.</b> Noted on Monday this year.</li> </ul> <p>Elena thanked the meeting for meeting the challenges of talking together about uncomfortable and difficult topics.</p>	
<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 7pm Bill Marris Room Community Hall</b>	

<b>NOTICES &amp; REMINDERS</b>	May. Submissions for a MDCA submission into the LTP.	
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Constitution discussion

Noted three items

1. The three year suggested tenure of the chairperson position. Recommended this clause stay.
2. Forwarding minutes to the Nelson Provincial Museum Mary to ask councilors whether the TDC includes our minutes in their reporting to the museum.
3. Clause around disbanding sub committees at the AGM. Agreed to review sub committees at AGM but not formally disbanding them.