

Picton Regional Forum Meeting held at the Picton Emergency Centre, Memorial Park, Picton on Monday 13 November 2017 at 1.30 pm

Present

Clr Nadine Taylor (Chairperson), Clr David Oddie, Clr Trevor Hook, Dean Heiford (MDC)

Group Representatives

Rose Prendeville (Port Marlborough), Bryan Strong (Tirimoana), Graham Low (Waikawa Bay), Monyeen Wedge (Queen Charlotte Sound/Tōtaranui), John Reuhman, (Picton), Aileen Walker (Whatamango Bay), Julian Hawkin (Ngakuta Bay), Judith Andrews (Ngakuta Bay), Hiram Taylor (Waikawa Bay), Stuart Eyes (Picton), Shona Currie (Grey Power), Graeme Faulkner (Grey Power)

Guest Speakers

Catherine Coates (Group Welfare Officer/Emergency Management Officer, Marlborough Civil Defence), John Foley (Principal Rural Fire Officer for Marlborough/Kaikōura, FENZ)

In Attendance

Rebecca Waldron (Secretary MDC)

Apologies

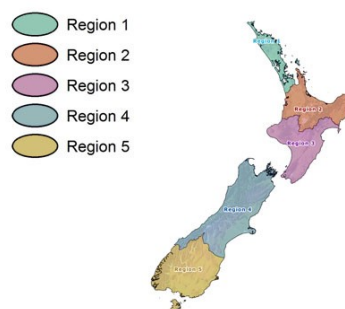
Brian Henstock, Don Miller, Bruno Brosnan

Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Hiram Taylor/Aileen Walker: That the minutes of the meeting held on 4 September 2017 were confirmed.

1. FENZ Update – John Foley

- The Urban and Rural Fire Authorities were amalgamated on 1 July 2017 to become Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ). Little has changed for the public but behind the scenes work is being carried out to integrate the separate services.
- John is the Principal Rural Fire Officer for Marlborough/Kaikōura taking over the role from Richard McNamara who is now the FENZ Regional Manager for Region 4 (see below).



- John's role is to manage any situation that sits outside the urban area. Picton is managed as an urban area with a manager in Nelson. The urban and rural districts do not overlay each other; i.e., the urban area covers Nelson/Marlborough and part of the West Coast but the rural area which is John's responsibility is Marlborough/Kaikōura.
- John clarified the Fire Service has used the Coastguard boat to get to fires in the Sounds and can also utilize DOC vessels. He recommends keeping details of the location of the property, including jetty I.D. numbers by the phone in case of emergency.

- John and Rob Dalton (Fire Safety Officer) are available to deliver the Fire Smart Programme to remote rural communities. The programme focusses on mitigation to protect against fire in the home and provides key messages on having a defensible space. Please contact John if your community is interested in getting together to take part in this programme.
john.foley@fireandemergency.nz
 - Information on protecting your home is provided in The Fire Smart Home Owner's Manual, a link is included below:
http://www.ruralfirenetwork.co.nz/public/documents/FireSmartHomeOwnersManual_000.pdf
- A key message is to ensure you have working **photoelectric** smoke alarms installed in your home. John pointed out that smoke alarms only have a life of 10 years and ionised smoke alarms (which have been proved to not always detect smoke) should be replaced with long life photoelectric smoke alarms. The link below provides more details.
<https://fireandemergency.nz/at-home/smoke-alarms/>
- The issue of disposal of smoke alarms was raised. After the meeting it was clarified by Alec McNeill (Council's Solid Waste Manager) that old smoke alarms may be put in your normal rubbish for collection.
- The roadside fire indicators work on indices from weather stations. There are weather stations at Koromiko, Okaramio and Kenepuru, these are owned by FENZ, and SCION does the calculations. The weather station information is available on the website.
<http://www.mkrf.com/>
- There are indications that November and December will be mixed regarding weather but that it should settle and be warmer in January with more westerlies. Marlborough/Kaikōura has a high soil moisture content at present compared to other areas further south.
- John clarified that overgrown properties are a Council compliance issue and that the steam train does not need a fire permit.

2. Civil Defence Update – Catherine Coates

- Catherine is the Marlborough Group Welfare Officer. Her role is emergency management in the welfare space (meeting the needs of people).
- Civil Defence is at present working on getting Sounds Residents better prepared for emergencies. This includes:
 - Delivering a Remote Access information package to Sounds Residents via the mail boat. (It was noted that this may not encompass all residents as the mail boats do not go to every bay). Catherine is happy to share this information with residents. Please contact Catherine if you would like a copy to share with your associations. Catherine.Coates@marlborough.govt.nz
 - Utilising the water taxis and marina offices to promote emergency preparedness to holidaymakers.
 - Providing guidance to local communities with road access in the Marlborough Sounds, who have set themselves up to provide Civil Defence and Emergency Management to their own communities.
- An important message is that some Sounds Residents could be isolated for several weeks if there is a major event.
- A new welfare plan is under consultation at the moment and will be available on the Council's website when completed.
- Catherine also works with older people and people with disabilities and has been involved with Clued Up Kids, which is aimed at Year 5 and 6 children and promotes children looking out for their own safety. She also works with other organisations that will support Civil Defence in an emergency such as Red Cross, Salvation Army, Ministries of Social Development and Education, NMDHB and the Primary Health Organisation.

- Catherine clarified that there is no counterpart to the Blenheim Emergency Management Operation Centre in Picton. If the Elevation becomes impassable due to an event, Civil Defence Centres may be set up in Picton. (Holy Trinity Church, Queen Charlotte College and Waikawa Marae). There are Civil Defence Centres in different communities around Marlborough. These are equipped with a Civil Defence kit and radios and are run by volunteers who have undergone training to enable them to run the centres.

Questions/Answers

- It was clarified that supply of medicines in an emergency was a District Health Board responsibility but that Civil Defence does have an overview of situations where there may be pressures.
- John and Christine were asked if any findings from the Port Hills Fire Inquiry were relevant to Marlborough.
 - John noted that there were findings around communicating with the community but that Marlborough has a very good public information team via Council that gets information out to communities impacted by emergency events.
- It was clarified that Civil Defence can request support from Military from the Ministry of Defence in an emergency.

John Foley and Catherine Coates withdrew from the meeting at 2.20 pm.

3. North West Waikawa Marina Consent Application – Rose Prendeville (Port Marlborough)

- Port Marlborough is working through consultation on a proposal for the extension of Waikawa Marina into the recently zoned area of Marina Zone to the north of the existing berths, adjacent to The Snout. Following consultation, the proposal will be updated to reflect any changes, before a resource consent application is finalised and lodged in coming months.
- The new area of Marina Zone was established as a result of Plan Change 21 which became operative in 2015. The Plan Change addressed a 'bay wide solution' for boat storage and other uses within the bay including marinas and swing moorings.
- The proposal would provide an additional 240 berths at Waikawa Marina, and a further 100 metres of temporary berthage. This would supplement the 600 existing berths Waikawa Marina (450 belonging to Port Marlborough and 150 which belong to the Waikawa Marina Trust).
- The water is much deeper in the new Marina Zone area (up to 16m total depth) than in the current marina. This means that a partial-depth, fixed panel breakwater will be required. In most places the panels will not reach fully to the sea floor and will allow water to flush through the marina.
- The look and feel of the marina extension is intended to be similar to the newer part the Picton Marina inner basin area.
- Public consultation sessions are being held on Saturday 2 December and Thursday 7 December at Waikawa Boating Club.
- The expected timeline for the process is:
 - a. November/December – consultation and finalise application for resource consent
 - b. Early March – lodge consent
 - c. March-June – Council process
 - d. June/July 2018 – consent decision (with a 10 year lapse period)

For more information go to the Port Marlborough website:

<https://www.portmarlborough.co.nz/PortMarlborough/PDF/Community-consultation-brochure-20171109.pdf>

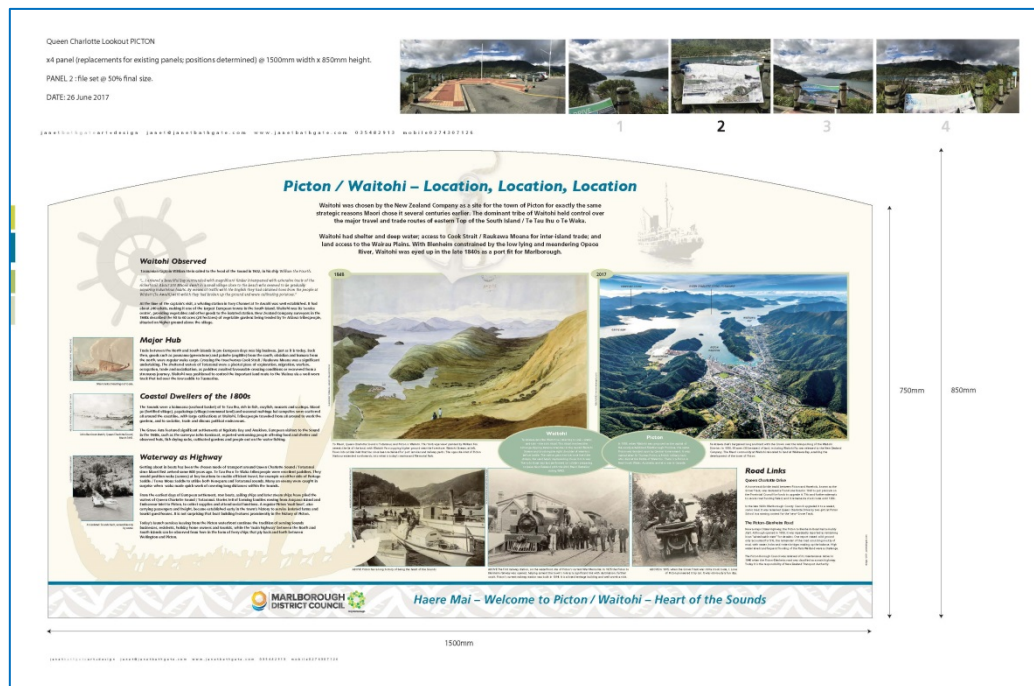
or contact Rose Prendeville, Manager Projects and Support, Port Marlborough rose.prendeville@pmnz.co.nz or phone 03 520 3324.

4. Picton Smart and Connected – Graham Low

- Rail and Sail celebrated its 50th birthday at Labour Weekend, celebrations were attended by the Mayor and Mayoress. Two members received life memberships.
- The Public Spaces Working Group (part of Picton S & C) goals for 2017 are as follows:
 - Picton Foreshore Upgrade: (drainage, irrigation, modern play equipment, sun shades, revision of the Picton Foreshore Management Plan, upgrade design of the Foreshore)
 - London Quay
 - Waikawa Bay: lighting, additional bbq area, shower, supporting upgrade to parking, irrigation and resurfacing of the boat ramp area
 - Public Consultation: consulting on foreshore, London Quay, Lower High Street and dog parks. Please contact Graham if you would like to discuss these issues with him. g.low@ihug.co.nz
- Graham brought attention the poor visibility of the new entranceway sign on Wairau Road. This issue has been added to the action points.

Wayfinding Project

- The panels at the lookout above the ferry terminals are being replaced. Janet Bathgate has been engaged to design updated panels. She has been consulting with iwi, business groups and the Public Spaces Working Group. An example of what one of the panels may look like is included below:



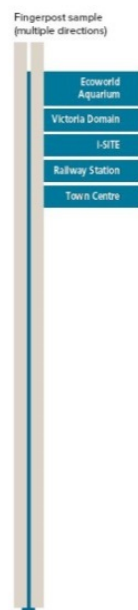
- The second part of the Wayfinding Project involves new signage being installed around Picton.



- The new signs are designed to fit in with the ones in Blenheim and Nelson. Examples below:



Vertical Map signs provide information; include a map of the location and direct visitors to different places



Finger Posts point visitors in the direction of key locations

- Marina to marina signs are being updated.
- The signs will be compatible with smart maps.
- Another project for the group in the future is the upgrading of the panels around the foreshore area.

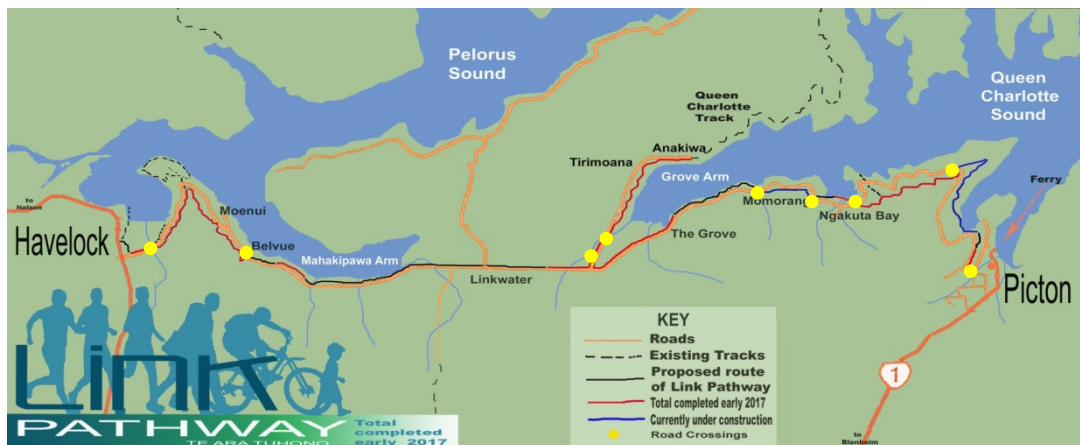
Graham was congratulated and thanked for all the hard work which has gone into the new signs.

5. Marlborough Sounds Community Vehicle Trust Update – Bryan Strong

- There have been 48 trips by the Trust to the end of October carrying 66 passengers (29% Picton, 65% Blenheim and 6% Sounds).
- The Trust has written to the Chief Executive of NMDHB and Stuart Smith to highlight the issue of discharged patients being left stranded in Nelson.
 - Grey Power are gathering information on this issue and commented that is a nationwide problem.
- The Trust has applied to the Rata Foundation for a grant to help buy its own car to be based in Picton and also to the Council to help with the cost of having a Blenheim based car.
- Bryan noted that the Trust are now providing a service for health shuttle clients to travel to Blenheim on Wednesdays as there is no service by St Johns on that day.

6. General Business

- Shona commented on the dangerous situation at the top end of Devon Street which is used by a high number of walkers and has no footpaths and only narrow grass verges with sharp blind corners. She suggests installing signage or a mirror on the dangerous corner by the viaduct. Dean is going to follow this up with Marlborough Roads.
- It was noted that there needs to be signs on Queen Charlotte Drive warning motorists of the exits from the Link Pathway - map below which shows the places where the pathway intersects with the road.
- **Note following the meeting:** Dean has followed the issue up with Marlborough Roads. A safety audit will be undertaken by Marlborough Roads before the installation of any signs is contemplated.



- The closing of the National Whale Centre was discussed briefly. It was clarified that the asset is owned by the National Whale Centre Development Trust and is not a community or Council asset. The original plans included stainless steel panels which were shelved when funding became tight.
- The state of the flags in Picton was discussed. This issue will be brought to the attention of Grahame Smail.
- Monyeen raised the issue of the Council's new annual monitoring fees which are set at \$40.00. However owners of mooring consents are being charged \$65.00.
 - **Note:** This issue was clarified after the meeting - the fixed annual **administration** charge is for recovering the cost of general administration service costs of resource consents, however a fixed annual **monitoring** charge applies where activities require additional resources (such as moorings which require inspection). This \$65.00 charge includes the \$40 administration fee and only applies to moorings and water permits. Please see the Council brochure "Your Monitoring Charges Explained"
https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/repository/libraries/id:1w1mps0ir17q9sgxanf9/hierarchy/Documents/Services/MIB0009_CI1846_Monitoring_Charges_Explained_Brochure.pdf

7. Actions from the Previous Meeting

	Action	Person Responsible
1.	Investigate issue of slip on Port Underwood Road as reported by Don Millar. Completed	Steve Murrin
2.	Follow up why proposed Koromiko campervan park was turned down. The cost of complying with Transit New Zealand's requirements was the reason for the project was discontinued - Completed	Clr Hook
3.	Provide clarification over usage of rubbish bins at the water taxi areas. Completed	Alec McNeil
4.	Inform Destination Marlborough of need for extra banking facilities on cruise ship days. Completed	Rose Prendeville
5.	A cheque for \$600.00 to be paid to the Emergency Management Centre for the use of their meeting room. Under Action	Dean Heiford

8. Future Speakers

Community Police Representative - Richard Van Asch

Queen Charlotte Yacht Club (March 2018)

Havelock Community Representative

Rosemary Wells or Tony de Reepa - Rata Foundation

DOC (wattle trees) (March 2018)

9. Actions from the Meeting

	Action	Person Responsible
1.	Rectify poor visibility of sign at entranceway to Picton	Dean
2.	Top end of Devon Street – issue with poor visibility and narrow road	Dean
3.	Flags in Picton	Grahame Smail

The meeting closed at 3.35 pm

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 12 March 2018

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Meeting Dates for 2018:

- Monday 12 March
- Monday 14 May
- Monday 9 July
- Monday 10 September
- Monday 12 November