

MAPUA & DISTRICTS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
General meeting of the Association
MINUTES 9TH April 2018

PRESENT Elena Meredith (Chair), Mary Garner, Helen Bibby, Tim Hawthorne, Marion Satherley, Mike Kininmonth, (Exec), TDC councillor McNamara and 21 MDCA members/community guests as per attached list.

APOLOGIES: Wayne Chisnall, David Mitchell, Cr Tim King, Naomi Aporo, Colin Walker, Trish Smith, Aileen Connell and Cr Turley.

WELCOME. Chairperson Elena welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged today as the 50th anniversary of the Wahine disaster.

OPEN FORUM (3 minutes):

- Margaret Cotter spoke about an initiative to grow plants and seedlings for people who lost their gardens in the recent floods.
- Bob Wilson spoke about the footpath going down Mapua Drive and the risk for children having to cross the road so close to the top of the hill. Residents of the subdivision have put in a submission about the issue.
- Jane Smith spoke about weekly 5km runs which have raised a small amount of money which is available for a worthy cause.

PRESENTATION SLOT.

HOT TOPICS Climate change from Global and Local perspective. Ruby Coast Research Centre. Professor Tord Kjellstrom and Dr Bruno Lemke addressed the meeting for 20 minutes with Dr Lemke focusing on the effect of extreme weather events on the Ruby Bay area, with reference to the recent flooding. Professor Kjellstrom focused on the climate change impact on workers and health from a global perspective. Dr Lemke concluded by looking at local management strategies. Chairperson Elena thanked Dr Lemke and Professor Kjellstrom for their attendance & presentation.

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 March 9th were an accurate record of that meeting Hugh Gordon /Helen Bibby **CARRIED**

		Action & follow up
Committee & meeting focus & processes	Elena spoke about the need to look at the positions of Chairperson and Secretary and how these positions might be resourced in the future. Do we need to increase the resource for these positions or reduce the scope of the Assn's focus and work load? Several people commented.	Exec
ROADS & PATHWAYS	Wayne's report as circulated. Noted that Wayne has distributed letters to the property owners around 114 Higgs Road. Replies will be sent to the secretary or Mapua Hall. Seaton Valley Stream. Bruno spoke about the need for a cycle way along the stream for children to get to school. Noted we need volunteers willing to pick up this project. Higgs Rd – Aranui Park and Jesse St pathways. (See correspondence). Noted still awaiting a reply from Kim Bowie. Re follow up re whether yellow lines are possible on the approaches to the roundabout on the corner of Aranui Rd and Tahi St. Cr Tim King has spoken to Jamie McPherson re this issue.	Wayne Chisnall

ASSN RULES & CONST.		
MAPUA WATERFRONT & WHARF	<p>Waterfront Park Upgrade Sub committee meeting - Trish's report circulated and tabled in the Green Folder. Elena spoke briefly about the "photo frames" and Waterfront Park and the planned plaques to be added to each. Noted they have been designed, signed off and are under production. Re the repairs to the photo frames – still under progress.</p> <p>Rata grant application. Mike Kininmonth spoke about this. BBQ and shade to be combined under one application to the Rata Foundation. Mike still waiting to hear back from TDC about what is allowable under TDC regulations before then applying for quotes. Deadline for the next round of grants is the end of June.</p> <p>Waterfront Advisory Group. Martyn Barlow's 's report from the last meeting, was tabled as circulated. Martyn spoke to this and Mike gave a further update about the new proposed replacement of WAG, noting that he had spoken with Sharon Flood about the need for neighbours to be represented . Marion Satherley spoke from the perspective of RCIT. Elena spoke of the need to support and mandate the MDCA representatives on the new group. Now awaiting the proposed terms of reference. Elena thanked the people over the years who have represented MDCA on the WAG. Discussion about the process of circulating the terms of reference to the community noting that those TOR are unlikely to be adopted until the first meeting takes place – possibly June.</p> <p>Touch the Sea sign. There was a short discussion about the merits of placing this sign on a building or as a stand alone interpretive panel.</p> <p>Aquarium memorial – photo frames update re repairs and wording. Noted in correspondence.</p> <p>Boat Ramp. Meeting was asked whether MDCA should send a letter to TDC supporting the Boat Club's submission in support of a feasibility study into a regional boat ramp as contained in the LTP. Martyn Barlow spoke to this. Cr McNamara suggested that MDCA might also speak of this when attending to speak to their own submission.</p> <p>MOVED Martyn Barlow, THAT the MDCA writes a letter in support of the Boat Club's submission that the TDC retain the \$1.2M as included in the LTP for a feasibility study into a regional boat ramp. Martyn/Neville Bibby CARRIED.</p>	Trish Smith
COUNCIL FEEDBACK & REPORTING	<p>Cr McNamara. Spoke to the meeting, mentioning the government's regional funding project which would include Nelson and Marlborough noting that he suggested a regional boat ramp as a possible project for that funding. Cr McNamara also addressed some issues that arose from the presentation by Bruno and Tord, especially around public and shared transport from rural areas . He cited a possible model in Wakefield and the need for community initiatives as an alternative to only looking towards council for solutions. There was some further comment about public transport. Noted there is no official St John shuttle driver in Mapua and this is something we could approach St John's for.</p>	Colin Walker

	<p>Waimea Inlet Forum Report. Gillian Pollock spoke to this circulated report with an update on the Big Beach Cleanup.</p> <p>Replanting Mapua Drive Roadside & Dominion Flats Mamaku Dr Helen Bibby gave a short verbal update. Reminder of the working bee to be held on the last two Sundays in May (rain or shine), to plant 4,000 plants including 75 Totara plants. Other options suggested for people to help is to collect and scatter Manuka & Coprosma seeds for the area (as they germinate well in rotted bark) and also to simply trample weeds under the trees if walking there.</p> <p>Waimea Dam. Cr McNamara spoke briefly about this with some comments from the floor.</p>	Helen Bibby
FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS	Mike Kinninmonth spoke about one proposed “commercial hub “project on the corner of Seaton Valley Rd as mentioned in the LTP. There was a short discussion about how footpaths are planned as part of TDC planning process.	Mike Kinninmonth
SOCIAL MEDIA	Tim gave a verbal update on recent activity with double the monthly average of posts to Facebook. He also reminded the meeting that contributions to the Facebook page may be sent to the MDCA email address info@ourmapua.org	Tim Hawthorne
AED Education & monitoring	Noted from Wayne that he has sent out AED MOUs to the owners at Cushla’s and the Wharf for perusal. He has also emailed Sue Fox, Mapua Health Centre to confirm drop off arrangements and seek her view on who owns the Hall AED. THAT the MOU as circulated by adopted Elena/Marion CARRIED .	Reinhard Gebard
RELATIONSHIPS	Interviews with community seniors are about to start. Elena gave a short summary of the recently held community BBQ for residents affected by the floods. The meeting agreed that thank you to all donors be written.	Naomi Aporo
WATER INFRASTRUCTURE	<p>Bruno spoke about this new MDCA portfolio and plans to increase membership to this group, noting that sewage and storm waters will be key issues for this sub committee. Bruno answered questions. He also explained what had contributed to the failure of systems in place to help prevent future flooding.</p> <p>Bruno also spoke about the recent MDCA submission to the LTP noting that he will speak to this at the hearing. He reported on his attendance at a recent TDC engineering services meeting, noting the usefulness of this to MDCA and local residents. He gave a short summary and spoke of the range of topics covered in these meetings.</p>	Bruno Lemke

TREASURER	<p>Accounts to be paid:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A&M contracting for weed-spraying \$414.00 • A&M contracting for preparation for new track back boundary. \$1109.75 <p>General:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aileen's report read to the meeting. • Current members now 102 including 2 life memberships, with new membership forms available at the hall. • Current balance as at 25/3/17 = \$29,366.88 comprising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ General fund \$4,334.71 ○ Dominion Flats Grant \$24,564.00 ○ Waterfront Park Grant \$468.17 <p>THAT the report be accepted and the invoices be paid Helen Bibby / Tim Hawthorne CARRIED:</p>	Aileen Connell
TDC COUNCILLOR'S REPORT	a/a	
CORRESPOND.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE SCHEDULE</p> <p>Inwards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big Beach Cleanup • Penny Griffith TDC voting system • Water Information Network. Dam • TDC update cyclones recovery and link to TDC website posting. <p>Outwards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mapua Health Centre re AED MOU • Kim Bowie re Ridgeview Developments • Steve Elkington re Higgs Rd footpath • Pestell's TKU for meat for community BBQ • Letter to householders affected by proposed walkway from Higgs Rd to Aranui Park • TDC re Verges, berms and mowing strips 	
GENERAL BUSINESS	<p>Croquet Club. The organiser for this has not returned to raise this at a MDCA meeting so no further discussion on this topic.</p> <p>Mapua Village landscaping. As circulated and updates will be forward as they come to hand.</p> <p>TDC voting system. Petition forms available for members to sign if they wish.</p> <p>Verges, Berms and Mowing strips.</p> <p>Noted per late correspondence from Mark Jones, TDC: Downer started a new road maintenance contract in July last year. They have subcontracted GSL to do both the mowing and spraying. GSL have completed two of the four annual mows in the rural areas. They are currently doing the third mow. This is a horizontal cut 1.5 metres from the edge of seal.</p>	

	<p>We are currently negotiating the vertical cut, which is 2.5 metres back from edge of seal, to a height of six metres. GSL are spraying in both the rural and urban areas.</p> <p>Elena thanked members for their participation and the meeting concluded at 9.20 pm.</p>	
NEXT MEETING	Assn: Monday 14th May 7pm Bill Marris Room Community Hall Exec: Tuesday 24th April 7pm	
NOTICES & REMINDERS		